

About Me

- Director of Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics
 - Economic forecasting unit in Economics Department
 - Complementary economic impact analyses
 - Strong interest in urban/regional economics
- Our model is to partner with subject matter experts
 - We provide the economic modelling piece
- Why I do what I do
 - I believe academic research can improve public policy

My Current Work

- Socioeconomic impacts of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
 - Standard input-output modeling (REMI)
 - Hedonic impact analysis/quality of life benefits
- Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Transformational Brownfield Plans
 - On behalf of Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Future Directions

- Better hedonic methods
 - Causal modelling
 - Random or quasi-random policy assignment
 - Instrumental Variables approaches
 - Regression Discontinuity approaches
 - Other ideas?