

ARDC Newsletter

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A report of activities of the Atlanta Research Data Center

CES Dissertation Mentorship Program

Doctoral students actively engaged in dissertation research using Census microdata at an RDC are eligible to apply for this mentorship program. Successful applicants will be assigned one or more Center for Economic Studies (CES) staff economists as mentors who can provide advice for use of Census Bureau microdata. In addition, CES pays travel expenses to Census to meet in person with staff economists and present their research in progress. Mentorships are awarded on a rolling basis, as funding and staffing resources allow.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. More information and application information can be found at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ces/research/dissertation-mentorship-program.html>.

ARDC Research Assistant Ready to Help



Emory University economics PhD candidate Amy Lim has been helping researchers in the Atlanta RDC since 2023 with proposal development, statistical analysis, and disclosure review. If you would like to inquire about having her help with your RDC research, please contact the ARDC Administrator, [Chase Frederick](#).

Julia's in the House!

...well, almost. CES IT wizards expect to have the Julia programming language available inside the RDCs starting in January 2026. Introduced in 2012, Julia is said to be fast, like C or Fortran, but easy to write, like Python or R. Its efficient use of computer processing power makes it ideal for tasks such as machine learning and data visualization. And, in spite of all sorts of theories, the creators say they chose the name "Julia" for its [simplicity and because it sounds nice](#).



Approved and Active Projects

See the ARDC website (atlantardc.org) for information and links for writing proposals. The list below reflects only projects that are active or approved but not yet started.

Auburn University

- “The Role of Mothers on Social Mobility of Sons and Assortative Mating in the United States”
Chris Vickers; Jose-Antonio Espin-Sanchez (Yale U); Joseph Ferrie (Northwestern U)
- “Firm Heterogeneity, Misallocation, and Trade”
Jong (John) Chung
- “Aggregate Mark-Up and Unobserved Heterogeneity”
Peng Shao
- “The Role of Finance in the Production of Industrial Pollution: Evidence from Matched Regulatory Datasets”
Pang-li Chen; Aymeric Bellon (University of North Carolina)
- “Dynamic Effects of Wage Setting: Evidence from the National War Labor Board”
Christopher Vickers; Nicolas Ziebarth (University of Missouri)
- “From Stalag to Old Job?” and “Red Tails and New Trails”
Ryan Anderson and Christopher Vickers

University of Tennessee

- “Civil Rights Legislation and the Labor Market Conditions of Southern-born Black Americans”
Marianne Wanamaker, Celeste Carruthers, and Alannah Shute; Ted Figinski (US Treasury)
- “The Impact of Medicare on Mortality”
Seth Neller; Samuel Arenberg (University of Houston); Sam Stripling (University of Texas)
- “The Lifelong Consequences of Early-life Circumstances”
Seth Neller; Samuel Arenberg (University of Houston); Sam Stripling and Michael Geruso (University of Texas)

Vanderbilt University

- “Power Outages and Mortality in the United States”
Michelle Markus Witt; Paige Weber (UC Berkeley)

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

- “Firm Financing, Lifecycle, and Growth: Evidence from the United States”
Veronica Penciakova and Valerie Nguyen; Matt Darst and Cecilia Caglio (Fed Board)
- “Migration Constraints and Job Opportunities”
Julie Hotchkiss; Kalee Burns (State of Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research); David Wilson (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- “Labor Market Power, Corporate Financing, and Interest Rate Shocks”
Indrajit Mitra; Richard Thakor (University of Minnesota); Winston Dou (University of Pennsylvania); Yu Xu (University of Delaware)
- “Wage Changes, Net and Gross Employment Flows”
David Wiczer; Lawrence Warren (Census)
- “Supply Chains and Inflation Dynamics”
Bin Wei; Zhanwei Yue (Emory University); Simon Gilchrist (New York University); Egon Zakrajsek (Boston Fed)
- “The Determinants and Impacts of Great Society Programs”
Paul Mohnen; Martha Bailey (UCLA); Michael Murton (University of Michigan); Bryan Stuart (Philadelphia Fed); others
- “Validating the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Survey of Business Uncertainty using Non-Public Data”
Kevin Foster, Brent Meyer, Emil Mihaylo, and Daniel Weitz; Nicholas Bloom and Steven J. Davis (Stanford University)
- “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Labor Market Experiences”
Julie L. Hotchkiss, M. Melinda Pitts, and Ben Miller; David Wilson (GA Tech)

University of South Carolina

- “Using big data to understand the influence of extreme weather events on child health and development in the U.S.”
Leila Larson, Christopher Lee
- “Special Economic Zone Designations to Enhance Economic Development”
Jason DeBacker and Kara Jones
- “Disparities in Mental Health Services Access: The Intersectionality of Residence, Rurality, Race, and Ethnicity”
Emma Boswell, Haoyuan Gao, Peiyin Hung, Jiajia Zhang, and Elizabeth Crouch
- “Impacts of Wildfires on Mental Health”
Tamara Sheldon and Yi Chan

Tulane University

- “Can Unexploited Monopsony Power Be Used to Counteract Income Tax Policy?”
Alexander Siebert and James Alm
- “Assimilation of Hispanics and Arabs in America”
Hussain Hadah; Augustine Denteh (Davidson College)
- “The Nationwide Effects of Charter School Entry on Long-Term Market-Level Student Outcomes”
Douglas Harris and Alexander Siebert

Georgia State University

- “Survival, Growth, and Productivity of Small Businesses in the U.S.”
Jing (Sophia) Xue; Liu Yang (University of Maryland)
- “The Employment and Wage Effects of Mergers and Acquisitions”
Jing (Sophia) Xue; Xi He and Liu Yang (University of Maryland); *David Autor* (MIT); *Agustin Hurtado Arzola* (University of Chicago)
- “Market Frictions and Innovation: Financing, Human-Capital and Competition”
Jing (Sophia) Xue; Liu Yang and Geoffery Tate (University of Maryland); *Francesco D’Acunto* (Georgetown University)
- “Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Changes in Prescription Medication Expenditures on Smoking Cessation Medication among U.S. Adults before and during the COVID-19 Pandemic”
Zongshuan Duan; Qihua Qiu (Augusta University)
- “Employers in the U.S. Nonprofit Sector”
Benjamin Marx; Yuci Chen (UpJohn Institute)

Georgia Institute of Technology

- “A Linked Longitudinal American Community Survey Sub-Sample to Understand Commuting Behavior”
Duarte Carlson and Patricia Mokhtarian, and Eliana Duarte-Carlson.; Chris Bollinger, Gregory Erhardt, Nathaniel Pinhas, and Krishnan Viswanathan (University of Kentucky)
- “Investigating e-cig Policy Effects on Adult Use of e-cigs”
Daniel Dench
- “The Long-Term Labor Market Effects of Energy Transition: Evidence from Restricted Microdata”
Dylan Brewer; Jancy Ling Liu (Wooster); *Yichen Zhou, Jonghyeok Choi* (Clemson University); *Hei Sing Chan* (University of Manchester)

Emory University

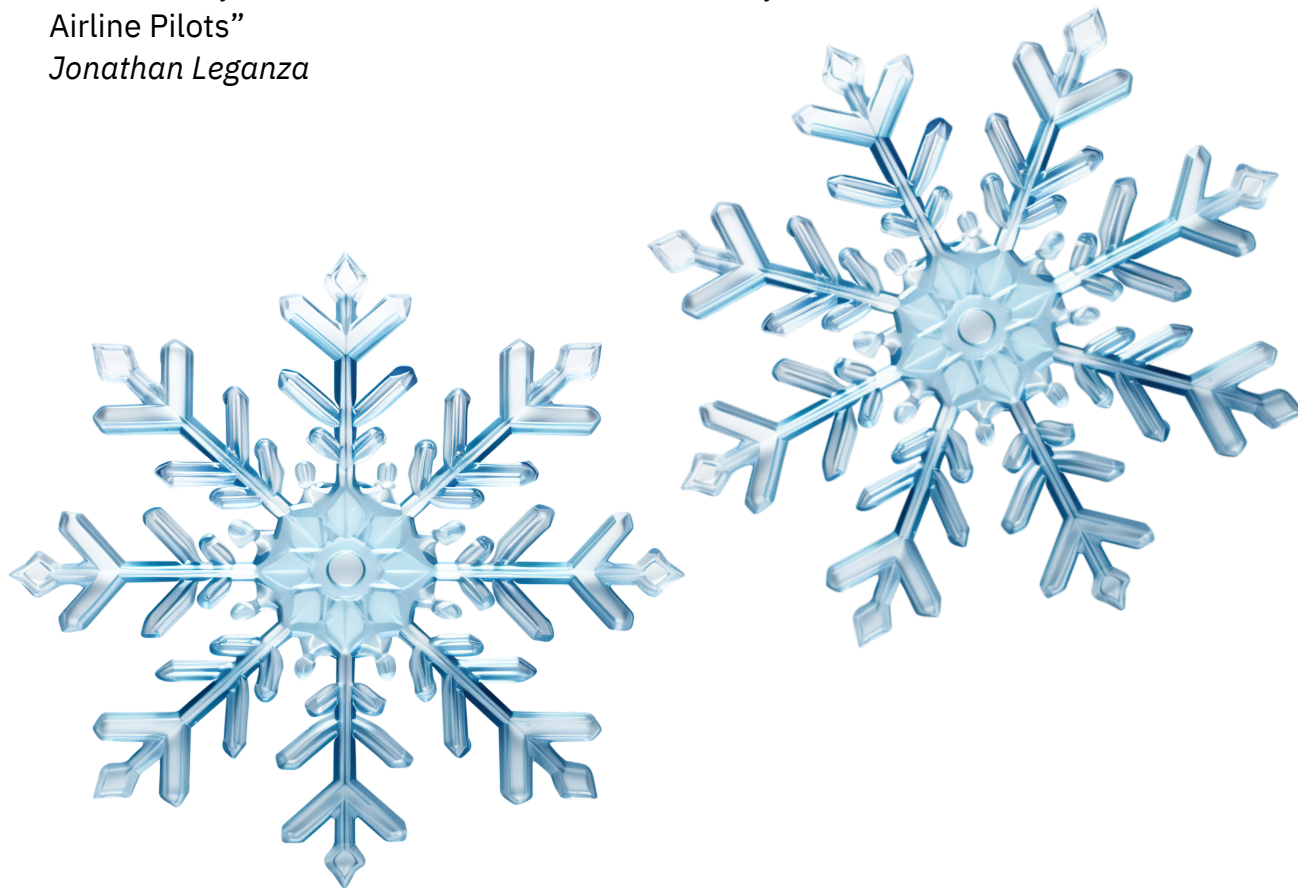
- “The ACA and Health Care and Outcomes Among Cancer Patients and Survivors”
Xuesong Han and Xu J; Xin Hu (University of Virginia)
- “Evaluating Implications of Variation in State Contraceptive Access Policies for Women’s Preventive Health Service Use, Outcomes and Disparities”
Whitney Rice, Sara Redd, and Alina Luke
- “The Impacts of Medicaid Expansion and Medicaid Managed Care on Behavioral Health Services Use among Nonelderly Populations”
Yidan Zhang and Allison Ju-Chen Hu
- “How Does the Mortgage Liability Affect Career Decision? Evidence of Cash Flow Hedging in Household Financial Planning”
Wei Jiang; Xiao Cen (Texas A&M University); Nan Li (University of Minnesota)
- “Corporate Financial and Nonfinancial Decisions, Human Capital, and Trades”
Wei Jiang; Xiao Cen, Tristan Fitzgerald, and Xiaoding Liu (Texas A&M University); Nan Li (University of Minnesota)
- “Estimating prevalence of men who have sex with men (MSM) by urbanicity and region”
Duygu Islek Yaras

University of Georgia

- “Economic Burden of Cancer Survivorship Attributable to Physical Inactivity in the US and the State of Georgia, 2006–2016”
Zhuo Chen and Donglan Zhang; Xuesong Han (Emory University and the American Cancer Society)
- “Trends and Patterns of Geographic Variation in Dietary Intake and Diet Quality Among US Adults, 2007–2018”
Donglan Zhang and Zhuo Chen; Yan Li and Junxiu Liu (Icahn Schl. of Medicine at Mount Sinai)
- “Labor Hiring Strategies: Determinants and Implications for Firm Financials”
Jie He; Zhongling Qin (Auburn University); Xiao Ren (Chinese University of Hong Kong–Shenzhen); Miao Zhang and Selale Tuzel (University of Southern California)
- “College Major Choice and Labor Market Matching”
Josh Kinsler; Ronni Pavan and Woosuk Choi (University of Rochester); Boris Orellana (Boston University)
- “The Effect of Hospital Breastfeeding Policies on Infant Outcomes”
Emily Lawler
- “The Effect of Community Context on Civic Behaviors”
Rebecca Nesbit; Laurie Paarlberg (Indiana University)
- “Labor Union Membership and the Baby Boom”
Henry Downes

Clemson University

- “Non-Market Sources of Monopsony Power in the US”
Michael Makowsky and Adam Soliman; Peter Brummund (University of Alabama)
- “Dynamic Export Capabilities and Export Venture Success”
Annette Tower; Kelly Hewett (Colorado State University); Katrijn Gielens (University of North Carolina)
- “Labor Demand and Firms’ Discount Rates”
Paulo Lins; Lorenz Ekerdt (US Census); Kai-Jie Wu (Penn State University)
- “The Life-Cycle Labor Market Effects of Mandatory Retirement: Evidence from Airline Pilots”
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