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EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles, PhD Geography, 2017

University of Leuven, MSc Statistics, 2012

University College Dublin, MA Geography, 2011

University College Dublin, BA Economics & Geography, 2010

APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 2024-2025

Arizona State University

Associate Professor of Geography, 2022-present

Assistant Professor, 2018-2022

Affiliated faculty, Spatial Analysis Research Center (SPARC)

Affiliated faculty, Institute of Social Science Research (ISSR)

University of Colorado Boulder

Research Associate, Institute of Behavioral Science, 2017-2018

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Tellman, B., Jain, M., Eakin, H., Connor, D., & de Alba, F. (2026). Electoral politics influence expansion and titling of informal urban settlements. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *123*(21), e2421303123.

Xie, S., & Connor, D. S. (2026). STEMming from Where? Spatial and Demographic Income Disparities in the US Technology Workforce. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1-22.

Connor, D. S., Xie, S., Jang, J., Frazier, A., Kedron, P., Jain, G., Yu, Y., Kemeny, T. (2025). Big cities fuel inequality within and across generations. ***PNAS nexus***, 4(2), pgae587.

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Connor, D. S., Berg, A. K., Kemeny, T., & Kedron, P. J. (2024). Who gets left behind by left behind places?. ***Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society***, *17*(1), 37-58.

Suss, J., Kemeny, T., & Connor, D. S. (2024). GEOWEALTH: spatial wealth inequality data for the United States, 1960-2020. ***Scientific Data***. Volume 11, article number 253.

Connor, D. S., Kemeny, T., & Storper, M. (2024). Frontier workers and the seedbeds of inequality and prosperity. ***Journal of Economic Geography***, *24*(3), 393-414.

Connor, D. S., Xie, S., Uhl, J. H., Talbot, C., Hester, C., Jaworski, T., ... & Hunter, L. (2024), Spatial poverty dynamics and social mobility in rural America. ***Population, Space and Place***, e2802.

Goodchild, M. F., Connor, D., Fotheringham, A. S., Frazier, A., Kedron, P., Li, W., & Tong, D. (2024). Digital twins in urban informatics. ***Urban Informatics***, 3(1), 1-9.

Ó Gráda, C., Anbinder, T., Connor, D., & Wegge, S. A. (2023). The problem of false positives in automated census linking: Nineteenth-century New York's Irish immigrants as a case study. ***Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History***, *56*(4), 240-259.

Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Catron, P., Connor, D., & Voigt, R. (2023). The refugee advantage: English-language attainment in the early twentieth century. ***Sociological Science***, *10*, 769-805.

Connor, D. S., Hunter, L., Jang, J., & Uhl, J. H. (2023). Family, community, and the rural social mobility advantage. ***Research in Social Stratification and Mobility***, *87*, 100844.

Connor, D. (2021), In the name of the father? Fertility, religion and child naming in the demographic transition, ***Demography*** 58 (5), 1793-1815.

Connor, D. S., Storper, M. (2020), The changing geography of social mobility in the United States, ***Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences***, 117 (48).

Hunter, L. M., Talbot, C. B., Connor, D. S., Counterman, M., Uhl, J. H., Gutmann, M. P., & Leyk, S. (2020), Change in US Small Town Community Capitals, 1980–2010, ***Population Research and Policy Review***, 39, 913-940.

Leyk, S., Uhl, J. H., Connor, D. S., Braswell, A. E., Mietkiewicz, N., Balch, J. K., & Gutmann, M. (2020), Two centuries of settlement and urban development in the United States, ***Science Advances***, *6*(23), eaba2937.

Connor, D. S. (2020), Class background, reception context and intergenerational mobility: A record linkage and surname analysis of the children of Irish immigrants, ***International Migration Review***, 54(1), 4-34.

Connor, D. S., Gutmann, M., Clement, K., Cunningham, A., Leyk, S. (2020), How entrenched is the spatial structure of inequality in cities? Integrating Census and Zillow building data for Denver from 1940-2016, ***Annals of the American Association of Geographers***, 110(4), 1022-1039.

Connor, D. S. (2019), The cream of the crop? Geography, networks and Irish migrant selection in the Age of Mass Migration, ***The Journal of Economic History***, 79(1), 139-175.

Connor, D. S. (2017), Poverty, religious differences and child mortality in the early 20th Century: The case of Dublin, ***Annals of the American Association of Geographers.*** 107(3), 625-646.

FUNDED RESEARCH

AWARDED (PI)	**National Institute on Aging & University of Minnesota Life Course Center.** Context and Cognitive Difficulty: A GeoAI Analysis of Social Disparities in Cognitive Ageing across Rural and Urban Places, 2000-2021 (**Total award: $25,000**)
AWARDED (CO-I)	**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).** Arizona Research Center for Housing Equity and Sustainability (ARCHES) (**Total award: $3,000,000**)
AWARDED (CO-PI)	**National Science Foundation.** Analytics for Equity. Holistic spatial flood vulnerability assessment for historically underserved communities: A trial analysis for Houston, Texas (**Total award: $74,561**)
2023 (CO-PI)	**Institute of Social Science Research.** Seed Grant. "Uncovering the Factors Driving Urbanization in Flood Zones: A Spatial and Qualitative Analysis" **(Total award: $3,667)**
2022 (JOINT PI)	**Institute of Social Science Research.** Seed Grant. "COVID-19 as an accelerant of urban expansion into fire-prone wildlands?" **(Total award: $8,000)**
2020-2022 (CONSULTANT)	**First Things First.** First Things First Home Visiting Needs Assessment. First Things First (**Total award: $144,123**)
2020-2025 (SEN PERS)	**National Science Foundation.** Research Collaboration Network. "Building an Interdisciplinary Community of Big Microdata Researchers." PI Catherine Fitch, Steven Ruggles, Rob Warren, funded on second submission. (**Total award: $499,055**)
2019-2021 (CO-PI)	**National Institute of Health.** R21. "Trends, transitions and well-being in small town America." PI Lori Hunter, Myron Gutmann, Stefan Leyk (**Total award: $431,089**)
2019-2022 (co-PI)	**National Science Foundation.** Human Disasters and the Built Environment. "The creeping disaster along the coast: Built environment, coastal communities and population vulnerability to sea level rise." PI Stefan Leyk, Anna Braswell (**Total award: $418,339)**

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2025	Editors' Choice Award, 2024, for best paper published in the *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* for "Who gets left behind by left behind places?"
2025	Best poster award, Population Association of America for "Wealth reduces risk of cognitive impairment in old age"
2024	Annual for Faculty Excellence in Mentoring and Teaching, School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning, Arizona State University

2022-2023	Professor of Impact Award, The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University
2022-2023	Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, Graduate College, Arizona State University, Nominee
2021, 2023, 2024	College Teaching Award, Arizona State University, Nominee

SELECTED INVITED TALKS & COLLOQUIA

UC Santa Barbara, Broom Center for Demography	Jan, 2026
European Commission/OECD Policy Seminar	June, 2025
University of Hong Kong, Department of Geography	May, 2025
University of California Davis, Department of Economics	April, 2025
Stanford University, Department of Economics	April, 2025
University of California Berkeley, City and Regional Planning	March, 2025
Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education	Jan, 2025
University of Arizona, School of Geography, Development & Environment	Nov, 2024
Florida State University, Center for Demography and Population Health	March, 2024
University of Michigan, Survey Research Center	Nov, 2023
Brown University, Population Studies and Training Center & S4	Mar, 2023
Princeton University, Social Policy	Nov, 2022
University of Washington, Center for Demography and Ecology	Apr, 2022
University of Wisconsin Madison, School of Human Ecology	Dec, 2021
Maynooth University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics	Dec, 2021
University of California Davis, Department of Economics	Nov, 2021
University of Colorado Boulder, Institute of Behavioral Science	Oct, 2021
National Bureau of Economic Research, Immigrants, and the US Economy	Mar, 2021
University of California Irvine, Department of Economics	Mar, 2021
Alan Turing Institute, Spatial Analysis and Data Series	Mar, 2021
London School of Economics, International Inequalities Institute	Feb, 2021
University of Chicago, Population Research Center	Feb, 2021
University of Minnesota, Minnesota Population Center	Nov, 2019
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Department of Sociology	Sep, 2019
University of Hong Kong, Department of Geography	Sep, 2019
Umea University, Department of Geography and Economic History	Dec, 2018
Lund University, Department of Economic History	Dec, 2018
Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics	Nov, 2018
UC Santa Barbara, Broom Center for Demography	Nov, 2018
California Center for Population Research, Invited Speaker for 20th Anniversary	Oct, 2018

Arizona State University, School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning	Feb, 2018
Mount Holyoke College, Annual Geography Speaker	Nov, 2017
University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Geography	Nov, 2017

SELECTED SERVICE

Editorial Board: Annals of the American Association of Geography; Applied Geography; PNAS Nexus (guest editor).

Expert Advisory Panel Member, Urban Institute

Expert Advisory Panel Member, Big Microdata Network, IPUMS

Judge for 2024 Book of the Year for the Geographical Society of Ireland

Judge for the 2023 Newcomb Cleveland Prize for best paper by the *American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)*

Chair - Population Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, 2023-2026

Vice Chair - Population Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, 2022-2023

Board Member - Population Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, 2018-2022

Session organizer and/or chair, American Association of Geographers, 2018-2022, 27 sessions

Poster competition judge, Population Association of America, 2021

Session chair, Population Association of America, 2020

Discussant, Social Science History Association, 2019-2021, 2 sessions

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Director of the Life Chances Lab at Arizona State University.

Current students

Zhining Gu (PhD, chair); Nikita Soni (PhD, co-chair); Edwin Ramierez (PhD, committee member)

Completed students

2026: Jiwon Jang (PhD, chair, University of Toronto, post-doc), Anshita Bhardwaj (MSc), Nicole Corcoran (PhD, UC Davis, post-doc)

2025: Garima Jain (PhD, co-chair, Stanford University post-doc); Yilei Yu (PhD, chair, Rice University post-doc); Alex Cliff (PhD, co-chair, industry)

2024: Siqiao Xie (PhD, co-chair, CU Boulder post-doc); Sarah Bardin (PhD, co-chair, Mathematica)

2023: Aleksander Berg (MA, co-chair)

2022: Junzhou Lu (MA)

2021: Michael Coffey (MA, chair)