Aaron Morton

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics 2021 to Present
Syracuse University
Primary Fields: Urban Economics, Public Economics

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Minor in Mathematics 2018 to 2021
University of Nevada: Las Vegas

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant 2023 to 2025
Syracuse University, Department of Economics
Supervisor/Advisor: Alexander Rothenberg

Undergraduate Research Assistant 2020 to 2021
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Economics
Mentor: Nicholas Irwin
Project Title: *How Changes in Land Values Impact Property Capital Investment in Las Vegas and Henderson, Nevada*
Authors: Nicholas Irwin, Aaron Morton

Teaching Experience

Lecturer 2024 to 2025
Syracuse University, Department of Economics
Courses: ECN 203: Economic Ideas and Issues

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2022 to Present
Syracuse University, Department of Economics
Supervisor: Michael Lorenzo
Courses: ECN 102: Introductory Macroeconomics Fall 2022, ECN 102: Introductory Macroeconomics Spring 2023

Supervisor: Yulya Truskinovsky
Courses: ECN 310: Health Economics Fall 2025

Supervisor: John Cawley
Courses: ECN 310: Economics of Risky Behaviors Spring 2026

Research Interests

Urban Economics, Public Economics, Spatial Equilibrium, Discrete Choice

Work In Progress

Project Title: *Buffalo Zoning Reforms and City Productivity*
Authors: Aaron Morton
Topic: Exploring the 2017 Green Code reforms in Buffalo, NY effects on the spatial distribution of urban development, commutes, and productivity. Using a combination of reduced form and quantitative spatial modeling, the effects of these reforms on city productivity and possible channels, such as agglomeration forces, are assessed.

Project Title: *Firm Location Choices in Spatial Equilibrium*
Authors: Aaron Morton
Topic: Using techniques common in Quantitative Spatial Modeling, a unique spatial equilibrium model is being developed that treats firms as discrete units with locations endogenously determined by competing firm locations and household shopping choices. To test this model, it is applied to grocery store locations to better understand the formation of food deserts.

Project Title: *Housing Space Constraints and Spatial Equilibrium*
Authors: Aaron Morton
Topic: By developing a spatial equilibrium model, household housing size preferences and regulatory housing space minimums are considered in how they restrict household choices and location choice affordability.

Presentations

Morton, A., Irwin, J. N. (2020, September). *How Changes in Land Values Impact Property Capital Investment in Las Vegas and Henderson, Nevada.* Poster presented at the UNLV 21st Annual Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Morton, A., (2024, April). *Food Deserts: A Spatial Equilibrium Proposal.* Slides presented at the Syracuse Economics Department Trade Breakfast

Morton, A., (2025, May). *Parking Requirements and City Productivity.* Slides presented at the Syracuse Economics Department Trade Breakfast

Morton, A., (2025, November). *Spatial Equilibrium and Health Outcomes.* Guest Lecture slides presented in ECN 310: Health Economics

Professional Memberships

McNair Scholars Institute 2020 to Present
Phi Theta Kappa 2015 to Present

Grants and Scholarships

McNair Fellowship Grant	2021
McNair Summer Research Institute Grant,	2020
Bank Of America NV Scholarship,	2020
S J Hall Fellowship	2020

Skills

Coding: Matlab (Preferred), Stata, Latex, ArcGIS, Python