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Current Positions

Dean, Sauder School of Business
Grosvenor Professor of Cities, Business Economics and Public Policy
University of British Columbia

Education

M.A., Ph.D., Economics, Princeton University 1982, 1985
B.S., Economics (Honors) and Mathematics, University of Oregon 1979

Past Positions

Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley
Professor and Chair in Real Estate Development 2008-2012
Co-Chair, Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics 2008-2012
Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia
Senior Associate Dean, Faculty and Research 2002-08
Watkinson Professor of Environmental and Land Management 2002-08
Alumni Professor of Urban and Public Economics 2000-02
Philip H. White Professor of Urban Land Economics 1997-99
Director, UBC Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics 1992-97
Associate Professor of Urban Land Economics 1992-97
Chair, Urban Land Economics Division 1991-97
Real Estate Foundation Junior Professor of Urban Land Economics 1989-92
Assistant Professor of Urban Land Economics 1984-91
ECO Northwest, Ltd.
Economic Analyst 1979-80

Significant Service Activities

University of California, Berkeley
Member, Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation 2010-2011
University of British Columbia
Member, Steering Committee for Academic Planning, Office of the President 2007
Chair, Senate ad hoc Committee for the Review of U21Global 2006
Member, University Senate 2006
Member, Senior Appointments Committee 2002
Member, President's Committee on 21st Century Chairs 2000
Member, Hampton Grants Committee 1999-2000

Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia	
Chair, Building Committee	2006-08
Chair, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committees	1999-2001
Director of Research	1999
American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association	
Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors	1998
Chair, Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee	1992

External Reviews

Babson College	2014
Real Estate Program, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania	2009
University of Toronto, Rotman School of Business	2006

Editorial Activities

Co-Editor, <i>Journal of Urban Economics</i>	2009-2012
Board of Editors, <i>Journal of Urban Economics</i>	1996-2008, 2013-
Associate Editor, <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i>	1997-2004
Ad hoc referee for: <i>American Economic Review</i> , <i>Cambridge University Press</i> , <i>Canadian Journal of Economics</i> , <i>Eastern Economic Review</i> , <i>Econometrica</i> , <i>Economic Journal</i> , <i>Harvard University Press</i> , <i>International Economic Review</i> , <i>Journal of Economic Literature</i> , <i>Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics</i> , <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , <i>Journal of Public Economic Theory</i> , <i>Journal of Public Economics</i> , <i>Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics</i> , <i>Journal of Regional Science</i> , <i>Journal of Urban Economics</i> , <i>National Science Foundation</i> , <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i> , <i>Papers in Regional Science</i> , <i>Public Choice</i> , <i>Real Estate Economics</i> , <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i> , <i>Review of Financial Studies</i> , <i>Southern Economic Journal</i> , <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada</i> , <i>Urban Studies</i>	

Invited Presentations

Harvard University	1984, 1989
Kyoto University	2001
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1984
Universita Boconni, Milan	2001
Université Catholique, Louvain	2002
University of California, Berkeley	1984, 1999, 2004, 2007
University of Colorado	1998
University of Florida	2001
University of Illinois	1999
University of Southern California	2007
Simon Fraser University	1989, 1997
University of Tokyo	2001, 2009
Washington State University	1984

Awards

Graduate Teaching Award, Princeton University	1984
First Prize, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Doctoral	1986

Dissertation Competition	
Homer Hoyt Advanced Studies Institute Post Doctoral Award	1987
Izaak Walton Killam Faculty Research Fellowship, University of British Columbia	1990

Current Working Papers

“Form follows finance,” with P. Patel, May 2013.

Publications in Refereed Journals

“Coagglomeration, clusters and the scale and composition of cities,” with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.

“Social networks and interactions in cities,” with Y. Zenou, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 150, pp. 426-466, 2014.

"Entrepreneurs and cities: Complexity, thickness and balance," with W.C. Strange, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 41, pp. 550-559, 2011.

“Sprawl and blight,” with J.K. Brueckner, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 69, pp. 205-213, 2011.

"A game-theoretic analysis of skyscrapers," with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 64, pp. 49-64, 2008.

"Agglomeration, opportunism and the organization of production, " with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 62, pp. 55-75, 2007.

"Interactions and urban spatial structure, " with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Economic Geography*, 7, pp.119-138, March 2007.

"Mixed markets and crime," with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Public Economics*, 89, pp. 1251-1275, 2005.

"Knowledge barter in cities," with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 56, pp. 327-345, 2004.

"Innovation and input sharing," with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 51, pp. 25-45, 2002.

"Stolen gun control," with A.M. O'Sullivan, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 50(3), pp. 436-447, 2001.

"Social interactions and the institutions of local government," with W.C. Strange, *American Economic Review*, 90(5), pp. 1477-1490, 2000.

"Potential competition and public sector performance," with W.C. Strange, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 30(4), pp. 405-429, 2000.

"Gated communities and the economic geography of crime," with W.C. Strange *Journal of Urban Economics*, 46(1), pp. 80-105, 1999.

"Private government," with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Public Economics*, 69(2), pp. 281-304, 1998.

"Limited developers," with W.C. Strange, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, XXX(2), pp. 329-348, 1997.

"Strategic growth controls," with W.C. Strange, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 25(4), pp. 435-460, 1995.

"Altruistic voting and campaign contributions," with A.M. O'Sullivan, *Journal of Public Economics*, 55(1), pp. 107-120, 1994.

"City formation with commitment," with W.C. Strange, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 24(3) pp. 373-390, 1994.

"Redevelopment and the land price gradient," with S.S. Rosenthal, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 35(2), pp. 182-200, 1994.

"Exclusion and the private enforcement of property rights," with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Public Economics*, 53(2), pp. 291-308, 1994.

"Exclusion and the theory of clubs," with W. C. Strange, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, XXIV(4), pp. 888-899, 1991.

"Urban subcenter formation," with A.M. O'Sullivan, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 21(2), pp. 255-275, 1991.

"Agglomeration economies and urban capital markets," with W.C. Strange, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 29(1), pp. 96-112, 1991.

"Matching and agglomeration economies in a system of cities," with W.C. Strange, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 20, pp. 189-212, 1990. Reprinted in Henderson, J.V. (ed) *New Economic Geography*. The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, 2005.

"Knowledge and production in the CBD," *Journal of Urban Economics*, 28(3), pp. 391-403, 1990. Abstracted in *Zentralblatt für Mathematik (Mathematics Abstracts)*, Berlin: Springer, 1991.

"The stochastic city," with D.R. Capozza, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 28(2), pp. 187-203, 1990. Reprinted in Parks, P.J. and I.W. Harde (eds.) *The Economics of Land Use*. The International Library of Environmental Economics and Policy. Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate, 2003, pp. 195-211. Reprinted in Cheshire, P.C. and Duranton, G. (eds.) *Recent Developments in Urban and Regional Economics*. The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, pp. 3-19, 2004.

"The fundamentals of land prices and urban growth," with D.R. Capozza, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 26(3), pp. 295-306, 1989. Reprinted in Parks, P.J. and I.W. Harde (eds.) *The Economics of Land Use*. The International Library of Environmental Economics and Policy. Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate, 2003, pp. 183-194.

"The location of international financial activity: An interregional analysis," with M.A. Goldberg and M.D. Levi, *Regional Studies*, 23(1), pp. 1-7, 1989. Reprinted in Roberts, R (ed.) *International Financial Centres: Volume 3. International Financial Centres of Europe, North America and Asia*. Elgar Reference Collection Series. Aldershot, U.K.: Elgar, pp. 406-412, 1994.

"On the development of international financial centers," with M.A. Goldberg and M.D. Levi, *The Annals of Regional Science*, XXII, pp. 81-94, 1988. Reprinted in Roberts, R (ed.) *International Financial Centres: Volume 1. International Financial Centres: Concepts, Development and Dynamics*. Elgar Reference Collection Series. Aldershot, U.K.: Elgar, pp. 81-94, 1994.

Books

Urban and Real Estate Economics. Real Estate Division, Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia, 2000. 241 pages.

Book Chapters

"Urban political economy," in S.N. Durlauf and L.E. Blume (eds.) *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, Macmillan, 2008.

"Urban political economics," J.F. Thisse and V. Henderson (eds.) *Handbook of Regional and Urban Economics, Volume 4*. Amsterdam: North-Holland, pp. 2381-2421, 2004.

"The growth of international financial services and the evolution of international financial centers," with M.A. Goldberg and M.D. Levi, in F.W. Daniels (ed.), *Services and Metropolitan Development: International Perspectives*. London: Routledge, pp. 44-65, 1991.

"The prerequisites for an international financial center," with M.A. Goldberg and M.D. Levi, in M. Park and Essayyad (eds.) *International Banking and Financial Centers*. Norwell, Mass.: Kluwer, pp. 49-66, 1989.

Conference Proceedings

Commentary on Nelson, "Community associations: Decentralizing local government privately," in G.K. Ingram and Y.-H. Hong (eds.) *Fiscal Decentralization and Land Policies*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, pp. 256-258, 2008.

"City developers and efficiency," with W.C. Strange, *Proceedings, International Conference on Land Problems and Urban Policies*. Kyoto University, 1993.

"Strategic growth controls," with W.C. Strange, *Proceedings, International Conference on Land Problems and Urban Policies*. Kyoto University, 1993.

"Urban growth and the price of land," with D.R. Capozza and E.S. Mills, *Proceedings, Administrative Sciences Association of Canada*, 1986.

Reviews

Review of *Economics of Agglomeration*, by Fujita, M. and J.-F. Thisse, *Journal of Economic Geography*, 4, 345-349, 2004.

Review of *Handbook of Urban and Regional Economics, Volume 3: Applied Urban Economics*, edited by Cheshire, P, and E.S. Mills, *Journal of Economic Literature*, XL, pp. 225-226, 2002.

Review of *An Essay in Urban Economic Theory*, by Papageorgiou, Y.Y. and D. Pines, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 31(5), pp. 626-630, 2001.

Review of *Analytical Urban Economics*, edited by Richardson, H, K. Button, P. Nijkamp and H. Parks, *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 28, pp. 243-248, 1998.

Unpublished Working Papers

"The structure of urban land prices and rents with growth and uncertainty," with D.R. Capozza, University of British Columbia, 1986.

"Agglomeration and external economies," University of British Columbia, 1985.

"Agglomeration economies and spatial equilibria," University of British Columbia, 1985.