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### EDUCATION

- 2010        **Ph.D. in Public Policy**, School of Public Policy (now Schar School of Policy and Government), George Mason University, Virginia, USA
- 2005        **M.S. in Management Science and Engineering**, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- 2002        **B.S. in Engineering Physics**, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

### LEADERSHIP/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2023 –        **Director**, School of Planning and Public Affairs, University of Iowa
- 2021 – 2023    **Associate Director**, School of Planning and Public Affairs, University of Iowa
- 2022        **Interim Director**, School of Planning and Public Affairs, University of Iowa
- 2020        **Chair**, North American Regional Science Council
- 2018 – 2019    **Director of Graduate Studies**, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Iowa

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2024 –        **Professor**, School of Planning and Public Affairs, University of Iowa
- 2019 – 2024    **Senior Research Fellow**, Public Policy Center, University of Iowa
- 2018 – 2024    **Associate Professor**, School of Planning and Public Affairs, University of Iowa
- 2020        **Visiting Associate Professor**, Department of Urban Planning and Studies, MIT
- 2018 – 2019    **Scholar-in-Residence**, Public Policy Center, University of Iowa
- 2014 – 2018    **Assistant Professor**, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Iowa
- 2010 – 2014    **Assistant Professor**, Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University
- 2012 – 2014    **Faculty Associate**, Center for Economic Development – U.S. Federal Economic Development Administration University Center, Cleveland State University
- 2005 – 2009    **Research Assistant**, School of Public Policy, George Mason University

### EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- 2023 –        **Editor**, *Regional Studies*
- 2017 –        **Editor**, *Small Business Economics*
- 2013 –        **Associate Editor**, *Economic Development Quarterly*

### CONSULTANCY

Kauffman Foundation, OECD, World Bank

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2024	Fellow, Regional Studies Association
2023	Co-Winner, Best Paper in Urban Entrepreneurship, Urban Affairs Association
2022	Recipient, Best Referee Award, <i>Regional Studies</i> , <i>Regional Science</i>
2020	Recipient, Career Development Award, University of Iowa
2018	Co-Winner, Best Conference Paper Award, Urban Affairs Association
2013	Faculty Merit Recognition Award – Exceptional, Cleveland State University
2012	Faculty Merit Recognition Award for Research, Cleveland State University
2009	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Office of the Provost, George Mason University
2008	Winner, 22nd Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science, Western Regional Science Association

## PUBLICATIONS

### - *Book*

Mack, E. & **Qian, H.** (eds.) (2016). *Geographies of Entrepreneurship*. Abingdon and New York: Routledge.

### - *Journal Articles*

Fotopoulos, G. & **Qian, H.** (2025). Entrepreneurial Innovation Ecosystems in the United States: Configurational Analysis of the High-Tech Economy. *Small Business Economics*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11187-025-01109-z>.

Fritsch, M., Potter, J., **Qian, H.**, & Fotopoulos, G. (2025). Persistence and change in regional entrepreneurship performance: a three-economy comparison. *Regional Studies*, 59(1).

**Qian, H.**, Wu, J., & Zheng, S. (2024). Entrepreneurship, sustainability, and urban development. *Small Business Economics*, 62(2), 463–469.

Sánchez, J. & **Qian, H.** (2024). Come Together, But How? Zooming Into Economic Development Collaboration Between State and Local Governments, and Nongovernmental Organizations. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 38(2), 113-121.

Fu, W. & **Qian, H.** (2023). Building innovative capacity in regional entrepreneurship and innovation (eco)systems: Startups versus incumbent firms. *Growth and Change*, 54(3), 771-793.

**Qian, H.** & Acs, Z. (2023). Entrepreneurial ecosystems and economic development policy. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 37(1), 96-102.

Long, F., Zheng, L., & **Qian, H.** (2023). Entrepreneurship in Chinese peripheral regions. *Annals of Regional Science*, 70(1), 287–313.

Liu, S. & **Qian, H.** (2023). Entrepreneurship and income inequality in U.S. cities: Differentiated impacts of self-employment and new firm formation. *Regional Studies*, 57(7), 1318-1333.

**- Winning entry of Best Paper in Urban Entrepreneurship, Urban Affairs Association**

Howell, A., Li, G., Feldman, M., & **Qian, H.** (2023). Agglomeration, recombinant innovation and the role of market reforms in a transitioning China. *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*, 32(8), 1235-1248.

**Qian, H.**, Guo, Q., Zhou, S., & Su, Y. (2023). The happiness of Chinese cities. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 45(7), 1316-1333.

Liu, S., **Qian, H.**, & Haynes, K. (2021). Entrepreneurship in small cities: Evidence from U.S. Micropolitan Statistical Areas. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 35(1), 3-21.

Guo, Q. & **Qian, H.** (2021). Negative human capital externalities in well-being: evidence from Chinese cities. *Regional Studies*, 55(6), 1046-1058.

**Qian, H.**, Zhao, K., & Zuo, Z. (2019). Thinking in public about public affairs: Rejoinder. *Policy Studies Journal*, 47, S186-S188.

Zuo, Z., **Qian, H.**, & Zhao, K. (2019). Understanding the field of public affairs through the lens of ranked Ph.D. programs in the United States. *Policy Studies Journal*, 47, S159-S180.

He., C., Lu, J., & **Qian, H.** (2019). Entrepreneurship in China. *Small Business Economics*, 52(3), 563-572.

**Qian, H.** & Liu, S. (2018). Cultural entrepreneurship in U.S. cities. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 40(8), 1043-1065.

**- Winning entry of Best Conference Paper Award, Urban Affairs Association**

**Qian, H.** & Zhao, C. (2018). Space-time analysis of high technology entrepreneurship: A comparison of California and New England. *Applied Geography*, 95, 111-119.

**Qian, H.** (2018). Knowledge-based regional economic development: A synthetic review of knowledge spillovers, entrepreneurship, and entrepreneurial ecosystems. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 32(2), 163-176.

**Qian, H.** (2017). Skills and knowledge-based entrepreneurship: Evidence from U.S. cities. *Regional Studies*, 51(10), 1469-1482.

**Qian, H.** (2017). Knowledge base differentiation in urban systems of innovation and entrepreneurship. *Urban Studies*, 54(7), 1655-1672.

Lendel, I. & **Qian, H.** (2017). Inside the Great Recession: University products and regional economic development. *Growth and Change*, 48(1), 153-173.

**Qian, H.** & Jung, H. (2017). Solving the knowledge filter puzzle: Absorptive capacity, entrepreneurship and regional development. *Small Business Economics*, 48(1), 99-114.

Bowen, W. & **Qian, H.** (2017). State spending for higher education: Does it improve economic performance? *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, 9(1), 7-23.

**Qian, H.** & Zeuli, K. (2016). Introduction to special issue: Inner-city economic development. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 30(2), 103-104.

**Qian, H.** & Haynes, K. E. (2014). Beyond innovation: The Small Business Innovation Research program as entrepreneurship policy. *Journal of Technology Transfer*, 39(4), 524-543.

**Qian, H.** (2013). Diversity *versus* tolerance: The social drivers of innovation and entrepreneurship in US cities. *Urban Studies*, 50(13), 2718-2735.

**Qian, H.**, Acs, Z. J., & Stough, R. R. (2013). Regional systems of entrepreneurship: The nexus of human capital, knowledge and new firm formation. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 13(4), 559-587.

- Reprinted in Acs, Z. (ed.) (2015). *Global Entrepreneurship, Institutions and Incentives*. E. Elgar.

**Qian, H.** & Acs, Z. J. (2013). An absorptive capacity theory of knowledge spillover entrepreneurship. *Small Business Economics*, 40(2), 185-197.

- Reprinted in Acs, Z. (ed.) (2015). *Global Entrepreneurship, Institutions and Incentives*. E. Elgar.

Florida, R., Mellander, C., & **Qian, H.** (2012). China's development disconnect. *Environment and Planning A*, 44(3), 628-648.

- Reprinted in Mellander, C., Florida, R., Asheim, B. T., & Gertler, M. (eds.) (2014). *The Creative Class Goes Global*. Routledge.

**Qian, H.** & Stough, R. R. (2011). The effect of social diversity on regional innovation: Measures and empirical evidence. *International Journal of Foresight and Innovation Policy*, 7, 142-157.

**Qian, H.**, Haynes, K. E., & Riggle, J. D. (2011). Incubation push or business pull? Investigating the geography of US business incubators. *Economic Development Quarterly*, 25(1), 79-90.

**Qian, H.** (2010). Talent, creativity and regional economic performance: The case of China. *Annals of Regional Science*, 45(1), 133-156.

- **Winning entry of the 22nd Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science**

#### - **Book Chapters**

**Qian, H.** & Fu, W. (2024). Entrepreneurial ecosystem versus regional innovation system: Conceptualization and application to Chinese cities. In Huggins, R., Kitagawa, F., Prokop, D., Theodoraki, C. & Thompson, P. (eds.) *Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in Cities and Regions: Emergence, Evolution, and Future* (pp. 461-478). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

**Qian, H.** (2020). Entrepreneurship and the economic geography of intergenerational mobility in US cities. In Chen, Z., Bowen, W. M., and Whittington, D. (eds.) *Development Studies in Regional Science* (pp. 373-385). Singapore: Springer.

**Qian, H.** (2016). The geography of entrepreneurship: Where are we? Where should we go?. In Mack, E. and Qian, H. (eds.) *Geographies of Entrepreneurship* (pp. 165-174). Abingdon and New York: Routledge.

**Qian, H.** (2014). The evolution of clusters and implications for the revival of old-industrial cities. In Bowen, W. M. (ed.) *The Road Through the Rust Belt: From Preeminence to Decline to Prosperity* (pp. 69-93). Kalamazoo, MI: Upjohn Institute Press.

**Qian, H.**, Stough, R. R., & Yuan, J. (2013). Diversity, innovation, and entrepreneurship in China. In Zhang, T. and Stough, R. R. (eds.) *Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth in China* (pp. 231-252). London, Singapore, New Jersey: World Scientific.

Haynes, K. E., **Qian, H.**, & Turner, S. C. (2012). Geographical dimensions of federal investment in small business development. In Stimson, R. and Haynes, K. E. (eds.) *Studies in Applied Geography and Spatial Analysis* (pp. 163-181). Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar.

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**Qian, H.** & Stough, R. R. (2012). Megacities, regions, and creativity: The geography of talent in China. In Girard, L. F., Baycan, T., and Nijkamp, P. (eds.) *Sustainable City and Creativity* (pp. 163-181). Surrey, UK: Ashgate.

Haynes, K. E. & **Qian, H.** (2010). The structure of US R&D policymaking: An overview. In Bohne, E. and Karlsson, C. (eds.) *Repositioning Europe and America for Growth: The Role of Governments and Private Actors in Key Policy Areas* (pp. 199-232). Münster, Germany: LIT-Verlag.

**Qian, H.** & Li, H. (2008). The impact of sector specialization on entrepreneurial activity. In Acs, Z. J. and Stough, R. R. (eds.) *Public Policy in an Entrepreneurial Economy: Creating the Conditions for Business Growth* (pp. 95-115). New York: Springer.

#### - Professional Reports

Potter, J., **Qian, H.**, Fritsch, M., Storey, D., & Fotopoulos, J. (2023). *Leapfrogging and plunging in regional entrepreneurship performance in the United States, with European comparisons*. OECD SME and Entrepreneurship Papers #44. Available at: [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/leapfrogging-and-plunging-in-regional-entrepreneurship-performance-in-the-united-states-with-european-comparisons\\_bc031b11-en](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/leapfrogging-and-plunging-in-regional-entrepreneurship-performance-in-the-united-states-with-european-comparisons_bc031b11-en).

**Qian, H.** (2019). *The role of universities in regional entrepreneurial activity: A practitioner's guide*. A report to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

**Qian, H.** & Yao, X. (2016). *The role of universities in regional entrepreneurial ecosystems of U.S. college towns*. A report to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Available at SSRN <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2938194>.

### - Book Reviews

**Qian, H.** (2024). Book Review: The Geography of Academic Entrepreneurship: Spin-offs, Firm Growth and Regional Impact (authored by Helen Lawton Smith). *Regional Studies*, 58(9), 1979-80.

**Qian, H.** (2020). Book Review: Incentives to Pander: How Politicians Use Corporate Welfare for Political Gain (authored by Jensen, N. M. and Malesky, E. J.). *Economic Development Quarterly*, 34(1), 89-90.

**Qian, H.** (2016). Book Review: Entrepreneurship in Cities (edited by Mason, C., Reuschke, D., Syrett, S., and van Ham, M.). *Journal of Regional Science*, 56(5), 926-928.

**Qian, H.** (2012). Book Review: Employment Growth from Public Support of Innovation in Small Firms (authored by Link, A. N. and Scott, J. T.). *Economic Development Quarterly*, 26(4), 374-376.

**Qian, H.** (2010). Book Review: Regional Economic Policy in Europe (edited by Schütz, U. S., Stierle, M., Jennings Jr., F. B., and Kuah, A. T. H.). *The Review of Regional Studies*, 38(2), 276-278.

### - Encyclopedia Entries

Haynes, K. E. & **Qian, H.** (2010). Regional science. In Warf, B. (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Haynes, K. E. & **Qian, H.** (2010). Regional science association. In Warf, B. (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

## FUNDED RESEARCH

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|-------------|---|
| 2023 – 2026 | <p><i>Co-Principal Investigator</i>, “Libraries as resilience hubs: Assessing social impacts and learning from best practices”</p> <p><b>Institute of Museum and Library Services</b> (a federal agency), \$494,444</p> <p>Principal Investigator: Iulian Vamanu, University of Iowa</p>  |
| 2023        | <p><i>Principal Investigator</i>, “Regional entrepreneurial ecosystems in the United States”</p> <p><b>University of Iowa – Investment in Strategic Priorities Fund</b>, \$5,000</p>  |
| 2021        | <p><i>Co-Principal Investigator</i>, “Public libraries for disaster resilience: Assessing libraries’ community impacts in times of climate and socio-economic crises”</p> <p><b>University of Iowa – Jumpstarting Tomorrow Seed Grant Program</b>, \$150,000</p> <p>Principal Investigator: Lucie Laurian, University of Iowa</p> |
| 2018        | <p><i>Co-Principal Investigator</i>, “Does tax increment financing boost firm performance?”</p> <p><b>University of Iowa – Central Plains Research Data Center Seed Grant</b>, \$5,000</p> <p>Principal Investigator: Phuong Nguyen-Hoang, University of Iowa</p>   |
| 2016        | <p><i>Recipient</i>, “Spatial-temporal dynamics of high technology entrepreneurship”</p> <p><b>University of Iowa Old Gold Summer Fellowship</b>, \$6,000</p>   |
| 2014 – 2016 | <p><i>Principal Investigator</i>, “The role of universities in regional entrepreneurship ecosystems of U.S. college towns”</p>  |

- 2013 – 2014 **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation** (#20140807), \$60,000  
*Principal Investigator*, “Skills, regions, and entrepreneurship”
- 2013 – 2014 **Early Career Grant Scheme, Regional Studies Association**, \$15,000  
*Principal Investigator*, “Knowledge, entrepreneurship, and public policy”
- 2008 – 2010 **Faculty Scholarship Initiative, Cleveland State University**, \$4,635  
*Researcher*, “Evaluation without bias: New performance measures for business incubators in rural America”
- 2009 – 2010 **United States Department of Agriculture** (#2008-55401-04487), \$499,965  
*Principal Investigator*: Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University
- 2009 – 2010 *Recipient*, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship  
**Office of the Provost, George Mason University**, \$8,000

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*(Detailed conference information and presentation titles are available upon request)*

- Annual North American Meetings of Regional Science Association International/North American Regional Science Council (annually 2007 – 2024)
- Annual Meetings of American Association of Geographers (2009 – 2011, 2013 – 2016, 2019)
- Annual Meetings of Urban Affairs Association (2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022 – 2024)
- Annual Meetings of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (2014, 2021, 2023 – 2025)
- Regional Studies Association Conferences (2013, 2015, 2023, 2024)
- Regional Science Academy Conferences (2019, 2021, 2023)
- Annual Meetings of International Association for China Planning (2018, 2019, 2023)
- Annual Meetings of European Regional Science Association (2022, 2023)
- Annual Meetings of Western Regional Science Association (2008, 2010)
- Annual Meetings of Southern Regional Science Association (2009, 2010)
- Uddevalla Symposium (2007, 2013)
- Annual Meetings of Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (2025)
- Asian Regional Science Conference (2019)
- International Conference on Public Policy (2017)
- Technology Transfer Society Conference (2017)
- National Congress of Japan Academy of Small Business Studies – Invited Keynote Speaker (2016)
- International Workshop on Entrepreneurship in China (2016)
- Kauffman Foundation Entrepreneurial Ecosystems Conference (2015)
- Fall Research Conference of Associations for Public Policy and Management (2009)
- Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (2007)

## INVITED UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS

- Beijing Normal University, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, Capital University of Economics and Business, Central University of Finance and Economics, Cleveland State

University, East China Normal University, George Mason University, Hitotsubashi University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Illinois Institute of Technology, Jilin University, Loyola University New Orleans, MIT, Nankai University, National University of Singapore, Peking University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Simon Fraser University, South China University of Technology, Southwest Jiao Tong University, Southwest University of Finance and Economics, Sun Yat-sen University, Tsinghua University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Iowa, University of Toronto, VU University Amsterdam, West Virginia University

## **TEACHING AND STUDENT ADVISING**

### **- Graduate Courses**

*Instructor*, Economics for Policy Analysis, University of Iowa (Fall 2018 – 2023)  
*Instructor*, Public Policy Analysis, University of Iowa (Spring 2021 – 2025)  
*Instructor*, Economics for Urban Planners, University of Iowa (Fall 2015 – 2017)  
*Instructor*, Economic Development Policy, University of Iowa (Spring 2015 – 2023)  
*Instructor*, Spatial Analysis in Planning and Policy, University of Iowa (Spring 2015 – 2019)  
*Led-Instructor*, Program Seminar, University of Iowa (Fall 2022 – 2025)  
*Co-Instructor*, Public Affairs Capstone II, University of Iowa (Spring 2024 – 2025)  
*Co-Instructor*, Public Affairs Capstone I, University of Iowa (Fall 2023 – 2024)  
*Co-Instructor*, Sustainable Communities Lab II, University of Iowa (Spring 2023)  
*Co-Instructor*, Sustainable Communities Lab I, University of Iowa (Fall 2022)  
*Co-Instructor*, Field Problems in Planning II, University of Iowa (Spring 2019 – 2022)  
*Co-Instructor*, Field Problems in Planning I, University of Iowa (Fall 2018 – 2021)  
*Instructor*, Urban Spatial Structures, Cleveland State University  
*Instructor*, Economic Development Policy, Cleveland State University  
*Teaching Assistant / Substitute Instructor*, Investment & Macroeconomics, George Mason University  
*Guest Lecturer*, China's Growth: Political Economy, Business and Urbanization, MIT  
*Guest Lecturer*, Comparative Urbanism and Studies, Iowa State University  
*Guest Lecturer*, Urban Design Studio, Kent State University

### **- Undergraduate Courses**

*Instructor*, Development of Local and Regional Economies, University of Iowa (Fall 2014)  
*Instructor*, Urban Development, Cleveland State University  
*Guest Lecturer*, Megacities of Asia, Cleveland State University

### **- Student Advising at University of Iowa**

*Faculty Advisor*, Jackson County Inter-Organizational Collaborations on Economic Development (capstone project), 2024 – 2025  
*Faculty Advisor*, Iowa Valley RC&D Local Food System (capstone project), 2024 – 2025



*Faculty Advisor*, Dubuque Green Alley Policy Analysis (capstone project), 2023 – 2024  
*Instructor*, Independent Study, Clara Tang, master's student, Summer 2023  
*Faculty Advisor*, Clinton Housing Need Assessment (capstone project), 2022 – 2023  
*Dissertation Committee Member*, Shiqin Liu, Ph.D. student, defended February 2022  
*Faculty Advisor*, Maquoketa Farmers Market Strategic Planning (capstone project), 2021 – 2022  
*Faculty Advisor*, Manchester Strategic Growth Plan (capstone project), 2020 – 2021  
*Faculty Advisor*, Linn County Windfarm Suitability Analysis (capstone project), 2018 – 2019  
*Faculty Advisor*, Clinton Economic Development Plan (capstone project), 2017 – 2018  
*Faculty Advisor*, Eastern Iowa Prosperity Study (capstone project), 2016 – 2017  
*Instructor*, Independent Study, Shiqin Liu, master's student, Fall 2016  
*Faculty Advisor*, Salix Comprehensive Plan (capstone project), 2015 – 2016  
*Instructor*, Independent Study, Juliana Lucchesi, master's student, Fall 2015  
*Comprehensive Exam Committee Member*, Cristian Meier, Ph.D. student in social work, 2015  
*Faculty Advisor*, Decorah Mining Economic Impact Study (capstone project), 2014 – 2015

**- Student Advising at Cleveland State University**

*Dissertation Committee Member*, Merissa Piazza, Ph.D. student, dissertation defended June 2018  
*Dissertation Committee Member*, Hyejin Jung, Ph.D. student, dissertation defended October 2015  
*Comprehensive Exam Committee Member*, Merissa Piazza, Ph.D. student, Spring 2014  
*Comprehensive Exam Committee Chair*, Hyejin Jung, Ph.D. student, Spring 2014  
*Instructor*, Independent Study, Merissa Piazza, Ph.D. student, Fall 2013  
*Instructor*, Independent Study, Hyejin Jung, Ph.D. student, Fall 2013  
*Dissertation Committee Member*, Karen Gurney, Ph.D. student, defended June 2012  
*Exit Project Supervisor*, Matthew Frazier, master's student, 2012

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

**- Editorial**

2023 – *Editor*, Regional Studies  
 2017 – *Editor*, Small Business Economics  
 2022 – *Special Issue Committee Member*, Small Business Economics  
 2014 – *Associate Editor*, Regional Studies, Regional Science  
 2013 – *Associate Editor*, Economic Development Quarterly  
 2024 – *Editorial Board Member*, Annals of Regional Science  
 2024 – *Editorial Board Member*, Reaching Regions  
 2019 – *Editorial Board Member*, China Public Administration Review  
 2020 – 2022 *Guest Editor*, special issue on entrepreneurship and sustainable cities, Small Business Economics  
 2015 – 2017 *Guest Editor*, special issue on entrepreneurship in China, Small Business Economics  
 2014 – 2016 *Guest Editor*, special issue on inner cities, Economic Development Quarterly

2012      *Ad Hoc Article Editor, Sage Open*

**- Ad Hoc Reviewer**

*Annals of Regional Science*  
*Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*  
*British Journal of Management*  
*Cities*  
*Cities, Culture and Society*  
*Economic Development Quarterly*  
*Economic Geography*  
*Entrepreneurship and Regional Development*  
*Entrepreneurship Research Journal*  
*Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*  
*Environment and Planning A*  
*European Journal of Law and Economics*  
*Growth and Change*  
*Habitat International*  
*International Journal of Foresight and Innovation Policy*  
*International Journal of Technology Management*  
*International Regional Science Review*  
*International Small Business Journal*  
*Journal of Business Venturing*  
*Journal of Cleaner Production*  
*Journal of Economic Geography*  
*Journal of International Business Studies*  
*Journal of Planning Literature*  
*Journal of Public Economics*  
*Journal of Technology Transfer*  
*Journal of Regional Science*  
*Journal of Rural Studies*  
*Journal of Urban Affairs*  
*Local Economy*  
*Papers in Regional Science*  
*Public Administration Review*  
*Regional Studies*  
*Regional Studies, Regional Science*  
*Research Policy*  
*Scientometrics*  
*Small Business Economics*  
*Spatial Economic Analysis*

*Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment*

*Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*

*Technovation*

*The China Review*

*Urban Affairs Review*

*Urban Studies*

National Science Centre of Poland

National Science Foundation

Edward Elgar Publishing

Routledge

Academy of Management Annual Meetings

**- Professional Membership (2009 – )**

American Association of Geographers

American Society for Public Administration

American Planning Association

China-America Association for Public Affairs

International Association for China Planning

International Public Policy Association

Northeast Regional Science Association

Regional Science Academy

Regional Science Association International

Regional Studies Association

Urban Affairs Association

Urban Economics Association

**- Service to Profession**

2025            *External Program Reviewer*, University of Oregon School of Planning, Public Policy and Management

2024 –        *Councilor/NARSC Representative*, Regional Science Association International

2019 –        *External Reviewer*, Faculty Tenure/Promotion Review at Arizona State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Indiana University, The Ohio State University, University of Illinois, University of North Carolina, and University of Wisconsin

2022 – 2024   *Editor Advisor*, Junior Scholars Writing Workshop hosted by International Association for China Planning

2018 – 2020   *Councilor-at-Large*, North American Regional Science Council

2018 – 2020   *Nominations Committee Member*, North American Regional Science Council

2018           *Scientific Committee Member*, 2018 Asia Council for Small Business Conference

2016 – 2019   *Review Committee Member*, Economic Development Division Holzheimer Memorial Student Scholarship, American Planning Association

- 2016 *Committee Member*, Young Academy Task Force, Regional Science Academy
- 2016 *Program Chair*, North American Meetings of Regional Science Association International, November 9-12, 2016, Minneapolis
- 2016 *Co-Organizer*, International Workshop on Entrepreneurship in China, October 14-15, 2016, Peking University
- 2014 *Co-Chair*, Student Paper Competition Prize Committee, North American Meetings of Regional Science Association International
- 2009 – 2010 *Student Representative*, China Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2009 – 2010 *Organizational Committee Assistant*, 13th Uddevalla Symposium

**- Service at University of Iowa**

- 2025 – *Advisory Board Member*, Center for Social Science Innovation
- 2025 *Member*, Search Committee for Dean of Graduate College
- 2024 – 2025 *Chair*, School of Planning and Public Affairs Strategic Planning Committee
- 2023, 2024 *Chair*, School of Planning and Public Affairs Faculty Search Committee
- 2023 *Member*, International Student Award Committee
- 2021 – 2024 *Member*, University Graduate Council
- 2021 – 2023 *Faculty Representative*, School of Planning and Public Affairs Student Association
- 2021, 2023 *Member*, School of Planning and Public Affairs Faculty Search Committee
- 2018 – 2019 *Director of Graduate Studies*, School of Urban and Regional Planning
- 2018 – 2019 *Chair*, School of Urban and Regional Planning Admission Committee
- 2018 – 2019 *Member*, Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee
- 2014 – 2018 *Member*, School of Urban and Regional Planning Admission Committee

**- Service at Cleveland State University**

- 2013 – 2014 *Member*, University Electronic Learning Committee
- 2012 – 2013 *Member*, University Computational Services Committee
- 2012 *Member*, University Parking Director Search Committee
- 2012 – 2014 *Secretary/Treasurer*, Chinese American Faculty and Staff Association
- 2013 – 2014 *Member*, Faculty Search Committee, Levin College of Urban Affairs
- 2012 – 2014 *Faculty Supervisor* in Economic Development, Levin College of Urban Affairs
- 2012 – 2014 *Member*, Dean's Diversity Council, Levin College of Urban Affairs
- 2011 – 2014 *China Program Coordinator*, Levin College of Urban Affairs

**MEDIA INTERVIEW/COVERAGE OF RESEARCH**

The Atlantic, The Conversation (UK), The Daily Iowan, The Des Moines Register, The Gainesville Sun, The Gazette (Cedar Rapids)