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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, December 2005
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

M.S. Agricultural and Applied Economics, December 2003
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

B.S. Mathematics, 2nd Major in Economics, May 1998
University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA

EXPERIENCE

7/19 - Present	Sarkeys Distinguished Professor (7/19-8/20); Jean & Patsy Neustadt Chair (9/20 - Present), Oklahoma State University
6/06 - 6/11 - 6/16 - Present	Assistant / Associate / Full Professor, Oklahoma State University Department of Agricultural Economics
1/06 - 5/06	Visiting Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
9/01 - 12/05	Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
06/98 - 8/01	Mathematician, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA

RESEARCH / EXTENSION INTERESTS

- Telecommunications and technology policies
- Rural economic development
- Rural health
- Development policy evaluation
- Broadband access and effective use

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Extension: 70%
Research: 20%
Teaching: 10%

- AGEC 4723, Rural Economic Development (undergraduate)
- AGEC 6222, Spatial Econometrics (Ph.D. level; 2-credit class)

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (n = 66)

66. Whoi Cho*, **Brian Whitacre**, and Claudia Rhoades*. Forthcoming. "The Effect of Tornadoes on Housing Prices in Moore, Oklahoma." *Review of Regional Studies*.
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62. Ty Rope Smith* and **Brian Whitacre**. 2021. "The Impact of USDA's Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program on Tax Revenue in Oklahoma Communities." *Community Development* 52(2):205-224. [Link](#)
61. Roberto Gallardo, **Brian Whitacre**, Indraneel Kumar, and Sreedhar Upendram. 2021. "Broadband Metrics and Job Productivity: A Look at County-Level Data." *The Annals of Regional Science* 66: 161-184. [Link](#)
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59. **Brian Whitacre** and Roberto Gallardo. 2020. "State Broadband Policy: Impacts on Availability." *Telecommunications Policy* 44(9): 102025. [Link](#)
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57. Kelsey Conley* and **Brian Whitacre**. 2020. "Home Is Where the Internet Is? High Speed Internet's Impact on Rural Housing Values." *International Regional Science Review* 43(5): 501-530. [Link](#)
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55. **Brian Whitacre**, Dylan Johnston*, David Shideler, and Notie Lansford. 2020. "The Influence of Oil and Gas Employment on Local Retail Spending: Evidence from Oklahoma Panel Data." *The Annals of Regional Science* 64(1): 133-157. [Link](#)
54. Kwideok Han*, **Brian Whitacre**, and Inbae Ji. 2020. "Estimating the Impacts of EDA Public Works Program Investments on County Employment." *Economic Development Quarterly* 34(3): 283-293. [Link](#)
53. Bento Lobo, Rafayet Alam, and **Brian Whitacre**. 2020. "Broadband Speed and Unemployment Rates: Data and Measurement Issues." *Telecommunications Policy* 44(1):101829. [Link](#)

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49. Jacob Manlove† and **Brian Whitacre**. 2019. "An Evaluation of the Connected Nation Broadband Adoption Program." *Telecommunications Policy* 43(7): 101809. [Link](#)
48. **Brian Whitacre**. 2019. "Building a Rural Library Hotspot Lending Program: Results From a 1-Year Pilot." *Journal of Extension* [On-line], 57(2) Article 2FEA2. [Link](#)
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45. **Brian Whitacre**, Rafayet Alam, and Bento Lobo. 2018. "Econometric Error Nullifies Finding of the Impact of Broadband Speed on County-level Employment." *Information Economics and Policy* 44: 58-60. [Link](#)
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41. **Brian Whitacre**. 2017. "The Influence of the Degree of Rurality on EMR Adoption, by Physician Specialty." *Health Services Research* 52(2): 616-633. [Link](#)
40. **Brian Whitacre**, Denna Wheeler, and Chad Landgraf. 2017. "What Can the National Broadband Map Tell Us About the Healthcare Connectivity Gap?" *The Journal of Rural Health* 33(3): 284-289. [Link](#)
39. **Brian Whitacre** and Jacob Manlove*. 2016. "Broadband and Civic Engagement in Rural Areas: What Matters?" *Community Development* 47(5): 700-717. [Link](#)
38. Tyler Mark, Terry Griffin, and **Brian Whitacre**. 2016. "The Role of Wireless Broadband Connectivity for 'Big Data' and Agriculture in the U.S. and Australia." *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* 19(A): 43-56. [Link](#)

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35. **Brian Whitacre**, David Shideler, and Randi Williams*. 2016. “Do Incentive Programs Cause Growth? The Case of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program and Community-level Economic Growth.” *Economic Development Quarterly* 30(1): 62-74. [Link](#)
34. Tayler Witte*, Eric DeVuyst, **Brian Whitacre**, and Rodney Jones. 2015. “Modeling the Impact of Distance between Offices and Borrowers on Agricultural Loan Volume.” *Agricultural Finance Review* 75(4): 484-498. [Link](#)
33. **Brian Whitacre**, Sharon Strover, and Roberto Gallardo. 2015. “How Much Does Broadband Infrastructure Matter? Decomposing the Rural – Urban Adoption Gap with the Help of the National Broadband Map.” *Government Information Quarterly* 32(3): 261-269. [Link](#)
32. **Brian Whitacre** and Colin Rhinesmith. 2015. “Public Libraries and Residential Broadband Adoption: Do More Computers Lead to Higher Rates?” *Government Information Quarterly* 32(2): 164-171. [Link](#)
31. **Brian Whitacre**. 2015. “Rural Electronic Medical Record Adoption Rates Overtake Those in Urban Areas.” *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association* 22(2): 399-408. [Link](#)
30. **Brian Whitacre** and Randi Williams*. 2015. “Electronic Medical Record Adoption in Oklahoma Practices: Rural – Urban Differences and the Role of Broadband Availability.” *The Journal of Rural Health* 31(1): 47-57. [Link](#)
29. Ashley Poston* and **Brian Whitacre** (senior authorship shared). 2014. “How Specialized is ‘Too’ Specialized? Outmigration and Industry Diversification in Nonmetropolitan Counties across America.” *The Journal of Economics* 40(2): 37-63. [Link](#)
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17. **Brian Whitacre**. 2010. "Rural Broadband Availability and Adoption in Oklahoma." *Choices* 25(4). [Link](#)
16. Lori Dickes, R. David Lamie, and **Brian Whitacre**. 2010. "The Struggle for Broadband in Rural America." *Choices* 25(4). [Link](#)
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14. **Brian Whitacre**. 2010. "The Market and Infrastructure Perspective for Broadband: Reply." *The Annals of Regional Science* 45(1): 239-243. [Link](#)
13. **Brian Whitacre** and Bradford Mills. 2010. "A Need for Speed? Rural Internet Connectivity and the No access / Dial-up / High-speed Decision." *Applied Economics* 42(15): 1889-1905. [Link](#)
12. **Brian Whitacre**. 2010. "The Diffusion of Internet Technologies to Rural Communities: A Portrait of Broadband Supply and Demand." *American Behavioral Scientist* 53 (9): 1283-1303. [Link](#)
11. Shida Henneberry, **Brian Whitacre**, and Haerani Agustini. 2009. "An Evaluation of the Economic Impacts of Oklahoma Farmer's Markets." *Journal of Food Distribution Research* 40 (3): 64-78. [Link](#)
10. Dustin Colegrove and **Brian Whitacre**. 2009. "Interest in Rural Medicine among Osteopathic Residents and Medical Students." *Rural and Remote Health* [On-line], 9: 1192. [Link](#)
9. **Brian Whitacre**, Pam Hartman, Sarah Boggs, and Val Schott. 2009. "A Community Perspective on Quantifying the Economic Impact of Teleradiology and Telepsychiatry." *The Journal of Rural Health* 25(2): 194-197. [Link](#)

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8. **Brian Whitacre** and Phumsith Mahasuweerachai*. 2008. "'Small' Broadband Providers and Federal Assistance Programs: Solving the Digital Divide?" *The Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* 38(3): 254-268. [Link](#)
7. **Brian Whitacre**. 2008. "Factors Influencing the Temporal Diffusion of Broadband Adoption: Evidence from Oklahoma." *The Annals of Regional Science*. 42(3): 661-679. [Link](#)
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4. Christina Biedny*, Brian Whitacre and Roberto Gallardo. "Do 'Dig-Once' and Permitting Policies Improve Fiber Availability?" Initial submission to *Telecommunications Policy*, August 2021.
3. Yancheng Li* and Brian Whitacre. "The Impact of Economic Growth on Adult Obesity Rates in Rural America." Initial submission to *Review of Regional Studies*, July 2021.
2. Claudia Rhoades*, Brian Whitacre, and Alison Davis. "Higher Electronic Health Record (EHR) Functionality Lowers Urban – But Not Rural – Hospital Costs." Initial submission to *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, July 2021.
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WORKING PAPERS (n = 5)

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5. Brian Whitacre, Christina Biedny*, and Sonja Wall. "A Preview of the Broadband Fabric: Opportunities and Issues for Researchers and Policymakers."

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3. Mckenzie Carvalho^{*}, Amy Hagerman, and Brian Whitacre. “Teleworking and COVID-19 Unemployment Rates: Impacts Across the Rural-Urban Spectrum.”
2. Devon Meadowcroft, David Peters, and Brian Whitacre. “Understanding the Effect of State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs on Local Opioid Mortality.”
1. Bento Lobo, Brian Whitacre, and Hilal Atasoy. “Broadband and Labor Market Spillovers.”

OUTREACH ORIENTED REPORTS (n = 162)

Claudia Rhoades^{*}, Brian Whitacre, and Alison Davis. “Higher Electronic Health Record (EHR) Functionality Lowers Urban Hospital Costs, But Rural Impacts Are Minimal.” Policy Brief for Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. September 2021. 5 pp. [Link](#)

Brian Whitacre and Katy Rippetoe[§]. “Mask Mandates and Retail Consumer Spending: A Comparison of Oklahoma Communities during COVID-19.” Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet AGEC-1998. June 2021. 6 pp. [Link](#)

Keima Borsuah and Brian Whitacre. “Drug Disposal Options for Rural Communities.” Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet AGEC-1994. November 2020. 4 pp. [Link](#)

Jacob Sestak[§], Ridge Hughbanks[§], and Brian Whitacre. “Do Home Computers / Internet Access Affect Student Performance?” Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet AGEC-1922. August 2020. 6 pp. [Link](#)

Brian Whitacre. “COVID-19 Employment Outlook Across OK Counties.” Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Fact Sheet. May 2020. 3 pp. [Link](#)

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Sonja Wall and Brian Whitacre. “COVID-19 Response: Emergency Broadband and Internet Resources for Oklahoma.” Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. April 2020. 4 pp. [Link](#)

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Ryechan Lee[§], Brian Whitacre, and David Shideler. “What Drives Small-town Growth in Oklahoma?” Oklahoma State University Extension Fact Sheet AGEC-1080. November 2018. 6 pp. [Link](#)

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Bradford Mills, Brian Whitacre, and Christiana Hilmer. “Working More, but Staying Poor.” Policy brief for the Food Assistance Needs of the South’s Vulnerable Populations series (funded by SRDC). October 2005, Number 11, 8 pp.

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Whoi Cho*, Brian Whitacre, and Claudia Rhoades*. “The Effects of Tornadoes on Housing Prices in Moore, Oklahoma.” Paper to be presented at the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. Nov 10-13, 2021.

Brian Whitacre and Christina Biedny*. “A Preview of the Broadband Fabric: Opportunities for Researchers and Policymakers.” Paper to be presented at Making it Count: Applying Science to Support Universal Affordable Broadband Adoption Conference (APLU Conference). October 27, 2021 (Virtual session).

Christina Biedny*, Brian Whitacre and Roberto Gallardo. “Do ‘Dig-Once’ and Permitting Policies Improve Fiber Availability?” Paper to be presented at the Telecommunications Policy Research Conference. Sep. 22, 2021 (Virtual session).

Mckenzie Carvalho* (presenter), Amy Hagerman, and Brian Whitacre. “Teleworking and COVID-19 Unemployment Rates: Impacts Across the Rural-Urban Spectrum.” Track session paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. August 2, 2021.

Claudia Rhoades* (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Alison Davis. “EHR Functionality and Hospital Costs: Rural vs. Urban.” Selected paper presented at the National Rural Health Association annual conference. May 6, 2021 (Virtual session).

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Yancheng Li* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “The Impact of Economic Growth on Obesity Rates in Rural America.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association annual meeting. Apr. 9, 2021 (Virtual session).

Brian Whitacre and Roberto Gallardo. “State Broadband Policy: Impact on Rural Internet Availability.” Selected paper presented at Telecommunications Policy Research Conference. Feb. 17, 2021 (Virtual session).

Brian Whitacre and Roberto Gallardo. “State Broadband Policy: Impact on Rural Internet Availability.” Selected paper presented at Agricultural and Applied Economics Association annual meeting. Aug 18, 2020 (Virtual session).

Brian Whitacre, Dylan Johnston*, David Shideler, and Notie Lansford. “The Influence of Oil and Natural Gas Employment on Local Retail Spending: Evidence from Oklahoma.” Selected paper accepted for presentation at the Western Regional Science annual meeting, Waikiki, HA. Mar 18- 21, 2020. (Conference canceled)

Ty Rope Smith* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “The Impact of USDA’s Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program on Tax Revenue in Oklahoma Communities.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) annual meeting, Louisville, KY. Feb 1-4, 2020.

Devon Meadowcroft* (presenter), David Peters, and Brian Whitacre. “Understanding the Effect of State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs on Local Opioid Mortality.” Selected paper presented at the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA. Nov. 13-16, 2019.

Steven Deller (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Tessa Conroy. “Broadband Access and Rural Entrepreneurship.” Selected paper presented at the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA. Nov. 13-16, 2019.

Kelsey Conley* and Brian Whitacre (presenter). “Home is Where the Internet is? High Speed Internet’s Impact on Rural Housing Values.” Selected paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. July 22-24, 2019.

Devon Meadowcroft* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Do Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Encourage Illicit Opioid Abuse?” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. April 4-6, 2019.

Steven Deller (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Tessa Conroy. “Rural Broadband Speed and Business Startup Rates.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. April 4-6, 2019.

Devon Meadowcroft* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Do Rural Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Facilities Reduce Deaths?” Selected paper presented at the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. Nov 7-10, 2018.

Kwideok Han* (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Inbae Ji. “Estimating the Spatial Spillover Effects of EDA Public Works Program Investments on County Employment using SAS / ETS.” Selected paper presented at the South Central SAS Users Group conference, Austin, TX. November 4-7, 2018.

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Jacob Manlove* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “An Evaluation of the Connected Nation Broadband Adoption Program.” Selected paper presented at the Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, Washington, DC. September 21-22, 2018. (*Best Graduate Student Paper Award Winner*).

Kangil Lee* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Unconventional vs. Conventional Drilling: Impact on House Prices in Central Oklahoma.” Selected paper presented at the World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists Annual Meeting, Gothenburg, Sweden. June 25-29, 2018.

Kangil Lee* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “The Impact of Unconventional Drilling on House Prices in Central Oklahoma.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Mar 15-17, 2018.

Kangil Lee* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Regional Employment Impacts from Recent Energy Development Activities in Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Mar 15-17, 2018.

Kwideok Han* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Estimating Spatial Heterogeneity in Hay Yield Responses to Weather Variations in Oklahoma.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL. Feb 4-6, 2018.

Kwideok Han* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Does School Size Matter for Student Academic Achievement? A Two-stage Spatial Quantile Regression Approach.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL. Feb 4-6, 2018.

Brian Whitacre (presenter), Devon Meadowcroft*, and Roberto Gallardo. “Determinants of Rural Business Innovation.” Selected paper presented at the North American Regional Science Association Conference, Vancouver, CAN. November 9-11, 2017.

Jacob Manlove* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Understanding the Trend to Mobile-Only for Internet Connections: A Decomposition Analysis.” Selected paper presented at the Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, Arlington, VA. September 8-9, 2017. (*Best Graduate Student Paper Award Winner*).

Sharon Stover (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Colin Rhinesmith. “Libraries, the National Digital Platform, and Inclusion.” Selected paper presented at the Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, Arlington, VA. September 8-9, 2017.

Devon Meadowcroft* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Economic Outcomes Associated with Business Innovation: A Rural Disadvantage or Opportunity?” Selected paper presented at the Western Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Lake Tahoe, NV. July 10-12, 2017.

Jacob Manlove* (presenter), Richelle Crotty, Alexis Schrubbe, Brian Whitacre, Sharon Stover, and Colin Rhinesmith. “Rural Library Hotspot Lending Programs.” Presentation at the Partnership for Progress on the Digital Divide Conference, San Diego, CA. May 24-25, 2017.

Jacob Manlove* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “The Short-term Economic Impact of Rural Hospital Closures.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL Feb 5- 8, 2017.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). “Propensity Score Matching for Social Scientists.” OSU Stats / Methods Network Seminar Series. Dec 2, 2016.

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Gina Peek, Jorge Atilas (presenters), Sissy Osteen, Dave Shideler, and Brian Whitacre. “Exploring the Effectiveness of a Low-income Housing Tax Credit in Oklahoma.” Selected paper presented at the European Network for Housing Research, Belfast, Northern Ireland June 28-July 1, 2016.

Brian Whitacre (presenter) and Colin Rhinesmith. “Broadband Un-adopters.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC Mar 31-Apr 2, 2016.

Hyun Ji Lee* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Estimating Willingness-to-Pay for Broadband Attributes among Low-Income Consumers: Results from the FCC Lifeline Pilot Projects.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC Mar 31- Apr 2, 2016.

Dylan Johnston* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “The Influence of Oil and Gas on Local Retail Sales and Use Tax Receipts: Evidence from Oklahoma Panel Data.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX Feb 6- 9, 2016.

Kelsey Conley* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “Does Broadband Availability Matter for Rural Entrepreneurs or ‘Creative Class’ Employees?” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA Jan 31-Feb 3, 2015.

Taylor Witte*, Eric DeVuyst (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Rodney Jones. “Determining the Impact of a New Farm Credit Branch in East Central Oklahoma.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA Jan 31-Feb 3, 2015.

Terry Griffin (presenter), Tyler Mark, and Brian Whitacre. “Assessing the Value of Broadband Connectivity for Big Data and Telematics: Technical Efficiency.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA Jan 31-Feb 3, 2015.

Gina Peek (presenter), Jorge Atilas, Sissy Osteen, Dave Shideler, and Brian Whitacre. “Exploring the effectiveness of a state level Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC).” Selected paper presented at the Housing Education and Research Association Annual Conference. Kansas City, MO. Oct. 5-8, 2014.

Tyler Mark (presenter), Terry Griffin, and Brian Whitacre. “Value of Connectivity in Rural Areas: The Case of Precision Agriculture Data.” Selected paper presented at the International Conference on Precision Agriculture, Sacramento, CA. July 20-23, 2014.

Randi Williams* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. “The Influence of Broadband Availability on Physician Electronic Medical Record Adoption in Oklahoma.” Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association meetings, San Antonio, TX. March 27-29, 2014.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). “Propensity score matching: A useful tool for causal analysis?” Oklahoma State University Departmental Seminar Series. November 15, 2013.

Brian Whitacre (presenter), Sharon Stover, and Roberto Gallardo. “Broadband’s Contribution to Economic Health in Rural Areas: A Causal Analysis and an Assessment of the ‘Connected Nation’ Program.” Selected paper presented at the Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, Arlington, VA. September 27-29, 2013.

Brian Whitacre (presenter), David Shideler, and Randi Williams*. “Do Incentives Programs Cause Growth? The Case of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program and Community-level Economic Growth.” Selected paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Annual meetings, Washington, DC. August 4 – 6, 2013.

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Brian Whitacre (presenter), Roberto Gallardo, and Sharon Strover. "Broadband's Contribution to Economic Health in Rural Areas: Spatial and First-differenced Regressions." Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association meetings, Arlington, VA. April 4-6, 2013.

Ivica Janeski* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. "Long-term Economic Impacts of USDA Water Infrastructure Investments in Oklahoma." Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association meetings, Charlotte, North Carolina. March 22-24, 2012.

Brian Whitacre (presenter) and Lara Brooks. "Do Broadband Adoption Rates Impact a Community's Health?" Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association meetings, Charlotte, North Carolina. March 22-24, 2012.

Ashley Jackson* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. "How Specialized is 'too' Specialized? Outmigration and Industry Diversification in Nonmetropolitan Counties throughout America." Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Birmingham, Alabama. February 6-7, 2012.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Broadband Availability and Adoption During the 2000s: A Case Study from Oklahoma." Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana. March 24-26, 2011.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Do Higher Broadband Adoption Rates Mean Lower Tax Collections from Local Retail Sales? Implications of E-Commerce in Rural Areas of the U.S." Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana. March 24-26, 2011.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Metro, Micro, and Non-core: A 3-year Portrait of Broadband Supply and Demand in Oklahoma." Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Orlando, Florida. February 7-9, 2010.

Lara Brooks (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. "Critical Access Hospitals and Retail Sales: An Empirical Analysis." Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Orlando, Florida. February 7-9, 2010.

Brian Whitacre (presenter), Art Stoecker, and DeeAnn Sanders. "Decision Support System for Evaluating Rural Water Supply Infrastructure Scenarios." Selected paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Orlando, Florida. February 7-9, 2010.

Phumsith Mahasuweerachai* (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and David Shideler. "Does Broadband Access Impact Population Growth in Rural America?" Selected paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Meetings, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. July 26-28, 2009.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Does Infrastructure Diffusion Solve the Rural / Urban Gap in Broadband Adoption Rates? A Case Study from Oklahoma." Selected paper presented at the Rural Telecommunications Congress Annual Conference, Jeffersonville, Vermont. October 6-8, 2008.

Brian Briggeman and Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Farming and the Internet: Reasons for Non-use." Paper presented at the Broadband in the Rural Economy Conference, Washington DC. September 29-30, 2008.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). "The Economic Impact of Rural Telemedicine." Paper presented at the Broadband in the Rural Economy Conference, Washington DC. September 29-30, 2008.

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Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Factors Influencing the Temporal Diffusion of Broadband Adoption: Evidence from Oklahoma." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Dallas, Texas. February 3-5, 2008.

Shida Henneberry (presenter), Merritt Taylor, Joao Mutondo, Haerani Agustini, Brian Whitacre, and Warren Roberts. "The Economic Impacts of Direct Produce Marketing: A Case Study of Oklahoma's Farmers' Markets." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Dallas, Texas. February 3-5, 2008.

Lara Brooks* (presenter), Brian Whitacre, Mike Woods, and Glenn Muske. "Entrepreneurial Communities in Rural Oklahoma." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Dallas, Texas. February 3-5, 2008.

Brian Briggeman and Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Farming and the Internet: Factors Affecting Input Purchases Online and Reasons for Non-Adoption." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Dallas, Texas. February 3-5, 2008.

Brian Whitacre, Matt Fannin (presenter), and James Barnes. "Factors Affecting Outsourcing for Information Technology Services in Rural Hospitals: Theory and Evidence." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Dallas, Texas. February 3- 5, 2008.

Brian Whitacre (presenter), Pam Hartman, and Sarah Boggs. "Documenting the Economic Impact of Telemedicine Service in a Rural Hospital." Selected paper presented at the SERA-19 (Rural Health) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. September 11, 2007.

Phumsith Mahasuweerachi* (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. "'Small' Broadband Providers: Where and Why?" Selected paper presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Portland, Oregon. July 29 – Aug 1, 2007.

Brian Whitacre (presenter) and Bradford Mills, "A Need for Speed? Rural Internet Connectivity and the No access / Dial-up / High –speed Decision." Selected paper presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Long Beach, California. July 23 - 26, 2006.

Brian Whitacre (presenter) and Bradford Mills, "The Role of Infrastructure in the Rural – Urban Digital Divide." Selected paper presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Providence, Rhode Island. July 24 - 27, 2005.

Bradford Mills (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Christiana Hilmer. "Working Poverty in the Rural South." Paper presented at the In the Shadows of Poverty: Strengthening the Rural Poverty Research Capacity of the South Conference, Memphis, Tennessee. July 21-23, 2004.

Bradford Mills (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Christiana Hilmer, "Public Assistance and Working Poor Families: Has the Nation Become More Like the Rural South?" Paper presented at the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Small Grants Conference, Economic Research Service, Washington DC. November 20-21, 2003.

Brian Whitacre (presenter) and Bradford Mills, "Understanding the Rural – Urban Digital Divide." Selected paper presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Long Beach, California. July 28 - 31, 2002.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (state or national level)**ADVISORY BOARD PRESENTATIONS (n = 46)**

Brian Whitacre. "Oklahoma Broadband Updates: Mapping, Fabric, Legislation, and Economic Impact." Oklahoma Telephone Association Technical Conference. Oklahoma City, OK. Sep. 27, 2021.

Brian Whitacre. "COVID-19, Oklahoma, and Rural Broadband." Women in Agriculture and Small Business Conference. Oklahoma City, OK. Aug 5, 2021.

Brian Whitacre. "COVID-19 and Rural Broadband: A Call to Action or More of the Same?" Webinar for Next Century Cities Academic Pre-Conference. July 20, 2021 (virtual)

Laura Brown, Julia Cho, Elizabeth Davis, and Brian Whitacre. "Rural Communities One Year Post COVID-19." Webinar for the Council on Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics (C-FARE), July 12, 2021 (virtual)

Brian Whitacre. "Rural Broadband across Oklahoma." Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers Annual Conference June 18, 2021 (virtual).

Brian Whitacre, Chad Young, and Scott McKinney. "Real Estate and Broadband – A Match Made in Flyover Territory." NTCA (Rural Broadband Association) Annual Conference May 23, 2021 (virtual).

Brian Whitacre, Tom Beresnyak, and Terrence Wolfork. "The Broadband Divide." Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Conference. February 11, 2021 (virtual).

"State Broadband Policy: What Works." Presentation to Texas Broadband Development Council. January 28, 2021 (virtual).

Brian Whitacre, Teja Pristavec, Tessa Conroy, Sascha Meinrath, and Sreedhar Upendram. "Broadband's Role in Economic Development." Presentation for Association of Public and Land-grant University Conference. Jan 27, 2021 (virtual).

Angela Seifer, Brian Whitacre, and Roberto Gallardo. "If You Build It, Will They Come?" Presentation for Mountain Connect Broadband Conference. Oct. 26, 2020 (virtual).

Brian Whitacre, James Barnes, and Joe Luck. "Smart and Connected Rural Communities." Open session for Association of Public & Land-grant Universities (APLU) annual meeting. San Diego, CA, Nov 9-10, 2019.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Alison Grant. "Measuring the Economic Impact of Broadband." Webinar for National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)'s Broadband USA Initiative. September 18, 2019.

Brian Whitacre. "Rural Broadband Access in Oklahoma." Broadband Roundtable for Congresswoman Kendra Horn, Shawnee, OK, Aug. 22, 2019.

Amy Huffman, Angela Seifer, and Brian Whitacre. "Utilization of Broadband: Digital Skills and Broadband Adoption." Presentation & Panel Discussion at the State Broadband Leaders Network, Kansas City, MO, July 31-Aug 1, 2019.

Brian Whitacre and Roberto Gallardo. "Telling the Story: How Broadband Benefits Your Community." Presentation & Panel Discussion at the State Broadband Leaders Network, Kansas City, MO, July 31-Aug 1, 2019.

Brian Whitacre. "Broadband in Northwest Oklahoma." Presentation to Northwest Oklahoma Alliance, Woodward, OK, July 30, 2019.

Brian Whitacre, Greg Marchildon, and Brian Christenberry. "Rural Broadband Panel: Approaches, Benefits, and Challenges." Panel Discussion for the AARP Rural Livability Conference. Portland, ME. June 19-21, 2019.

Brian Whitacre. "The OSU Rural Library Hotspot Lending Program." Presentation at the Federal Reserve Investment Connection Program. Oklahoma City, OK. December 11, 2018.

Brian Whitacre. "The Role of Broadband for Agricultural Technologies and the Rural Economy of the Midwest." Presentation for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Annual Agriculture Conference. Chicago, IL. November 27, 2018.

Brian Whitacre. "Broadband Infrastructure." Presentation at the Oklahoma State Chamber Infrastructure Forum. Tulsa, OK. November 8, 2018.

Brian Whitacre, John Stone, and Brian Hamacher. "Broadband and Data Infrastructure." Presentation and Panel Discussion for Farm Foundation Annual Roundtable. Bettendorf, IA. June 7, 2018.

Brian Whitacre. "Loaning Out the Internet: 2 Pilot Projects in Rural Oklahoma." Presentation for Oklahoma State University Center for Family Resiliency (CFR) Research Seminar. Tulsa, OK. April 20, 2018.

Brian Whitacre. "Starting a Rural Hotspot Lending Program." Webinar presentation for Southern Rural Development Center. December 6, 2017.

Jim Reese, Michael Becker, James Lightfoot, Sonja Wall, and Brian Whitacre. "Rural Broadband Panel Session." Oklahoma Rural Development Conference & Workshop. Oklahoma City, OK. December 5, 2017.

"Spatial Econometrics Workshop." Post-conference workshop presented at Western Agricultural Economics Annual Meeting. Lake Tahoe, NV. July 11, 2017.

Brian Whitacre and Jacob Manlove. "Rural Library Hotspot Lending Programs: Current Research and Development of a Pilot Program in Oklahoma." Seminar for Oklahoma Library Association annual meeting. April 26, 2017.

Brian Whitacre, Bharat Mehra, and Katie Hill. "Strategies for Broadband Adoption and Digital Inclusion in Rural Communities." Webinar for National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)'s Broadband USA Initiative. April 19, 2017.

Brian Whitacre, Eric Frederick, and Kelleigh Cole. "Broadband and Economic Development: Research and On-the-ground Examples." Webinar for National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)'s Broadband USA Initiative. Nov. 16, 2016.

Karen Mossberger, John Horrigan, Colin Rhinesmith, and Brian Whitacre. "Developing a National Broadband Research Agenda." Webinar for Benton Foundation and Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband Coalition. Sep. 29, 2016.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Connie Hancock. "e-Strategies Overview: Research and Programming Advice on Broadband and Its Impact on Rural Places." Presented to Purdue Center for Regional Development e-Strategies Team. Lafayette, Indiana. Sep. 27-28, 2016.

Brian Whitacre. "What Economics Can Teach us About Bodybuilding." Presented at the Layne Norton Natural Bodybuilding and Fitness VIP Camp. Tampa, Florida. August 1-2, 2015.

Brian Whitacre. "Life after SET (Stronger Economies Together): The Continued Success of the Western OK I-40 Corridor Team in Promoting Regional Economic Development." Presented at the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting. Bismarck, North Dakota. July 12-15, 2015.

Brian Whitacre. "What the Research Says about Where Rural America Should Invest." Presented at the Strategies for Investing in Rural America forum (Jon Brandt Public Policy Forum). Washington, DC. April 14, 2015.

Brian Whitacre. "Broadband: What it Means for the Economy in Northeast Oklahoma." Presented at the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance (NORA) Summit. Tahlequah, Oklahoma. October 7, 2014.

Brian Whitacre. "Broadband and Rural Economic Development: The Latest Research." Presented at the Oklahoma Telephone Association / Arkansas Telephone Association (OTA/ATA) Joint Annual Meeting, Tulsa, Oklahoma. June 4, 2014.

Brian Whitacre. "How Broadband Affects Economic Outcomes in Rural Areas." Presented at the USDA Rural Utilities Service Telecommunications Regional Workshop, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. May 22, 2014.

Lara Brooks (presenter), Corie Kaiser, and Brian Whitacre. "Community Health Needs Assessment: Process Outcomes and Best Practices." Presented at Oklahoma Healthcare Financial Management Association annual meeting. Oklahoma City, OK. April 17, 2014.

Larry Wright (presenter), Clark Southard, and Brian Whitacre. "Stronger Economies Together Success Story: The Western OK I-40 Corridor Regional Team." Presented at the White House Forum on Regional Innovation for Rural America, Washington, DC. Sept. 18, 2013.

Sharon Stover (presenter), Brian Whitacre, and Roberto Gallardo. "Broadband and Ag: Is the Lack of Coverage a Concern?" Presented to the Farm Foundation leadership at the National Press Club, Washington, DC. Sept. 11, 2013.

Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Stronger Economies Together: Planning for Regional Economic Development." Presented at the Southwest States Resource Conservation & Development Conference. Tulsa, OK. April 15, 2013.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Sharon Stover. "Rural Broadband Availability and Adoption: Evidence, Policy Challenges, and Options." Webinar conducted for the National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Center (NARDeP). March 18, 2013.

Corie Kaiser (presenter) and Brian Whitacre. "The Community Health Needs Assessment in Oklahoma's Rural Hospitals: Statistics and Trends." Presented at the Rural Hospital Session of the Oklahoma Hospital Association Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Oct 31, 2012.

Brian Whitacre. "Oklahoma Broadband Availability and Adoption During the 2000s." Presented at the Oklahoma Telephone Association Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. June 9, 2010.

Brian Whitacre. "A Ground-level View of the SRDC E-commerce Program." Presented to Southern Rural Development Center Board of Directors. Charleston, South Carolina. Nov 3, 2009.

Brian Whitacre and Mike Lea*. "Decision Support Model for Evaluating Alternative Water Supply Infrastructure Scenarios: Status to Date and Example from Beggs, OK." Presented to Oklahoma Water Research Advisory Board. July 24, 2009.

Brian Whitacre. "Key Factors Contributing to Broadband Adoption." Presented to Arkansas Broadband Advisory Council, Little Rock, Arkansas. October 28, 2008.

EXTENSION CURRICULA OVERVIEW (n = 13)

Rebekah Dudensing, Mallory Rahe, and Brian Whitacre. "Community & Regional Economics Extension: Searching for Sustainability." Presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association annual meeting. Sep 15, 2020 (Virtual session).

Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Starting (and Growing) a Rural Library Hotspot Lending Program: An Opportunity for Extension." Presented at the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) Annual Conference, Asheville, NC. June 9-12, 2019.

Devon Meadowcroft and Brian Whitacre (presenter). "Community Meetings on the Rural Opioid Crisis: Setting a Path Forward by Learning from Others." Presented at the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) Annual Conference, Asheville, NC. June 9-12, 2019.

Brian Whitacre (presenter), Sharon Stover, and Colin Rhinesmith. "Rural Library Hotspot Lending Programs: Addressing the Challenges of Connectivity for Rural Communities." Presented at the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) Conference, Big Sky, MT. June 12-14, 2017.

Brian Whitacre. "The OSU E-commerce Program: Struggles and Successes." Presented to Purdue Center for Regional Development e-Strategies Team. Lafayette, Indiana. Sep. 27-28, 2016.

Brian Whitacre. "Developing and Implementing an Effective E-commerce Program." Webinar for the Southern Rural Development Center's Series on Successful Community and Rural Development Extension programs. December 16, 2015.

Brian Whitacre. "eStrategies for Local Governments: Getting Your Community Online." Presented as pre-conference workshop for NACDEP conference. Park City, Utah, May 20, 2012.

Brian Whitacre, Connie Hancock, Michael Wilcox, and David Shideler. "Creating Small Community Websites: Upcoming Material for the e-Commerce Extension Initiative." Presented for Regional Team Training at the National e-Commerce Extension Initiative meeting, July 20, 2010.

Brian Whitacre. "Hispanic Small Business e-Commerce Opportunities." Presented for Regional Team Training at the National e-Commerce Extension Initiative meeting, July 19, 2010.

Michael Wilcox, Connie Hancock, Brian Whitacre, and David Shideler. "Web Presence Strategies for Small Communities and Local Governments." Presented at National Association of Community Development Professionals Conference, Bloomington, Minnesota. April 13, 2010.

Brian Whitacre. "Web Site Basics: A Primer for Hispanic Small Businesses." Webinar held for national e-commerce extension curricula. Hosted by the Southern Rural Development Center. Nov 19, 2009.

Brian Whitacre and Cindy Blackwell. "Manufacturing and the Internet: Web Presence Strategies for Small Businesses." Presented at Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance Annual Meeting, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Sep 23, 2008.

Brian Whitacre and Notie Lansford. "Budgets: An Ace in the Hole for Local Government Services." Presented at National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April 17, 2007.

Brian Whitacre, Steve Deller, Tom Harris, and Mark Henry. "Innovative Application of Rural Data through Extension Educational Programs." Organized Symposium for American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Portland, Oregon. Aug 1, 2007.

POSTERS (n = 19)

Lara Brooks, Brian Whitacre, and Mark Woodring. "Learning from Similar Hospital Closures Can Help Rural Communities Plan for Future Care Delivery." Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association's Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. June 15-17, 2020. (Virtual Conference)

Lara Brooks and Brian Whitacre. "Oklahoma Primary Care Physician Demand in 2050." Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association's Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. May 9-11, 2019.

Sharon Strover, Brian Whitacre, and Colin Rhinesmith. "At the Edges of the National Digital Platform: Hotspot Lending Programs in Kansas." Poster presentation for the Kansas Library Association Annual Conference, Wichita, KS. Oct 24-25, 2018. **1st Place – Public/School Library Session.**

Lara Brooks, Brian Whitacre, and Chad Landgraf. "The Economic Impact of Rural Residency Programs on the Oklahoma Economy." Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association's Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. May 10-12, 2018.

Lara Brooks and Brian Whitacre. "The Economic Impact of Rural Hospitals on the Oklahoma Economy." Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association's Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. May 9-11, 2017.

Brian Whitacre, Lara Brooks, Denna Wheeler, and Chad Landgraf. "The National Broadband Map and the Rural – Urban Healthcare Connectivity Gap." Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association's Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN. May 10-12, 2016.

Jeremiah Taylor and Brian Whitacre. "Finding the Most Significant Determinants of Academic Success in the Oklahoma Public School System." Poster presentation for Wentz Projects (undergraduate research program), Oklahoma State University. April 15, 2016.

Brian Whitacre and Lara Brooks. "Rural Electronic Medical Record Adoption Rates Outpace Urban." Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association's Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. April 14-17, 2015.

Lara Brooks, Brian Whitacre, and Corie Kaiser. “How to Best Get the Word Out in Rural Oklahoma.” Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association’s Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. April 14-17, 2015.

Brian Whitacre, Sharon Strover, and Roberto Gallardo. “How Much Does Broadband Infrastructure Matter? Decomposing the Metro – Non-Metro Adoption Gap with the Help of the National Broadband Map.” Poster presentation for the Telecommunication Policy Research Conference, Arlington, VA. September 12-14, 2014.

Lara Brooks, Brian Whitacre, and Corie Kaiser. “Physician EMR Adoption in Oklahoma: Does Location Matter?” Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. April 22-23, 2014.

Lara Brooks, Dave Shideler, Brian Whitacre, Notie Lansford, Gerald Doeksen. “Rural Development: 100 Years of Improving Rural Oklahomans’ Quality of Life.” Poster presentation for the OCES Annual Conference, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Jan 22-24, 2014.

Lara Brooks, Brian Whitacre, and Corie Kaiser. “Community Health Needs Assessment: A Comparison of Participating Rural Communities.” Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky. May 7-9, 2013.

Lara Brooks and Brian Whitacre. “Critical Access Hospitals and Retail Activity: An Empirical Analysis in Oklahoma.” Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, Austin, Texas. May 4-6, 2011.

Jamie Andrews and Brian Whitacre. “The Economic Impact of OSU Graduates on the State’s Economy.” Poster presentation for Wentz Projects, Oklahoma State University. April 22, 2011.

Lara Brooks, Brian Whitacre, Mike Woods, Glenn Muske, and David Shideler. “Entrepreneurial Programs: Which are the Most Valuable for Oklahoma Small Business Owners?” Poster presentation at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Meetings, Denver, Colorado. July 25-27, 2010.

DeeAnn Sanders, Art Stoecker, and Brian Whitacre. “Development of a Model for Evaluating Future Supply Needs of Rural Water Districts and Small Communities.” Poster presentation for the Oklahoma Governor’s Water Conference. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Nov 4, 2009.

Brian Whitacre, Vicky Pace, Jeff Hackler, Matt Janey, Chad Landgraf, and William Pettit. “An Evaluation of Osteopathic School Programs Designed to Promote Rural Location by Graduates.” Poster presentation for the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Conference, Bethesda, Maryland. April 15-18, 2009.

Brian Whitacre, Matt Fannin, and James Barnes. “Business Strategies for Providing Information Technology Services in Rural Hospitals.” Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. May 7-9, 2008.

MASS MEDIA

Interview with Oklahoma Farm Report. [“What You Need to Know about Rural Broadband.”](#) August 13, 2021.

Interview with Kansas City Fed. [“Hotspots Plus Laptops Appear to Improve Student Performance.”](#) August 6, 2021.

Christina Biedny, Brian Whitacre, and Roberto Gallardo. “[Closing the Rural Digital Divide.](#)” Interview with Nebraska Governance and Technology Center. July 28, 2021.

Interview with Rural Health Leadership Radio. “[Why EHRs Impact Costs Differently in Rural vs. Urban Hospitals.](#)” June 29, 2021.

Brian Whitacre. “[The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.](#)” Interview with Television Show *SUNUP*. May 23, 2021.

Roberto Gallardo and Brian Whitacre. “[The Real Digital Divide? Advertised Vs. Actual Internet Speeds.](#)” Purdue Center for Regional Development. October 7, 2020.

Interview with National Public Radio’s Marketplace Morning Report. “[For Many in Rural Parts of the U.S., Internet Access is Still Elusive.](#)” October 6, 2020.

Brian Whitacre and Roberto Gallardo. “[COVID-19 Lockdowns Expose the Digital Have-nots in Rural Areas – Here’s Which Policies Can Get Them Connected.](#)” *The Conversation*. September 2, 2020.

Roberto Gallardo and Brian Whitacre. “[Research Report: States with Broadband Funding Program Have Better Access.](#)” *The Daily Yonder*, September 1, 2020.

Interview with SUNUP TV. “[Virtual Learning and Rural Broadband.](#)” August 29, 2020.

Roberto Gallardo, Brian Whitacre, Indraneel Kumar, and Sreedhar Upendram. “[Research Report: Broadband and Job Productivity – What Matters?](#)” *The Daily Yonder*, August 5, 2020.

Kelsey Conley and Brian Whitacre. “[Research: Does Broadband Access Increase Rural Home Values?](#)” *The Daily Yonder*, June 5, 2020.

Brian Whitacre. “[Broadband is More Important Than Ever – Here is How Oklahoma Can Respond.](#)” *Oklahoma Policy Institute Blog (COVID-19 Policy Analysis Edition)*, May 1, 2020.

Brian Whitacre and Roberto Gallardo. “[Rural Counties That Are Active Online Have Higher Incomes.](#)” *The Daily Yonder*, April 24, 2020.

Devon Meadowcroft and Brian Whitacre. “[Exploring Opioid Treatment Programs and Overdose Deaths in Rural Areas.](#)” *The Daily Yonder*, January 31, 2020.

Interview with Eastern Standard (Kentucky National Public Radio affiliate). “[Re-thinking Rural Innovation.](#)” October 3, 2019.

Roberto Gallardo and Brian Whitacre. “[DSL, the Slowest Technology, Remains the One Most Available in Rural.](#)” *The Daily Yonder*, September 18, 2019.

Interview with Rural Health Leadership Radio. “[The Health Care Connectivity Gap.](#)” September 10, 2019.

Brian Whitacre. “[AT&T’s Digital Redlining of Dallas.](#)” National Digital Inclusion Alliance, August 6, 2019.

Brian Whitacre and Steven Deller. “[Broadband Availability Raises Market Value of Rural Houses.](#)” *The Daily Yonder*, July 17, 2019.

Roberto Gallardo, Brian Whitacre, and Devon Meadowcroft. "[The Rural Innovation Equation.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, June 27, 2019.

Brian Whitacre, Sharon Strover, and Colin Rhinesmith. "[Broadband Speed: FCC Map vs. Experience on the Ground.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, July 25, 2018.

Interview with SUNUP TV. "[Library Hotspot Loan Program Helps Small Towns Connect.](#)" May 26, 2018.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, Angela Siefer, and Bill Callahan. "[The FCC's Blurry Vision of Satellite Broadband.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, March 26, 2018.

Interview with KWTU News 9 (Oklahoma City). "[FCC Announces Rural Broadband Auction - What Does it Mean for Rural Oklahoma?](#)" February 6, 2018.

Interview with *The Journal Record*. "[Broadband Benefits Elude Rural Towns.](#)" January 18, 2018.

Interview with VOX news. "[Why 23 Million Americans Don't Have Fast Internet.](#)" September 26, 2017.

Interview with Rural Health Leadership Radio. "[The Economic Impact of Rural Hospitals in Oklahoma.](#)" August 22, 2017.

Brian Whitacre. "[Broadband Internet can help rural communities connect – if they use it.](#)" *The Conversation*, February 23, 2017.

Brian Whitacre and Jacob Manlove. "[Use of Broadband Linked to Greater Levels of Civic Engagement.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, September 22, 2016.

Kelsey Conley and Brian Whitacre. "[The Downside of Rural Broadband.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, September 1, 2016.

Brian Whitacre. "[Technology is improving – why is rural broadband access still a problem?](#)" *The Conversation*, June 8, 2016.

Brian Whitacre. "[Rural Healthcare's Broadband Gap Widens.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, March 16, 2016.

Interview with Gigabit Nation (Broadband Talk Radio). "[40 Acres and a Good Broadband Connection.](#)" Answered questions relating to non-adopters of broadband. January 20, 2016.

Brian Whitacre and Colin Rhinesmith. "[Understanding Broadband Un-adopters.](#)" Benton Foundation Blog. January 12, 2016.

Interview with Colorado Public Radio (NPR Affiliate). Answered questions related to Colorado communities who recently voted to explore publicly-backed broadband investments, including what kind of economic impacts they can expect from such an investment. [On-air live interview](#) on Dec. 9, 2015.

Brian Whitacre. "[FCC plan to turbocharge Internet access for the poor may also give jolt to economy.](#)" *The Conversation*. June 11, 2015.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Sharon Strover. "[Broadband Study: Use What's There.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, May 13, 2015.

Brian Whitacre and Colin Rhinesmith. "[Rural Libraries and Broadband Adoption.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, April 8, 2015.

Brian Whitacre. "[Rural Docs Pull Ahead in Electronic Records.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, December 10, 2014.

Brian Whitacre, Lara Brooks, Grant Irby*, and Corie Kaiser. "[Newspapers Still Key in Reaching Rural.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, September 30, 2014.

Interview with Television Show *Oklahoma Horizon*. Answered questions related to the state of the current "digital divide," broadband's role in rural economic development, and policy solutions associated with rural broadband. June 8, 2014. [Brian Whitacre – Broadband Future.](#)

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Sharon Strover "[Broadband: What Policies Would Help Most?](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, September 4, 2013.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Sharon Strover. "[Broadband's Economic Impact.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*, August 21, 2013.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Sharon Strover. "[Digital Gap Widens for Rural Elderly, Poor.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*. August 14, 2013.

Brian Whitacre, Roberto Gallardo, and Sharon Strover. "[Broadband Availability: Geography Matters.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*. August 7, 2013.

Interview with K-ECO Radio (Southwest Oklahoma). Answered questions regarding the "Stronger Economies Together" program taking place in four counties along the I-40 Corridor. February 15, 2013.

Trey Malone* and Brian Whitacre. "[How Rural is Our 'Local Food' Policy?](#)" *The Daily Yonder*. September 17, 2012.

Brian Whitacre and Lara Brooks. "[Does Broadband Shrink Local Tax Revenue?](#)" *The Daily Yonder*. October 5, 2011.

Interview with Television Show *SUNUP*. Provided insight into how social media can benefit agricultural producers. Discussed using Facebook / blogs as a way to connect with consumers or promote agriculture; how farmers can benefit from sites like localharvest.org or Craigslist. Aired November 6, 2010.

Interview with newspaper *The Journal Record*. Discussed status of telemedicine in rural Oklahoma, including potential cost savings, equipment and reimbursement needs, and future trends. March 24, 2010.

Brian Whitacre and Lara Brooks. "[The Towns That Build Entrepreneurs.](#)" *The Daily Yonder*. September 10, 2009.

Interview with K10 News (southeastern Oklahoma television station). Discussion of OSU e-commerce program for small businesses. June 23, 2009.

Interview with magazine *Cowboy Journal*. "A New Highway for Rural Oklahoma." Discussed the promise of broadband access for rural businesses, communities, and individuals. Volume 10 (1), Spring 2008.

Answered questions regarding broadband access in Oklahoma, particularly on the presence of a rural – urban digital divide in both access and infrastructure. August 21, 2007.

Interview with newspaper *The Daily Oklahoman*. “[Gap Closing in Challenge to Internet](#).” Discussed causes of rural – urban digital divide and the current broadband access situation for Oklahoma residents. July 28, 2007.

Interview with Television Show *Oklahoma Horizon*. Discussed broadband solutions in several rural Oklahoma communities, answered questions regarding the digital divide in Oklahoma and what rural areas can do to obtain broadband access. April 4, 2007.

EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Library Hotspot Lending Pilot Program (March 2017 – Present): Partner with rural libraries to “loan out the Internet” to their patrons via hotspot devices. 4 partner libraries with 4-7 devices added each year. Libraries are responsible for continuing the program on their own after the first year. Approximately 165 loans per library per year; average patron ranking 9.5 / 10. Currently partnering with 19 libraries. **NACDEP National Innovation and Creativity Award Winner, 2019.**

E-commerce Introduction and Strategies (March 2007 – May 2015): 135 presentations, approximately 1,950 total attendees (mostly small business owners). 80% of attendees have received hands-on training in setting up or improving websites. Workshops are typically 3-6 hours in length. **AAEA Distinguished Extension Program Award Winner, 2013.**

Rural Solid Waste Management (October 2008 – Present): Typically produces 15 events and audiences of 2,000 each year (including youth) on recycling, illegal dumping, composting, etc. Annual funding obtained from USDA Rural Development, which supports full-time extension specialist.

Stronger Economies Together (SET) (August 2012 – 2016): Led Western Oklahoma I-40 Corridor Regional Team (4 counties) through 9 modules of regional economic development training. 60 participants across 4 counties. High-Quality Regional Plan (52 pages) submitted December 2013. \$10,000 in seed funding to support goals from USDA obtained November 2014. **SET National Outstanding High-Quality Plan award, 2015.**

Community Health Needs Assessment (July 2006 – December 2014): 80+ communities engaged, over 300 presentations, approximately 5,800 total attendees. **Rural Health Association of Oklahoma Rural Program of the Year, 2011.**

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (total ≈ \$4,250,400)

\$20,000 – Rural Library Digital Navigators. Funded by AARP National Office (Broadband Advocacy Projects). PI. September 2021-December 2022.

\$150,000 - Revitalizing Rural - Equipping Rural Communities with Technology Literacy for Seizing Productivity. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) – Smart and Connected Communities program. October 2021 – September 2022. Co-PI with Ohara, Angle, Ekin, and Rutherford.

\$84,900 - Solid Waste Stream in Rural Oklahoma: Emphasizing Landfill Diversion, Composting, and Recycling. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2021 – September 2022.

\$225,000 – The Center for Economic Analysis of Rural Health (CEARH). Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Rural Health Policy (HRSA ORHP). Co-PI with Alison Davis, University of Kentucky. September 2021 – August 2022.

\$5,000 – Rural Library Hotspot Program. AARP Community Challenge Grant. Feb 2021- Dec 2021.

\$97,000 – Reducing the Solid Waste Stream in Rural Oklahoma: Emphasizing Landfill Diversion, Composting, and Recycling. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2020 – September 2021.

\$225,000 – The Center for Economic Analysis of Rural Health (CEARH). Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Rural Health Policy (HRSA ORHP). Co-PI with Alison Davis, University of Kentucky. September 2020 – August 2021.

\$7,500 – Rural Library Hotspot Program. AARP Community Challenge Grant. May 2020- April 2021.

\$50,000 – Broadband’s Role in Rural Economic Development: Exploring the Intersection between Community and Agricultural Broadband Needs. National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Conference Grant. Co-PI with Sheila Martin, APLU, and others. March 2020 - November 2021.

\$85,450 – Can a Rural Hospital Lift a Community out of Poverty? Funded by OSU’s Rural Renewal Institute. Co-PI with Mark Woodring and Lara Brooks, OSU Center for Health Sciences. December 2019 – June 2021.

\$93,787 – Reducing the Solid Waste Stream in Rural Oklahoma: Landfill Diversion and Composting Opportunities. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2019 – September 2020.

\$1,000 – Perceptions of Rural Healthcare Availability and Accessibility in Rural Oklahoma. CASNR / OAES Undergraduate Research Scholar Grant (to Tess Haddock). Oct 2019 – May 2020.

\$225,000 – The Center for Economic Analysis of Rural Health (CEARH). Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Rural Health Policy (HRSA ORHP). Co-PI with Alison Davis, University of Kentucky. September 2019 – August 2020.

\$39,000 – Database Web Portal Development. DASNR reinvestment funds. June 2019 – May 2020.

\$5,000 – Rural Library Hotspot Program. AARP Community Challenge Grant. May 2019- April 2020.

\$15,000 – Center for the Future of Rural Communities. Phase I funded by OSU Timely, Impactful, Engaged Research (TIER 1) Program. January – July 2019.

\$12,000 – Economic Analysis of Existing Rural Landfill Site. Funded by OK Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). October 2018- June 2019.

\$91,450 – Opportunities for Reducing the Solid Waste Stream in Rural Oklahoma: A Focus on Landfill Diversion and Composting. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2018 – September 2019.

\$3,000 – Rural Library Hotspot Program. AARP Community Challenge Grant. August 2018- July 2019.

\$92,290 – Landfill Diversion and Gleaning / Composting Training in Rural Oklahoma: Opportunities for Reducing the Solid Waste Stream. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2017 – September 2018.

\$1,000 – Hotspot Internet Program for Low-Income High School Students. Funded by Stillwater Public Education Foundation. May 2017 – March 2018.

\$92,000 – Sustainable Materials Management – Reducing the Solid Waste Stream and Promoting Composting in Rural Oklahoma: Technical Assistance and Training. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2016 – September 2017.

\$496,586 – At the Edges of the National Digital Platform: Rural Library Hotspot Lending Programs. Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant. June 2016 – January 2018. Co-PI with Sharon Strover (University of Texas) and Colin Rhinesmith (University of Oklahoma).

\$29,040 – Drivers of Rural Innovation and Implications for Community and Regional Economic Development. Northeast Center for Rural Development. May 2016 – April 2017. Co-PI with Roberto Gallardo (Mississippi State).

\$1,000 –Oklahoma’s Broadband Infrastructure: Rankings by State Senate and House Districts. CASNR / OAES Undergraduate Research Scholar Grant (to Kaylen Baker). September – December 2015.

\$4,679 – Health Workforce Trends Associated with Health Information Technology in Oklahoma. Subcontract from OSU Office of Rural Health from Oklahoma State Department of Health, as part of Oklahoma State Innovation Model (OSIM). August – September 2015.

\$88,000 – Solid Waste Management – Reducing the Solid Waste Stream and Introducing Composting in Rural Oklahoma: Technical Assistance and Training. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2015 – September 2016.

\$1,000 – Broadband and Civic Engagement in Rural Areas: What Matters? Mississippi State University Extension - Intelligent Community Institute. May – September 2015.

\$140,000 – Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2014-August 2015. Co-PI with State Office of Rural Health.

\$86,000 – Solid Waste Management – Helping to Keep Oklahoma’s Waters Clean by Reducing the Solid Waste Stream in Rural Oklahoma: Technical Assistance and Training. Funded by US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2014 – September 2015.

\$11,000 – Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in Oklahoma. Funded by State Chamber of Oklahoma. January – March 2014. Co-PIs with Dave Shideler (AgEcon) and Drs. Jorge Atilas, Gina Peek, and Sissy Osteen (College of Human Sciences).

\$140,000 – Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2013-August 2014. Co-PI with State Office of Rural Health.

\$77,000 - Solid Waste Management – Reducing the Solid Waste Stream in Rural Oklahoma. Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2013 – September 2014.

\$10,000 – Evaluating the Economic Impact of the Oklahoma State University Medical Center and Residency Program on the State and Regional Economies. Funded by OSUMC. December 2012 – March 2013. Sole PI.

\$15,000 – Rural Broadband Access, Adoption and Application: Policy Challenges and Options. Funded by National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Center (NARDeP). September 2012 – March 2013. Co-PI with Roberto Gallardo and Sharon Stover.

\$82,160 – Solid Waste Management – Technical Assistance and Training Plan to Help Rural Oklahoma Communities Reduce the Solid Waste Stream. Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2012 – September 2013.

\$150,000 - Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2012 – August 2013. Co-PI with Gerald Doeksen and State Office of Rural Health.

\$39,400 – Stronger Economies Together (SET). Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA RD). Phase III – 2 regions in Oklahoma selected. August 2012 – July 2013. Co-PI with Dave Shideler.

\$150,000 – Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2011 – August 2012. Co-PI with Gerald Doeksen and State Office of Rural Health.

\$19,000 – Solid Waste Educational Program. Funded by Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. October 2011 – September 2012. Co-PI with Ilda Hershey.

\$150,000 – Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2010 – August 2011. Co-PI with Gerald Doeksen and Val Schott (State Office of Rural Health).

\$75,000 – Solid Waste Management – Enhancing Rural Areas. Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS). October 2010 – September 2011.

\$5,000 – Promoting GIS Knowledge and Use by the Public Sector in Rural Oklahoma. Funded by Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. October 2009 – September 2010.

\$150,000 - Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2009 – August 2010. Co-PI with Gerald Doeksen and Val Schott (State Office of Rural Health).

\$78,000 – Rural Waste Management Education and Feasibility Studies. Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service (USDA RUS). October 2009 – September 2010.

\$25,000 – Web Presence Strategies for Small Communities and Local Governments. Funded by the Southern Rural Development Center. With colleagues from Oklahoma State University, University of Tennessee, and the University of Nebraska. August 2009 – June 2010.

\$3,000 – Connecting Rural Communities: Implementation Grant. Co-PI with David Lamie, Clemson University. Funded by the Southern Rural Development Center. February 2009 – January 2010.

\$3,000 – Strengthening Competitive Advantages of Rural Businesses with e-Commerce and Experiential Economy Strategies. Implementation Grant. Funded by the Southern Rural Development Center. February 2009 – January 2010.

\$30,000 – Emergency Preparedness Demonstration project. Funded by Economic Development Administration (part of 5-state effort in southern region). January – December 2009.

\$80,000 – Cooperating Partners Enhancing Rural Waste Management Services and Protecting Water Quality and Natural Resources. Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service (USDA RUS). October 2008 – September 2009.

\$150,000 – Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2008 – August 2009. Co-PI with Gerald Doeksen and Val Schott (State Office of Rural Health).

\$19,581 – Evaluating the Economic Impact of Rural Telemedicine – A Regional Analysis. Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (USDA, ERS). May – December 2008.

\$5,000 – Multivariate Analysis of Strategies to Promote Rural Location by Osteopathic School Graduates. Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). May – September 2008.

\$10,000 – Economic Evaluation of Haskell County Health Care System Telemedicine Program. Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). May 2008 – April 2009.

\$74,337 - Decision Support Model for Evaluating Alternative Water Supply Infrastructure Scenarios. Funded by Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute (OWRRI). Co-PI with DeeAnn Sanders (Civil Engineering) and Art Stoecker (Agricultural Economics). March 2008 – February 2010.

\$50,000 – Flex Critical Access Hospital Health Information Technology Network Implementation Program. Program Evaluation portion of \$2.2M budget. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. October 2007 – April 2009.

\$150,000 - Oklahoma Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2007 – August 2008. Co-PI with Gerald Doeksen and Val Schott (State Office of Rural Health).

\$24,997 – Hispanic E-commerce Opportunities: ¡El Tiempo Ahora Está! (The Time is Now!) Funded by the Southern Rural Development Center. August 2007 – July 2008.

\$10,000 – Broadband Matters: Connecting Rural Communities. Funded by Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. March 2007 – December 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma State University, Department of Agricultural Economics		<u>Rating</u>	<u># students</u>	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2021	4.6 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.4	54	
	• Spatial Econometrics (2 credits - Ph.D. level), Spr. 2020	5.0 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.6	12	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2020	4.7 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.4	46	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2019	4.8 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.4	53	
	• Spatial Econometrics (2 credits - Ph.D. level), Spr. 2018	4.7 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.4	5	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2018	4.5 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.5	56	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2017	4.4 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.3	60	
	• Spatial Econometrics (1 credit - Ph.D. level), Spr. 2016	5.0 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.6	13	
Rating scale changes	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2016	4.9 / 5.0, dept. avg 4.5	58	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2015	3.8 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.5	50	
	• Spatial Econometrics (1 credit - Ph.D. level), Spr. 2014	4.0 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.6	12	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2014	3.6 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.4	58	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2013	3.8 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.3	56	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2012	3.8 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.4	49	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2011	3.6 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.4	51	
	• Rural Economic Development, Spring 2010	3.7 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.3	48	
	Virginia Tech, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics		<u>Rating</u>	<u># students</u>
		• Introductory Econometrics, Spring 2006 (M.S. level)	3.5 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.6	16
	• Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2006	3.7 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.6	26	
	• Introductory Agricultural Economics, Fall 2005	3.6 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.6	83	
	• Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2005	3.8 / 4.0, dept. avg 3.6	25	

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

Role	Number of Students	
	Head	Member
Ph.D. committee – completed students	5	5
Ph.D. committee – current students	2	2
Master’s committee – completed students	8	7
Master’s committee – current students	0	3

Thesis Advisees (7 Ph.D; 8 M.S.)

Christina Biedny (expected 2023). Ph.D. Dissertation. TBD.

- Resulting publication: Biedny, Whitacre, and Gallardo (under submission)

Claudia Rhoades (expected 2022). Ph.D. Dissertation. “Essays on Current Rural Hospital Issues: EHRs, CEOs, and Community Predictors of Closure.”

- Resulting publication: Rhoades, Whitacre, and Davis (under submission)

Yancheng Li (2021). M.S. Thesis. “Does Economic Growth Help Solve the Obesity Problem in Rural America?” 45 pp.

- Resulting publication: Li and Whitacre (under submission)
- Upon graduation: MBA student, Simon Business School (University of Rochester)

- Ty Rope Smith (2020). M.S. Thesis. "The Impact of USDA Business & Industry Loans on Local Tax Revenue in Recipient Oklahoma Communities." 68 pp.
- Resulting publication: Smith and Whitacre (2021), *Community Development*
 - Upon graduation: Loan officer, Great Plains Bank, Mangum, OK
- Devon Meadowcroft (2019). Ph.D. Dissertation. "Essays on the Rural Opioid Crisis." 116 pp.
- Resulting publication: Whitacre, Meadowcroft, and Gallardo (2019), *Entrepreneurship and Regional Development*
 - 2nd publication: Meadowcroft and Whitacre (2020), *Substance Abuse*
 - 3rd publication: Meadowcroft and Whitacre (2020), *Substance Abuse and Misuse*
 - 4th publication: Meadowcroft and Whitacre (2021), *Substance Abuse: Research and Treatment*
 - Initial appointment: Postdoctoral Scholar, Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development
- Kelsey Conley (2019). Ph.D. Dissertation. "Essays on Food Expenditure, Development Program Evaluation, and Rural Broadband." 122 pp.
- Resulting publication: Conley and Whitacre (2020), *International Regional Science Review*
 - Initial appointment: Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Idaho
- Kwideok Han (2019). Ph.D. Dissertation. "Essays on School Size and Student Performance, Hay Yield, and EDA Public Works Program Evaluation." 112 pp.
- Resulting publication: Han, Whitacre, and Ji (2020), *Economic Development Quarterly*
 - Initial appointment: Data and Operations Analyst, IRIM, Oklahoma State University
- Kangil Lee (2018). Ph.D. Dissertation. "Three Essays in Energy, Environmental, and Regional Economics." 131 pp.
- Initial appointment: Research Professor, Green School at Korea University
- Jacob Manlove (2018). Ph.D. Dissertation. "Three Essays on Broadband Access." 99 pp.
- Resulting publication: Whitacre and Manlove (2016), *Community Development*
 - 2nd publication: Manlove and Whitacre (2019), *Telecommunications Policy*
 - 3rd publication: Manlove and Whitacre (2019), *Telecommunications Policy*
 - Initial appointment: Assistant Professor, Tarleton State University
- Hyun Ji Lee (2016). M.S. Thesis. "The FCC's Low-Income Broadband Pilot Program: Lessons Learned and Implications for Future Policies." 41 pp.
- Resulting publication: Lee and Whitacre (2017), *Telecommunications Policy*
 - Upon graduation: Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University
- Dylan Johnston (2016). M.S. Thesis. "The Influence of Oil and Gas on Local Retail Sales and Use Tax Receipts: Evidence from Oklahoma Panel Data." 83 pp.
- Resulting publication: Whitacre, Johnston, Lansford, and Shideler (2020), *The Annals of Regional Science*
 - Upon graduation: Bank Examiner, Farm Credit Administration
- Kelsey Conley (2015). M.S. Thesis. "Does Broadband Matter for Rural Entrepreneurs or 'Creative Class' Employees?" 84 pp.
- Resulting publication: Conley and Whitacre (2016), *Review of Regional Studies*
 - Upon graduation: Ph.D. Student, Oklahoma State University

Randi Williams (2014). M.S. Thesis. “Electronic Medical Record Adoption in Oklahoma: Rural – Urban Differences and the Role of Broadband Availability.” 73 pp.

- Resulting publication: Whitacre and Williams (2015), *The Journal of Rural Health*
- 2nd publication: Whitacre, Shideler, and Williams (2016), *Economic Development Quarterly*
- Upon graduation: Consultant, Cerner Corporation

Ivica Janeski (2012). M.S. Thesis. “Long-term Economic Impacts of USDA Water Infrastructure Investments in Oklahoma.” 95 pp.

- Resulting publication: Janeski and Whitacre (2014), *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*
- Upon graduation: Head of Department for Implementation of National Rural Development Programs, Republic of Macedonia

Ashley Jackson (2012). M.S. Thesis. “How Specialized is ‘Too’ Specialized? Outmigration and Industry Diversification in Nonmetropolitan Counties across America.” 103 pp.

- Resulting publication: Poston and Whitacre (2014), *The Journal of Economics*
- Upon graduation: Extension Ag Economist, Kansas State University Farm Management Association

AWARDS

- Jean & Patsy Neustadt Chair (2020). Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University.
- Sarkeys Distinguished Professorship (2019). Oklahoma State University.
- National Innovation and Creativity Award (2019). National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP). For work on Rural Library Hotspot Loan Program.
- Aggie-X Outstanding Teacher Award (2019). Selected by undergraduate Ag Econ students.
- Merrick Foundation Teaching Award on the American Free Enterprise System (2016). Oklahoma State University.
- James A. Whatley Award for Meritorious Research in Agricultural Sciences (2015). OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (DASNR).
- Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award (2015). Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA).
- Excellence in Regional Economic Development Work Award (2015). Stronger Economies Together (SET) National Program. For work with Western OK I-40 Corridor Team.
- Outstanding Regional High Quality Plan (2015). Stronger Economies Together (SET) National Program. For work with Western OK I-40 Corridor Team.
- Early Career Professional Administrative Leadership Award (2014). National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA).
- Distinguished Extension / Outreach Program Award: Individual Less than Ten Years’ Experience (2013). Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA).
- Outstanding Supporting Individual (2013). Great Plains Resource Conservation & Development. For work on Stronger Economies Together (SET) Program.
- New Research Scientist Award (2013). Gamma Sigma Delta (Agriculture Honor Society) – Oklahoma State University Chapter.
- Early promotion to associate professor with tenure. Oklahoma State University (2011).
- Bonnie Teater Community Development Early Career Achievement Award (2011). Honors “rising star” in the field of Community Development (less than 10 years of service). Given by Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC).
- Excellence in Community Development Work (2010). Team Award from National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP). For work on “Building Resilient Communities - Emergency Preparedness Demonstration.”

- Faculty Advisor for Student Research:
 - Telecommunications Policy Research Conference Graduate Student Research Award
 - Jacob Manlove (2017, 2018)
 - OSU Women's Faculty Council Research Award (graduate research)
 - Randi Williams (2014)
 - Ashley Jackson (2012)
 - Wentz Project Award (undergraduate research)
 - Jeremiah Taylor (2015)
 - Jamie Andrews (2010)
 - OSU Ag Econ Departmental Graduate Student Paper Award: Faculty Advisor for
 - Phumsith Mahasuweerachai, 1st place (2009)
 - Phumsith Mahasuweerachai, 2nd place (2008)
- Cunningham Fellowship Recipient (Outstanding Graduate Student), Virginia Tech, 2003-2005

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University

- Community Resources and Economic Development Initiative Team
 - Member, 2006 - Present
 - Team Leader, 2008 - 2014
- Information Services Committee, Member, 2006 – Present
 - Chair, 2011 – 2015
- Seminar Committee, Member, 2006 - 2015
- Faculty Communications Committee, Member, 2008 – Present
- OCES Website Advisory Committee, 2008 – 2016
- Undergraduate Scholarship Selection Committee, 2013-2015
- Aggie-X (Undergraduate Ag Econ Student Association)
 - Junior Advisor, 2011
 - Co-advisor, 2012-2013
- Graduate Student Association Advisor, 2017 - Present
- Graduate Student AAEE Case Study Advisor, 2015, 2017
- Ag Faculty Council Member, 2011 – 2014
 - Vice Chair, 2011-12
 - Chair, 2012-2013
- Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Committee, 2017 – Present
- CASNR Graduate Student Award Committee, 2018 – 2020
- Rural Development Faculty Search Committee Head, 2021
- Department Head Search Committee, 2019-2020
- Program Evaluation Specialist Search Committee, 2018 & 2020

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

- Member, 2002 - Present
- Community and Regional Economics Network, Member, 2007 – Present
 - Chair-Elect, 2013-2014; Chair, 2014-2015
- Rural Development Section Selected Paper Coordinator, 2008 & 2009
- Rural Development Section Selected Paper Reviewer, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019

Southern Agricultural Economics Association

- Member, 2008 - Present
- Community / Rural Development Selected Paper Reviewer, 2008
- Farm Management Selected Paper Reviewer, 2011

Western Agricultural Economics Association

- Community and Regional Economics Selected Paper Reviewer, 2013
- Outstanding Published Research Award committee
 - Chair, 2016-17

NE-1749, NE-1049, & NE-1029 (Multistate Research Projects) – Community Health and Resilience

- Member, 2010 – Present
- Secretary / Chair-Elect, 2012-2013
- Chair, 2013-2014

National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP)

- Member, 2010 – Present
- Conference paper reviewer, 2016

Southern Regional Science Association

- Member, 2011 – Present

SERA-19 (Southern Extension Research Activity – Rural Health)

- Member, 2006 - 2011
- Conference Agenda Committee, 2008 – 2011

National Rural E-commerce Extension Initiative – Southern Rural Development Center

- Regional E-commerce Training Team Member, 2010
- Advisory Committee, 2010 – Present

Southern Region Program Leadership Network

- Community & Rural Development state representative, 2010 - 2014
 - Secretary, 2010-2011
 - Vice-Chair, 2011-2012
 - Chair, 2012-2013

Small Business Innovation Research Program (Rural and Community Development) Reviewer

- Phase I Member, 2013; Ad Hoc Reviewer 2018, 2020
- Phase II Member, 2013, 2018; Ad Hoc Reviewer 2014, 2015

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Innovation for Rural Entrepreneurs and Communities Reviewer

- Member, 2018

National Institute for Water Research Grant Proposal Reviewer

- Member, 2010

National Science Foundation: Science, Technology, and Society Grant Proposal Reviewer

- Ad Hoc Member, 2015
- Ad Hoc Member, 2020

Global Center for Food Systems Innovation Grants Proposal Reviewer

- Member, 2015

Rural Health Research Center Grant Proposal Reviewer (Organized by Health Resources and Service Administration)

- Rural Research to Diverse Audiences Reviewer, 2008, 2009

James A. Whatley Award for Meritorious Research in Agricultural Sciences Selection Committee

- Member, 2016 – 2019

Merrick Foundation Teaching Award Selection Committee

- Member, 2017 – 2019

External Review for Promotion / Tenure at other Land-grant Universities (names withheld)

- 5 reviews

Oklahoma Rural Broadband Expansion Council

- 4-year term (2020 – 2023); appointed by State Senate President Pro Tempore

Oklahoma State University Weightlifting Club

- Faculty Advisor, 2007 - Present

Journal Manuscripts Reviewer (number of manuscripts in parenthesis, if >1)

- Editorial Council for *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 2015-2018
- *Telecommunications Policy* (11)
- *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (2)
- *Journal of Regional Science* (5)
- *Regional Science, Policy, and Practice*
- *Review of Regional Studies*
- *Papers in Regional Science* (2)
- *Growth & Change* (2)
- *PLOS One*
- *Industrial Geographer*
- *Research Policy*
- *American Behavioral Scientist*
- *Economics and Business Letters*
- *New Media & Society*
- *International Regional Science Review* (4)
- *Economic Inquiry*
- *Applied Economics Letters*
- *Applied Geography*
- *Government Information Quarterly* (4)
- *Choices* (5)
- *Community Development* (3)
- *Rural and Remote Health* (3)
- *Mountain Plains Journal of Business and Technology*
- *Economics of Education Review*
- *Journal of Rural Health* (5)
 - **Exceptional Reviewer, 2021**
- *Transportation Research E: Logistics and Transportation Review*
- *Journal of Health Communication*
- *BMJ Health & Care Informatics*
- *Communication Research and Practice*
- *Annals of Psychiatry and Mental Health*
- *Journal of Research in Rural Education*
- *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture*
- *Annals of Regional Science*
- *Journal of Planning Literature*
- *Southern Business and Economic Journal*
- *Applied Clinical Informatics*
- *Behaviour and Information Technology* (2)
- *Journal of Rural Studies* (2)
- *Economic Development Quarterly* (2)
- *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy, and Society*
- *International Journal of Education Economics and Development*
- *Rural Sociology*
- *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy* (3)
- *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* (3)
- *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* (4)
- *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*
- *Fiscal Studies*
- *The Information Society*
- *Journal of Urban Affairs*
- *Journal of Information Policy* (2)
- *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*
- *Telematics and Informatics*