

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD, Geography, University of California, Los Angeles, 2014  
Title: Impacts of Trade on Wage Inequality across the United States: Analysis Using Matched Employer-Employee Data  
Committee: David L. Rigby (chair), John A. Agnew, William A.V. Clark, Ronald L. Rogowski

MA, Geography, University of California, Los Angeles, 2009  
Title: Decomposing US Wage Inequality, 1980-2000  
Committee: David L. Rigby (chair), John A. Agnew, Michael E. Shin

BA, History, Yale University, 2001

PRESENT POSITION

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University at Buffalo – SUNY, Buffalo, NY

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University at Buffalo – SUNY, Buffalo, NY, August 2014- August 2020

Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, March-June 2014

Teaching Fellow, Department of Geography, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, August-Sept. 2011, June-Sept. 2012, August-Sept. 2013

Research Data Center Administrator, CCRDC-UCLA, U.S. Census Bureau, Los Angeles, CA, June 2010-July 2014

Senior Research Specialist, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, July 2005-Sept. 2006

Research Assistant, Office of Population Research, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, Nov. 2004-June 2005 and 2002-2003

Field Manager, Princeton University Research Project on Thai Migration Dynamics, Buriram, Thailand, June-Nov. 2004

Lecturer, Department of Foreign Languages, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand, 2003-2004

Editorial Assistant, Institution for Social & Policy Studies and Interdisciplinary Bioethics Project, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Summer 2001

## **PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY WORK**

### **PEER REVIEWED WORK**

- (15) Yoo, E. and **A. Cooke**, Y. Eum. 2023. “Examining the geographical distribution of air pollution disparities across different racial and ethnic groups: Incorporating workplace addresses.” *Health and Place* 84: 103112. DOI: 10.1016/j.healthplace.2023.103112.
- (14) Huff, A. and **A. Cooke** 2022. “Mixed Signals: Understanding the democratic work of narratives in pro-immigrant protests across local policy environments.” *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*. DOI: 10.1177/23996544221093154.
- (13) Haus-Reve, S. and **A. Cooke**, R. Fitjar, T. Kemeny. 2021. “Does Assimilation Shape the Economic Value of Immigrant Diversity?” *Economic Geography*. DOI: 10.1080/00130095.2021.1897462.
- (12) Peterson, S. and **A. Cooke**, S. Metcalf. 2020. “Interrogating the ‘Murder Centre of South Africa’: The Spatial Distribution of Homicide Risk in Cape Town.” *Geographical Analysis*. DOI: 10.1111/gean.12256.
- (11) **Cooke, A.** 2019. “Uneven land of opportunity: US regional employment futures.” *Regional Studies, Regional Science* 6:1, 357-367. DOI: 10.1080/21681376.2019.1621193.
- (10) **Cooke, A.**, T. Kemeny and D. Rigby. 2019. “Vulnerable Jobs and the Wage Effects of Import Competition” *Industrial Relations* 58: 484-521 DOI: 10.1111/irel.12240.
- (9) Kemeny, T. and **A. Cooke**. 2018. “Spillovers from Immigrant Diversity in Cities” *Journal of Economic Geography* 18(1): 213-245. DOI: 10.1093/jeg/lbx012
- (8) **Cooke, A.** and T. Kemeny. 2017. “The Economic Geography of Immigrant Diversity: Disparate Impacts and New Directions” *Geography Compass* 11(11): e1233. DOI: 10.1111/gec3.12331
- (7) **Cooke, A.** and T. Kemeny. 2017. “Cities, Immigrant Diversity, and Complex Problem Solving” *Research Policy* 46(6): 1175-1185. DOI: 10.1016/j.respol.2017.05.003
- (6) Kemeny, T and **A. Cooke**. 2017. “Urban Immigrant Diversity and Inclusive Institutions” *Economic Geography* 93(9): 267-291. DOI: 10.1080/00130095.2017.1300056
- (5) Rigby, D., T. Kemeny, **A. Cooke**. 2017. “Plant exit and US imports from low-wage countries.” *International Economics* 149: 27-40.
- (4) Kemeny, T., D. Rigby, **A. Cooke**. 2014. “Cheap Imports and the Loss of US Manufacturing Jobs” *The World Economy* 38: 1555–1573. doi:10.1111/twec.12238.

(3) Rigby, D., T. Kemeny, **A. Cooke**. 2014. "US Wage Inequality and Low-Wage Import Competition" *Tidjschrift voor economische en sociale geografie* 106: 570–587. doi:10.1111/tesg.12123.

(2) Curran S.R. and **A.M. Cooke**. 2008. "Unexpected Outcomes of Thai Cassava Trade: A Case of Global Complexity and Local Unsustainability." *Globalizations* 5(2): 111-128.

(1) **Cooke, A.M.** 2001. "Humorous Reflections on Laughing Records." *Association for Recorded Sound Collections Journal* 32(2): 232-239.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Cooke, A. and T. Kemeny, M. Nathan, C. Ozgen. "Immigrant diversity and innovation in cities and regions." Invited chapter in *Migration and Innovation: A Research Agenda*, edited by F. Lissoni and A. Morrison. (Accepted, December 2024)

#### EDITED VOLUMES/SPECIAL ISSUES

(3) **Cooke, A.**, T. Hamilton, M. Werner. (Eds.) 2017. Special section on Mega-Regional Trade Agreements. *Competition & Change* 21(5).

**Cooke, A.**, T. Hamilton, M. Werner 2017. "Trade governance at a crossroads: Continuity and change in uncertain times." *Competition & Change* 21(5): 388-396. DOI: 10.1177/1024529417729325

(2) **Cooke, A.**, T. Lim, P. Norlander, E. Shih, C. Tilly (Eds). 2011. "Special Issue: Labor in the Global South – A Search for Solutions." *Journal of Workplace Rights*. 15(3-4)

**Cooke, A.**, T. Lim, P. Norlander, E. Shih, C. Tilly. "Introduction to the Special Issue: Labor in the Global South – A Search for Solutions." 293-302.

(1) **Cooke, A.M.**, S.R. Curran, A. Linton, A. Schrank (Eds) 2008. "Special Issue: Trading Morsels." *Globalizations* 5(2).; also published as Curran, S.R., A. Linton, **A. Cooke**, A. Schrank (Eds) 2009. *The Global Governance of Food*. Abingdon, UK and New York, NY: Routledge.

**Cooke, A.M.**, S.R. Curran, A. Linton, A. Schrank. "Introduction: Agriculture, Trade, and the Global Governance of Food." 99-106.

**Cooke, A.M.** "Part 2 Introduction: Branding and Certification." 165-166.

**Cooke, A.M.**, S.R. Curran, A. Linton, A. Schrank. "Conclusion: Negotiating the Dynamics of Global Complexity." 319-328.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Cooke, A.** 2023. Review of *Smaller Cities in a Shrinking World: Learning to Thrive Without Growth*, by Alan Mallach. 2023. Washington DC: Island Press. 336.. ISBN: 9781642832273. \$35.00. *The Pennsylvania Geographer* 61(2): 56-60.
- Cooke, A.** 2016. Review of *The Economics of Cultural Diversity*, edited by Peter Nijkamp, Jacques Poot, and Jessie Bakens. 2015. Cheltenham, U.K. and Northampton, Massachusetts: Edward Elgar. 448. ISBN: 9781783476800. \$160.00. *Journal of Regional Science* 56: 924–926. doi:10.1111/jors.12318

## REPORTS

- Kemeny, T., **A. Cooke** and A. Marek Zeitlin. 2017. “The Riches of the Melting Pot: How Diversity in Metropolitan Areas Helps Grow the Wages of Low and High-Wage Workers” Report prepared for Partnership for a New American Economy (NAE). Available at: [http://www.newamericaneconomy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/NAE\\_Diversity\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.newamericaneconomy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/NAE_Diversity_FINAL.pdf).
- Gates, G.J. and **A.M. Cooke**. 2011. “Census Snapshot: 2010.” Reports on the demography and geography of same sex couples in the fifty U.S. states and Puerto Rico for The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law. Available at: [https://escholarship.org/uc/uclalaw\\_williams\\_census/](https://escholarship.org/uc/uclalaw_williams_census/).
- Centeno, M.A. et al. 2005. “The Rise of NAFTA.” Points of Development, Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University, December.

## GRANTS OBTAINED

- Dec 2022-Sept 2024. “Preparing the welcome mat: Regional climate migrant projections and regional policy.” Regional Studies Association. FeRSA Grant. PI: Cooke. £7500 (USD 9500)
- July 2021-Dec 2022. “Wading Through Administrative Burdens: Responses and Strategies of Refugee Communities for Long-Term Refugee Socioeconomic Integration” The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy. PI: Cooke, Co-I: Robert Adelman, Wooksoo Kim, and Yunju Nam. \$3754.
- Spring 2021. Regions Taskforce COVID Internship Grant. American Association of Geographers. \$3,000.
- August 2014-January 2018. “The Economic Payoff Immigrant Diversity in Cities: Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee Data.” **U.S. National Science Foundation**. Award GSS-1359768. PI: Kemeny, Co-PI: Cooke. \$115,000.
- Fall 2016. Conference on “Global Governance and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)”. The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy. PI: Hamilton, Co-PIs: Cooke, Lewis, Werner. \$7,566.
- December 2015-October 2016. Symposium on “Global Governance and the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Perspectives from Singapore and Brunei Darussalam.” Nila T. Gnamn Junior Faculty Research Fund. PI: Cooke. \$1,000; Co-PIs: Werner and Cooke \$2,000.
- Summer 2009. IRLE Student Summer Mini-Grant, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, University of California, Los Angeles. \$1,000.

### FELLOWSHIPS

- Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles, 2012-2013
- The Society of Women Geographers Award, Society of Women Geographers, 2011-2012
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Haynes Foundation, 2010-2011
- Summer Graduate Research Mentorship, Graduate Division Quality of Graduate Education Improvement Grant, University of California, Los Angeles, Summer 2010
- Southeast Asia Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS - Thai), U.S. Department of Education, 2009-2010
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles, Summer 2009
- Global Scholar, International Institute Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006-2008

### INVITED TALKS

2020. University of Toronto. Global Innovation and Regional Development Speaker Series – hosted by the Departments of Political Science and Geography & Planning. Toronto, Canada.
2018. Utrecht University. International PhD course on Economic Geography. Utrecht, The Netherlands.
2017. Forus Næringspark. “Seminar on the Stavanger region and Forus Business Park – regional choices and international lessons.” Organized by Centre for Innovation Research (University of Stavanger/International Research Institute of Stavanger) and the Stavanger Chamber of Commerce. Stavanger, Norway.
2015. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. UNL Research Fair and Grand Opening of the Central Plains Federal Statistical Research Data Center. Lincoln, NE.
2014. Cornell University, Department of City and Regional Planning. Ithaca, NY.

### SESSIONS/CONFERENCES ORGANIZED/CHAired [SELECTED]

- 2023 and 2022. “Economic Geography Specialty Group Early Career Keynote” Co-organized with the Economic Geography Specialty Group Board. The Meetings of the American Association of Geographers.
2022. “Global in the Middle of the USA: Unsettling our Understanding of Refugee Resettlement” Conversation with Emily Frazier and Odessa Gonzalez Benson. International Education Week, University at Buffalo. (Virtual session)
2022. “Building Impact and Engagement into Your Early Academic Career” Organized with EGSG Board and FinGeo. AAG’s Professional Development Webinar Series. (Chaired virtual session)
- 2020 and 2019. “Demographic Transitions: Regions, Cities, and Neighborhoods” Paper sessions co-organized with Mark Brown, Rachel Franklin, and Bruce Newbold. Meetings of the Regional Science Association International/North American Regional Science Council.

2019. Economic Geography Specialty Group Past Winners, Futures of Economic Geography. Panel co-organized with Kyle Loewen. The Meetings of the American Association of Geographers.
2016. Global Governance and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Symposium co-organized with Trina Hamilton, Marion Werner, and Meredith Kolsky Lewis. Funding provided by the Baldy Center, Gnam Fund, Department of Geography and Asian Studies Program (UB).

INVITED PUBLIC/COMMUNITY TALKS and PANELS

2024. Community deliberative forum on “Welcoming New Arrivals to WNY”, hosted by the University at Buffalo’s Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Program. Resource Panel expert. Buffalo, NY.
2024. “Buffalo’s Future: A Haven for Climate Migrants?” Lecture in “Climate change from the perspectives of three women scientists: A seminar series.” The Garret Club, Buffalo, NY.
2022. CLAIR Voices Workshop. Keynote speaker. Webinar.
2022. International Institute of Buffalo. Seminar in the Great Decisions Series: “Changing Demographics in the World.” Buffalo, NY. Webinar.
2020. UB Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Real-World Experience Panel: Economic Collapse and Unemployment. Webinar.
2019. Newman Center, University at Buffalo. Talk. Buffalo, NY.
2018. Canisius College Border Initiative, Migration and Borders Week. Roundtable discussion. Buffalo, NY.
- riverrun Global Film Series. “Borders and Immigration” panel. Buffalo, NY.
2017. International Institute of Buffalo. Seminar in the Great Decisions Series: “International Trade.” Buffalo, NY.

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, and POSTERS [SELECTED]

2025

**Cooke, A.** “Will climate migrants be welcomed in climate refuges? A Buffalo/WNY case study” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Detroit, MI. March 24-28, 2025.

**Cooke, A.** “Regional Planning for Shrinking and/or Climate Haven Futures” Presentation at the Global Conference on Economic Geography, Worcester, MA. June 4-8, 2025.

2023

**Cooke, A.** “Understanding the Challenges, Successes, and Burdens of Long-Term Economic Integration for Buffalo’s Refugee Communities” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO. March 23-27, 2023.

2021

**Cooke, A.** “Moving Towards ‘Inclusive Freedom’: Lessons and Puzzles from Immigrant Diversity Research” Presentation at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting. Virtual. January 7–9 and 14–16, 2021.

2019

Haus-Reve, S., **A. Cooke**. “Do Regional Social Capital and Trust Matter for Immigrant Diversity and Wages?” Presentation in the NARSC Student-Led Paper Competition at the Meetings of the Regional Science Association International/North American Regional Science Council, Pittsburg, PA. November 13-16, 2019. [1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up Student-Led Paper Competition]

Xie, S., D. Connor, **A. Cooke**. “Employment Dynamics and Long-Term Neighborhood Change: Buffalo, NY 1940 to 2017” Presentation at the Meetings of the Regional Science Association International/North American Regional Science Council, Pittsburg, PA. November 13-16, 2019.

**Cooke, A.**, A. Huff. “Protest and Democratic Possibilities Across Regional Geographies of Differentiated Risk” Presentation at the Regional Studies Association North American Conference in Montreal, Canada. Sept 25-27, 2019.

Huff, A., **A. Cooke**. “Locating High-Risk Citizenship: Anti-Immigrant Urban Policy and Immigrant-led Collective Action in U.S. Cities” Presentation at the City Futures IX 2019 EURA-UAA Conference in Dublin, Ireland. June 20-22, 2019.

## **TEACHING**

### **COURSES TAUGHT/DESIGNED at UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, SUNY**

GEO333: International Trade (UB undergraduate lecture – taught Fall semesters 2014-2016, 2018-2020, 2022-2024 and Spring semesters 2015-2021, 2023-2025)

GEO531: Introduction to International Business and World Trade (UB graduate seminar – taught Fall semesters 2022-2024)

GEO590: Census Data and Their Uses (UB graduate seminar – taught Spring 2015 (as GEO503), Spring semesters 2016-2021)

GEO632: Macro Issues in Trade (UB graduate seminar – taught Fall semesters 2014-2016, 2018-2020)

GEO496: Geography Internships (UB undergraduate experiential learning, interns placed at: Expeditors International, Buffalo NY; Erie County's Office of Geographic Information Services, Buffalo NY; Erie County Division of Sewerage Management, Buffalo NY; Justice for Migrant Families, Buffalo NY)

### **GRADUATE COMMITTEES (UB): MAJOR ADVISOR**

Angela, Maria. MA (International Trade)

Benson, Craig. MA (Geography)

Choi, Dennis. PhD (Geography)

Hahn, Victoria. MA (International Trade)

Jarvis, Jimmy. MA (International Trade)

Moon, Hyun Ji. MA (International Trade)

Rao, Nan. MA (International Trade)

*IN PROGRESS*

Orgev, Gizem. MA (International Trade)  
Rickicki, Kara. MA (International Trade)  
Sun, Shuyang “Shawnie”. PhD (Geography)  
Won, Jongseo. PhD (Geography)

#### EXTERNAL EXAMINER

Buchholz, Maximilian. PhD, University of Toronto, CANADA  
He, Lisha. PhD, University of Hong Kong, HONG KONG  
Shapkota, Praja. PhD, SUNY-ESF, USA  
Solheim, Marte C.W. PhD, University of Stavanger, NORWAY

#### UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR

Estevez, Marisol. 2023 McNair Scholars Summer Research Internship Program (SRIP)

#### SERVICE

##### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Chair, AAG, American Association of Geographers Economic Geography Specialty Group Board (Jan 2021 - Dec 2022)  
Vice-Chair/Treasurer, AAG, American Association of Geographers Economic Geography Specialty Group Board (Jan 2019 - Dec 2020)  
At-large board member, AAG, American Association of Geographers Economic Geography Specialty Group Board (Jan 2017 - Dec 2018)  
Committee member, RSA, Regional Studies Association Research Committee (July 2017-present)

Member of American Association of Geographers (current); Regional Studies Association (current); North American Regional Science Council/Regional Science Association International

##### EDITORIAL

Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic Geography* (July 2020-)  
Advisory Editor, *Research Policy* (May 2022-)  
Editorial Board, *Progress in Economic Geography* (Dec 2022-)  
Scientific Board, *ZFW – Advances in Economic Geography* (July 2023-June 30, 2026)  
Section Editor, Economic Geography (North America), *Geography Compass* (Sept 2019-August 2021)

##### REVIEWING

National Science Foundation (ad hoc reviewer x3; panel reviewer x1)

Society of Woman Geographers Pruitt Fellowship Committee (ad hoc reviewer, 2021)

Peer reviewing: *Journal of Economic Geography\**; *Economic Geography*; *Environment and Planning A*; *Research Policy*; *Regional Studies*; *Applied Geography*; *Papers in Regional*



*Science; Globalizations; Sustainability; Journal of Applied Economics; Cities; Middle States Geographer; Journal of Place Management and Development; Intercultural Education; Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research; Industry and Innovation\*\*.*

\* *Journal of Economic Geography* Best Referee Award 2020

\*\* *Industry and Innovation* Best Reviewer Award 2024

#### UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

UB, UB NEAR Mentoring Program, Mentor. (February 2017-present)

CAS, PhD Excellence Oversight Committee (PEOC). Co-Chair (July 2023-September 2024);  
Departmental Representative. (July 2022- June 2024)

CAS, Tenure Track Job Search Committee, External Member, Department of Philosophy Search,  
Spring 2023

UB, Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Baldy Research Grant Review Committee (March  
2022)

UB, Center for Diversity Innovation, Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program Selection  
Committee (February 2020; February 2021)

UB, Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Baldy Conference Grant Review Committee (March  
2019)

UB, General Education math and quantitative reasoning restructuring and assessment  
subcommittees (Feb 2015-July 2019)

UB, Data Analysis in the Social Sciences Council (October 2018-Dec 2023)

UB, Department of Geography representative in developing a new interdisciplinary M.S. and  
Certificate Program "Data Analysis in the Social Sciences" (Sept 2016-Sept 2018)

#### DEPARTMENT

Director of Undergraduate Studies (Sept 2024-Aug 2027)

UB-SIM Instructor Search Committee Member, Summer 2023

Tenure Track Job Search Committee Member, Fall 2022

Co-Director, Center for Trade, Development, and Environment (CTED) (ended Jan 2022)

Department Ad Hoc Diversity Committee, Member (AY 2019-2020)

Faculty Mentor, Senior PhD Co-mentoring Job Market Group (AY 2020-2021, Spring 2023)

Visiting scholars hosted:

Silje Haus-Reve, University of Stavanger, NORWAY, Summer 2018

#### COMMUNITY

Board (volunteer), Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, Buffalo NY (Board member, Jan 2018-  
Dec 2021; Planning Committee Chair, Jan 2019-Dec 2021)