

The Regional Research Institute

The RRI conducts and promotes interdisciplinary research on the economic and social development of lagging regions. As a center of regional research excellence for five decades, the RRI is an internationally recognized center for the advancement of regional science — an interdisciplinary field at the intersection of geography, economics, and planning.

Our research focuses on theories and history of regional development, methods for studying regions, and policies for stimulating their economies. We seek to advance our understanding of socioeconomic processes and our ability to explain regional differences in rates of growth and levels of development. RRI activities are both national and international in scope. Our area interests cover the globe, with a special focus on our own Appalachian region.

The Institute is committed to scholarship at its highest levels. We have a core of regional science faculty within the Institute, faculty research associates across campus, and an extended network of scholars throughout the United States and abroad.

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Conference room
Extensive reference
materials and reading room

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funding proposals in a wide
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socio-economic impacts and
human dimensions of global
change