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Education

1984 **Bachelor of Science**, Physics, Cornell University
1992 **Master's in City and Regional Planning**, Cornell University
1996 **PhD**, Regional Science, Cornell University

Research Interests

- Settlement formation and urbanization across different eras and geographic areas
- Urbanization and economic development
- Invention and innovation in urban areas
- Urban sustainability
- Invention and technological change
- Origins of novelty in biological and socioeconomic-cultural systems

Employment & Appointments

2012 – present Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Associate Professor of Research, School of Sustainability
Senior Sustainability Scientist, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability
Core Faculty, Center for Social Dynamics and Complexity
Affiliated Faculty, School for the Future of Innovation in Society
Honors Faculty, Barrett the Honors College

2007 – 2011 Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Associate Professor of Research
School of Human Evolution and Social Change
W.P. Carey School of Business
Graduate Program in Applied Mathematics for the Life and Social Sciences

2005 – 2006 Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Research Scientist, Global Institute of Sustainability

2004 Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Reggio Emilia, Italy
Visiting Researcher, Department of Social, Communication and Cognitive Sciences

- 2003 Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Visiting Researcher
- 2002 – 2003 Cap Gemini Ernst & Young
Consumer Products/Retail/Distribution Practice
Statistics and Economics Consultant
- 2001 – 2002 BiosGroup Inc., Santa Fe, New Mexico
Senior Scientist
- 1997 – 2001 Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Assistant Professor, Graduate Field of Regional Science,
Department of City and Regional Planning
- 1995 – 1997 Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Instructor, Department of City and Regional Planning
- 1989 – 1990 United Nations Observation Mission to the Electoral Process in
Nicaragua, Esteli, Nicaragua
Field Coordinator
- 1985 – 1988 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Esteli,
Nicaragua
Field Representative

Research Affiliations

- 2016 – present Affiliated Faculty Member, Centre for Entrepreneurship and
Spatial Economics and Centre of Excellence for Science and
Innovation Studies, Jönköping International Business School,
Jönköping University (Jonkoping, Sweden)
- 2015 – present Fellow, Arizona State University – Santa Fe Institute Center for
Biosocial Complex Systems
- 2014 – present Santa Fe Institute Working Group on Universals in
Human Biosocial Organization
- 2014 – present The Social Reactors Project: Human Settlements and Networks in
History (University of Colorado-Boulder, Arizona State University
and the Santa Fe Institute)
- 2013 – present Santa Fe Institute Dynamics of Informal Settlements Project
- 2013 – present Santa Fe Institute Working Group on Technological Change

2009 – present	Research Affiliate, Martin Prosperity Institute (MPI), Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto
2009 – present	Faculty Steering Committee, Center for Social Dynamics and Complexity, Arizona State University
2003 – 2006	Member, Information Society as a Complex System (ISCOM) Research Project, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (Italy)
1999 – 2001	Faculty Steering Committee, Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowships in Nonlinear Systems, Cornell University

Teaching Experience

- Undergraduate courses in applied mathematics, calculus, urban economics, statistics, econometrics, systems theory and complexity science.
- Graduate level courses in urban economics, economic growth theory, probability theory, statistics, and complexity science.

Papers

1. Frank, M.R., David Autor, James E. Bessen, Erik Brynjolfsson, Manuel Cebrian, David J. Deming, Maryann Feldman, Matthew Groh, José Lobo, Esteban Moro, Dashun Wang, Hyejin Youn, H., Iyad Rahwan (2019) Towards understanding the impact of AI on labor. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*. (<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1900949116>)
2. Smith, Michael E., José Lobo (2019) Cities through the ages: one thing or many? (Forthcoming in *Frontiers of Digital Humanities*.)
3. Bettencourt, Luis M/A., José Lobo (2019) Quantitative Methods for the Comparative Analysis of Cities in History. (Forthcoming in *Frontiers of Digital Humanities*.)
4. Mellander, Charlotta, José Lobo (2019) Let's Stick Together: Labor Market Effects from Immigrant Neighborhood Clustering. (Forthcoming in *Environment and Planning A*.)
5. José Lobo, Luis M.A. Bettencourt, Michael E. Smith, Scott Ortman, S.G. (2018) Settlement Scaling Theory: Bridging the Study of Ancient and Contemporary Urban Systems. (Forthcoming in *Urban Studies*.)
6. Lobo, José, Deborah Strumsky, Charlotta Mellander (2018) As Different as Night and Day: Scaling Analysis of Swedish Urban Areas and Regional Labor Markets. (Forthcoming in *Environment and Planning B*.)
7. Lobo, José, Todd Whitelaw, Luis M.A. Bettencourt Polly Wiessner, Scott Ortman, Michael Smith (2018) Scaling of Hunter Gatherer Camp Size Indicates a Major Transition in Human Sociality. (Under review in *Current Anthropology*.)
8. Cesaretti, Rudolf, José Lobo, Michael E. Smith, Luis M. A. Bettencourt (2018) Increasing Returns to Scale in the Provincial Towns of Tudor England. (Under review in *Explorations in Economic History*.)

9. Gómez-Liévano, Andrés, Vladislav Vysotsky, José Lobo (2018) Increasing returns to scale without sorting or agglomeration economies. (Under review in *Journal of Urban Economics*.)
10. Strumsky, Deborah, José Lobo (2018) Sources of Inventive Novelty: Two Patent Classification Schemas, Same Story. (Forthcoming in *Scientometrics*.)
11. Shutters, Shade, José Lobo, Deborah Strumsky, Charlotta Mellander, Luis Bettencourt, Matthias Brachert, Teresa Farinha, Rachata Muneeppeerakul (2018) Urban Occupational Structures as Information Networks: Scaling of Network Density with Number of Occupations. *Plos One* 13(5): e0196915. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0196915>
12. Ossa, Alana, Michael Smith, José Lobo (2017) The Size of Plazas in Mesoamerican Cities: A Quantitative Analysis and Social Interpretation. *Latin American Antiquity*, 28: 457-475.
13. Brelsford, Christa, Luis Bettencourt, José Lobo, Joe Hand (2017) The Heterogeneity and Scale of Sustainable Development in Cities. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 114: 8963-8968.
14. Hanson, John W., Scott G. Ortman, José Lobo (2017) Urbanisation and the Division of Labour in the Roman Empire. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 14: 1-12. DOI: 10.1098/rsif.2017.0367.
15. Smith, Michael E., José Lobo (2016) Comments on Urbanization, State Formation and Cooperation: a Reappraisal. *Current Anthropology*, 57: 485-486.
16. Mellander, Charlotta, Kevin Stolarick, José Lobo (2016) Distinguishing neighbourhood and workplace network effects on individual income: evidence from Sweden. *Regional Studies* doi:10.1080/00343404.2016.1236187.
17. Cesaretti, Rudolf, José Lobo, Luís M. A. Bettencourt, Scott Ortman, Michael Smith (2016) Population-Area Relationship in Medieval European Cities. *PLoS ONE* 11(10): e0162678. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0162678.
18. Fragkias, Michail, José Lobo, Karen Seto (2016) A comparison of nighttime lights data for urban energy research: Insights from scaling analysis in the US system of cities. *Environment and Planning B*, doi: 10.1177/0265813516658477.
19. Ortman, Scott, Kaitlyn Davis, José Lobo, Michael Smith, Luis Bettencourt, Aaron Trumbo (2016) Settlement Scaling and Economic Change in the Central Andes. *Journal of Archaeological Science*. 73: 94-106.
20. Bettencourt, Luis M.A., José Lobo (2016) Urban Scaling in Europe. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 13 20160005. DOI: 10.1098/rsif.2016.0005.
21. Youn, Hyejin, Luis Bettencourt, José Lobo, Deborah Strumsky, Horacio Samaniego, Geoffrey West (2016) Scaling and universality in urban economic diversification. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 13: 20150937. DOI: 10.1098/rsif.2015.0937.
22. Shutters, Shade, Rachata Muneeppeerakul, José Lobo (2016) How hard is it for urban economies to become “green”? *Environment and Planning B*, 43: 198-209.
23. Hamilton, Marcus J., José Lobo, Eric Rupley, Hyejin Youn, Geoffrey B. West (2016) The Ecology and energetics of hunter-gatherer residential mobility. *Evolutionary Anthropology*, 25: 124-132.
24. Mellander, Charlotta, José Lobo, Kevin Stolarick, Zara Matheson (2015) Night-Time Light Data: A Good Proxy Measure for Economic Activity? *Plos ONE* 10(10):e0139779. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0139779
25. Shutters, Shade, Rachata Muneeppeerakul, José Lobo (2015) Constrained pathways to a creative urban economy. *Urban Studies*, 53: 3439-3454.

26. Bettencourt, Luis M.A., Joe Hand, José Lobo (2015) Spatial Selection and the Statistics of Neighborhoods. Santa Fe Institute Working Paper #15-06-020. Santa Fe Institute. (Forthcoming in *Nature Human Behaviour*.)
27. Strumsky, Deborah, José Lobo (2015) Identifying the sources of technological novelty in the process of invention. *Research Policy*, 44: 1445-1461.
28. Youn, Hyejin, Deborah Strumsky, Luis Bettencourt, José Lobo (2015) Invention as a combinatorial process: evidence from U.S. Patents. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 12: 20150272; DOI: 10.1098/rsif.2015.0272.
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30. Mellander, Charlotta, Kevin Stolarick, José Lobo, Deborah Strumsky (2014) The Inventive, the Educated and the Creative: How Do They Affect Metropolitan Productivity? *Industry and Innovation*, 21, 155-177.
31. Muneeppeerakul, Rachatta, José Lobo, Shade Shutter, Andres Gómez-Liévano, Murad Qubbaj (2013) Urban Economies and Occupation Space: Can They Get “There” from ‘Here’?, *PLoS ONE* 8(9): e73676. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0073676.
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34. Lobo, José, Jonathan Rothwell, Deborah Strumsky and José Lobo (2013) Scaling of patenting with urban population size: evidence from global metropolitan areas. *Scientometrics* doi: 10.1007/s11192-013-0970-3
35. Strumsky, Deborah, José Lobo, Sander van der Leeuw (2012) Using Patent Technology Codes to Study Technological Change. *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*, 21: 267-286.
36. Lobo, José, Joseph Tainter and Deborah Strumsky (2011) Productivity of Invention, in William Bainbridge, ed., *Leadership in Science and Technology: A Reference Handbook*, Sage Publishers.
37. Stolarick, Kevin, José Lobo and Deborah Strumsky (2011) Are Creative Metropolitan Areas Also Entrepreneurial? *Regional Science Policy & Practice*, 3: 271-286.
38. Bettencourt, Luis, José Lobo, Deborah Strumsky and Geoffrey West (2010) Urban Scaling and Its Deviations: Revealing the Structure of Wealth, Innovation and Crime across Cities. *PLoS ONE* 5(11): e13541. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0013541.
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43. Bettencourt, Luis, José Lobo, Dirk Helbing, Christian Kühnert and Geoffrey West (2007) Growth, innovation, scaling and the pace of life in cities. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 104, 7301-7306.
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51. Auerswald, Phillip, Stuart Kauffman, José Lobo and Karl Shell (2000) The Production Recipes Approach to Modeling Technological Innovation: An Application to Learning By Doing. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 24, 389-450.
52. Bhatta, Saurav and José Lobo (2000) Human Capital and Per Capita Output: A Comparison of U.S. States. *Papers in Regional Science*, 79, 393 – 411.
53. Kauffman, Stuart José Lobo and William Macready (2000) Optimal Search on a Technology Landscape. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 43, 141 – 166.
54. Drennan, Matthew and José Lobo (1999) A Simple Test for Convergence of Metropolitan Income in the United States. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 46, 350-359.
55. Lobo, José and Norma Rantisi (1999) Investment in Infrastructure as Determinant of Metropolitan Productivity. *Growth and Change: A Journal of Urban and Regional Policy*, 30, 106-127.
56. Isard, Walter and José Lobo (1998) Regional Transitions and Noise. *CyberGeo: Revue Européenne de Géographie* (<http://www.cybergegeo.eu/index346.html>).

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3. Tainter, Joseph, Deborah Strumsky, Temis Taylor, Michelle Arnold, José Lobo (2018) Depletion vs. Innovation: the Fundamental Question of Sustainability, in Angelo Tartaglia and Roberto Burlando, eds., *Physical Limits to Economic Growth*, New York: Routledge.
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5. Tainter, Joseph, Temis Taylor, Roslynn Brain, José Lobo (2015) Sustainability. in *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (eds.) Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn, Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
6. Bettencourt, Luis M.A., José Lobo, Hyejin Youn (2013) The Hypothesis of Urban Scaling: Formalization, Implications and Challenges. Santa Fe Institute Working Paper 13-01-004.
7. Rothwell, Jonathan, José Lobo, Deborah Strumsky, Mark Muro (2013) Patenting Prosperity: Invention and Economic Performance in the United States and its Metropolitan Areas. Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution.
8. Lobo, José, Kevin Stolarick and Richard Florida (2010) Growth without Growth: Population and Productivity Change in U.S. Metropolitan Areas, 1980-2006. Martin Prosperity Institute Working Paper 2011-02-17. Martin Prosperity Institute, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto.
9. Lobo, José, Deborah Strumsky and Luis Bettencourt (2009) Metropolitan Areas and CO2 Emissions: Large is Beautiful. Martin Prosperity Institute Working Paper 2009-MPIWP-006. Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto.
10. Bettencourt, Luis, José Lobo and Geoffrey West (2009) The self similarity of human social organization in cities. in David Lane, Denise Pumain, Sander van der Leeuw and Geoffrey West, editors, *Complexity Perspectives in Innovation and Social Change*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag.
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12. Lobo, José and Deborah Strumsky (2003). If it isn't broken, don't fix it: extremal search on a technology landscape. Santa Fe Institute Working Paper 03-02-003.
13. Lobo, José and William Macready (1999) Landscapes: A Natural Extension of Search Theory. Santa Fe Institute Working Paper 99-05-037E.
14. Lobo, José and Richard Schuler (1997) Efficient Organization: Urban Hierarchies and Landscape Criteria. in Schweitzer, F. editor, *Self-Organization of Complex Structures: From Individual to Collective Dynamics*. London: Gordon and Breach.
15. Lobo, José (1995) Stochastic Fluctuations, Noise-Induced Transitions, and the Blowtorch Theorem: Does Noise Matter in Economics? in L. Nadel and D. L. Stein, editors, *1993*

Lectures in Complex Systems, SFI Studies in the Science of Complexity, Vol. VI, Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley.

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