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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Higher Education Pennsylvania State University	August 2013 University Park, PA
Master of Business Administration Johns Hopkins University	May 2009 Baltimore, MD
B.S., Information Sciences and Technology Pennsylvania State University	May 2004 University Park, PA

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Appalachian State University <i>Department of Leadership & Educational Studies, Reich College of Education</i> Associate Professor of Higher Education (Tenured) Program Director, Higher Education Assistant Professor of Higher Education	Boone, NC 2019 – Present 2019 – Present 2016 – 2019
Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges Founding Co-Director	2020 – Present
Education Policy Center, University of Alabama Research Fellow	Tuscaloosa, AL 2016 – Present
Texas Tech University <i>Department of Educational Psychology & Leadership, College of Education</i> Assistant Professor of Higher Education (Tenure-Track)	Lubbock, TX 2013 – 2016

FUNDED RESEARCH AWARDS

External Funding

- Principal Investigator**, Defining What It Means to Be A Rural-Serving Postsecondary Institution, Ascendium Education Group, Pending Final Board Approval, 2020 – 2021, \$428,400
- Co-Principal Investigator**, Federal Support for Broadly Accessible Rural-Serving Institutions in Response to COVID-19, The Joyce Foundation, 2020, \$101,536
- Co-Principal Investigator**, Guided Pathways for Student Access at Access-Oriented Four-Year Institutions, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2018 – 2019, \$355,997

Internal Funding

Co-Principal Investigator, Bachelor's Degree Bound: Exploring the Institutional Choices and Transition Experiences of Rural Transfer Students, Appalachian State University Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Grant, 2019 – 2020, \$2,500

Principal Investigator, On the Move: Using Google Maps to Understand the Postsecondary Educational Migration Patterns of Youth in the United States, Appalachian State University Graduate Research Assistant Mentorship Program, 2018 – 2020, \$24,000

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Postsecondary education access, pathways, and outcomes of rural populations; Rural and rural-serving community colleges and universities; Community effects on education decisions; Large-scale, quantitative data analysis

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Koricich, A., Tandberg, D., Bishop, B., & Weeden, D. (2020). Doing the same (or more) with less: The challenges regional public universities face in serving rural populations. *New Directions for Higher Education*, 190, 59-70. doi: 10.1002/he.20367

Boylan, H. R., Levine-Brown, P., **Koricich, A.**, & Anthony, S. W. (2018). Education, the workforce, and developmental education: An interview with Congresswoman Virginia Foxx. *Journal of Developmental Education*, 42(1), 22-23.

Koricich, A., Chen, X., & Hughes, R. (2018). Understanding the effects of rurality and socioeconomic status on college attendance and institutional choice in the United States. *Review of Higher Education*, 41(2), 281-305. doi: 10.1353/rhe.2018.0004.

Chen, X. & **Koricich, A.** (2014). Reaching out to remote places: A discussion of technology and the future of distance education in rural America. In *E-Learn 2014 Proceedings: World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education* (pp. 370-376). Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education.

Koricich, A. (2013). Multimedia discussions through VoiceThread. *The Community College Enterprise*, 19(1), 76-79.

Koricich, A. (2013). Outcomes instead of outputs: Using a New Public Service approach to humanize “No Child Left Behind”. *American Journal of Education Forum*. Available at <http://www.ajeforum.com/?p=573>.

Koricich, A. (2013). Using technology to help rural students through the college admissions process. *American Journal of Education Forum*. Available at <http://www.ajeforum.com/?p=385>.

Koricich, A. (2012). Seeing “rural” as a differentiated space, *American Journal of Education Forum*. Available at <http://www.ajeforum.com/?p=316>.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Koricich, A., & Fryar, A. H. (2021). Good as gold: The critical role of broad-access institutions in serving rural communities (pp. xx-xx). In G. Crisp, K. R. McClure, & C. M. Orphan (Eds.), *Unlocking opportunity through broadly accessible institutions*. Routledge.

Koricich, A., & Ardoin, S. (2021). Spotty connections: Rural students and online learning amidst COVID-19 (pp. xx-xx). In J. Michel (Ed.), *Higher education amid the COVID-19 pandemic: Teaching and supporting through turbulent times*. Rutgers University Press.

Hughes, R., Kimball, E., & **Koricich, A.** (2019). The dual commodification of college-going: Individual and institutional influences on access and choice (pp. 415-477). In M. B. Paulsen & L. W. Perna (Eds.), *Higher Education: Handbook of Theory and Research, Vol. 34*. Springer.

Koricich, A. (2015). The role of rural community colleges in educating a twenty-first century workforce. In S. J. Jones & D. J. Smith (Eds.), *Examining the Impact of Community Colleges in the Global Workforce* (pp. 32-52). IGI Global.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Koricich, A., Trull, J. K., Gilbert, C., & Free, A. N. (forthcoming). Institutional factors influencing student retention at rural community colleges: How the Great Recession can be instructive for the COVID-19 recession. Target outlet: *The Conversation* (Spring 2021)

Koricich A., Tovar, H., Gaikwad, A. A., & Cummings, K. (forthcoming). Using Google Maps to measure driving distance and time to college. Target outlet: *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness* (Spring 2021)

Koricich, A., Cummings, K., Tovar, H., & Gaikwad, A. A. (forthcoming). Longer, windier roads: The role of driving distance, time, and cost in the college choice decisions of rural students. Target outlet: *Journal of Research on Rural Education* (Summer 2021)

Ardoin, S., & **Koricich, A.** (forthcoming). An exploration of the institutional choices and transfer experiences of rural college students. Target outlet: *Journal of the First-Year Experience & Students in Transition* (Summer 2021)

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS AND DATASETS

Koricich, A. (2019). The expensive and absolutely necessary pursuit of rural students. *The EvoLLLution*. https://evollution.com/revenue-streams/extending_lifelong_learning/the-expensive-and-absolutely-necessary-pursuit-of-rural-students/

Koricich, A., & Boylan, H. R. (2019). *The importance of developmental education in rural communities* (NCDE White Paper). National Center for Developmental Education.

Katsinas, S. G., Lacey, V. A., Hardy, D. E., Shedd, L. E., & **Koricich, A.** (2017) A mission-driven classification scheme of higher education institutions [Data set]. The University of Alabama, Education Policy Center.

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Appalachian State University

American Higher Education
Critical Issues in Adult & Developmental Education
Designing Adult Learning Experiences Using Technology
Ethical & Legal Issues in Higher Education
Higher Education Finance
Institutional Effectiveness
Leadership in Higher Education
Personnel Policy & Practice in Higher Education
Writing for the Professional Educator

Texas Tech University

Assessing Student Outcomes in Higher Education
Doctoral Capstone Seminar
Funding Higher Education
History of Higher Education in the United States
Master's Capstone Seminar
Policy Analysis and Issues in Higher Education
Resource Management & Efficiencies in Higher Education
Technology in Higher Education

Pennsylvania State University (teaching assistant)

Community Colleges and Technical Institutes
Designing Institutional Research Studies
Foundations of Institutional Research
Planning and Resource Management in Higher Education

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Appalachian State University

Department

Program Director, Higher Education (2019-Present)
Promotion & Tenure Committee (2019-Present)
Higher Education Program Scholarship Committee (2017-Present)
Advisor, Community College & University Leadership Concentration (2016-Present)
Chair, Higher Education Faculty Search Committee (2020)
Department Chair Search Committee (2019-2020)
Chair, Higher Education Faculty Search Committee (2019)
Leadership & Educational Studies Department Budget Committee (2016-2019)
Faculty Advisor, Higher Education Student Association (2016-2019)
Higher Education Program Faculty Search Committee (2016-2017)

College

Doctoral Consultative Committee (2019-Present)

Panelist, Reich College of Education Research Bonanza (2020)

National Center for Developmental Education Director Search Committee (2019-2020)

Co-Chair, RCOE Ed.D. Program Director Search Committee (2018-2019)

RCOE Doctoral Education Policy and Procedures Committee (2017-2019)

University

University Planning & Priorities Council (2019-Present)

Guest Facilitator, Agents of Change Professional Development Series (2017)

Texas Tech University

Department

Higher Education Ph.D. Faculty Search Committee Member (2016)

Higher Education M.Ed. Faculty Search Committee Member (2015-2016)

College

College of Education Academic Program Reform (2013-2015)

University

University Discipline Committee (2014-2015)

Faculty Senate Delegate (2014-2015)

AAUP – Texas Tech Chapter (2014-2015)

Pennsylvania State University

External Review Board: *Higher Education in Review* (2013)

President's Commission on LGBT Equity (2010-2013)

Higher Education Student Association (2010-2011)

Service to the Profession

Article Submission Reviewer: *Journal of Research in Rural Education, Journal of Student Financial Aid, Human Relations, Rural Sociology, American Journal of Education, Journal of Higher Education, Sociological Forum, Qualitative Sociology, Public Administration Quarterly, Educational Policy, Higher Education in Review*

Conference Proposal Reviewer: *Association for the Study of Higher Education, Council for the Study of Community Colleges*

External Program Reviewer, M.S. in Higher Education Program: Mary Baldwin University (2019)

Rural Research Agenda Working Group: Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (2018-2019)

Application Review Panel: AIR/NCES/NSF National Data Institute (2013)

AWARDS & HONORS

Inclusive Excellence Award Nominee, Appalachian State University (2020)

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award Nominee, Appalachian State University (2020)

Outstanding Service Award Nominee, Appalachian State University (2020)

Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award Nominee, Appalachian State University (2019, 2020)

Outstanding Teaching Award Nominee, Appalachian State University (2018, 2019)

New Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award Finalist, Texas Tech University (2014)
National Data Institute Fellow, Association for Institutional Research, National Center for Education
Statistics, and National Science Foundation (2012)

GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND MENTORING

Dissertation Committees

Appalachian State University

Carrie Hodge, Educational Leadership–Higher Education
Kristi Short, Educational Leadership–Higher Education (2018)

University of Alabama

Jonathan Koh, Higher Education Administration (2017)

Texas Tech University

Jeffrey Taylor, Higher Education* (2016)
Clint Havins, Higher Education Research⁺ (2016)
Amanda Veesart, Higher Education Research (2016)
John Paul Garcia, Higher Education Research (2016)
Adrien L. Bennings, Higher Education (2015)

Thesis Committees

Texas Tech University

Aaron Chavarria, Higher Education Administration* (2016)
Ali J. Leumpert, Higher Education Administration (2016)
Alyssa Singleton, Higher Education Administration (2015)
Christopher Watts, Higher Education Administration (2015)

* = Committee chair, ⁺ = Committee co-chair

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Fryar, A. H., **Koricich, A.**, McClure, K. R., & Orphan, C. (equal contributions). (2020, October).
Protecting rural anchor institutions: Making the case for federal investment in broadly accessible rural-
serving institutions. Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of State
Colleges & Universities. Virtual.

Koricich, A. (2019, September). The rural student context. Invited keynote address at the 2019 Rural
Higher Education Institute sponsored by Credo. Pulaski, TN.

Koricich, A. (2019, August). Purposeful practices to engage students from rural communities. Invited
workshop facilitator at the University of Pikeville. Pikeville, KY.

Koricich, A., & Everts, S. (2019, February). *Rural-serving institutions: Trends, challenges, & local
examples*. Invited presenter at the American Association of State Colleges & Universities Academic
Affairs 2019 Winter Meeting, Amelia Island, FL.

Koricich, A. (2018, June). *Defining rural-serving institutions: Why it's difficult, why it's important, and
how to get started*. Invited presenter to a Convening on Serving Rural Students in Postsecondary
Education sponsored by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Chicago, IL.

Koricich, A. (2017, October). *Current issues, trends, and policies facing public higher education*. Invited facilitator for the 2017-2018 Appalachian State University Agents of Change Professional Development Series, Boone, NC.

Koricich, A. (2016, December). *Current trends in higher education*. Invited panelist at the 2016 North Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program, Boone, NC.

Koricich, A. (2016, June). *How living in a rural community influences postsecondary choices*. Invited panelist at the briefing session, "Economic Mobility in Rural America: A Discussion of Education, Access, and Opportunity," sponsored by the Senate Economic Mobility Caucus and The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, DC.

Koricich, A. (2015, November). *Filling open spaces with opportunity: Moving toward a better understanding of rural populations and postsecondary education in Oregon and the United States*. Invited keynote address at the Annual Conference of the Oregon Community College Association, Gleneden Beach, OR.

Koricich, A. (2015, June). *Keeping sight of the forest and the trees: Rethinking diversity and college opportunity for rural populations in Oregon and the U.S.* Invited convening presentation co-sponsored by the Oregon Community College Association and The Ford Family Foundation, Portland, OR.

Koricich, A. (2015, June). *Keeping sight of the forest and the trees: Rethinking diversity and college opportunity for rural populations in Oregon and the U.S.* Invited session presentation at the 2015 Regards to Rural Conference, Bend, OR.

Koricich, A. (2014, December). *Current trends in research on rural populations and higher education*. Invited webinar presentation to the Oklahoma Rural School Alliance sponsored by the Regional Education Laboratory Southwest and Institute for Education Sciences.

Koricich, A. (2014, October). *More than meets the eye: Postsecondary challenges for an increasingly diverse Rural America*. Invited general session presentation at the Annual Conference of the National Scholarship Providers Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Koricich, A., & Tovar, H. (2020, February). Understanding how distance shapes the postsecondary pathways of rural youth. Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association for Research in Education. Greensboro, NC.

Koricich, A., & Gaikwad, A. (2019, October). How living in an education desert impacts postsecondary credential-completion. Paper presentation at the 2019 National Forum to Advance Rural Education/111th National Rural Education Association Convention & Research Symposium. Louisville, KY.

Koricich, A., & Gilbert, C. (2019, March). Institutional factors influencing part-time student retention at rural community colleges. Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association for Research in Education. Charlotte, NC.

Koricich, A., & Free, A. (2018, April). An examination of full-time student retention in rural community colleges before and after the Great Recession. Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. Addison, TX.

Koricich, A., Biernacka-Lievstro, J., Mendez, L., & Katsinas, S. (2017, April). *What do we know, and what we should know about how America's rural community colleges promote access and economic development.* Symposium session at the Annual Conference of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. Fort Worth, TX.

Koricich, A., Koca, F., & Vogel, S. (2016, November). *Looking beyond degree completion to understand how youth are meeting their own postsecondary expectations: A rural example.* Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Columbus, OH.

Ryan, T., Phillips, L., Cremeans, L., & **Koricich, A.** (2016, August). *Factors affecting sustainability of small, private colleges: Tuition discount, net price, and enrollment.* Paper presentation at the 7th Annual Texas Higher Education Symposium. Austin, TX.

Koricich, A., Barnard-Brak, L., Paton, V., Aranda, F., & Flores, J. (2016, April). *Using the Online Self-Regulated Learning Questionnaire to understand the habits of online students in rural communities.* Roundtable presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association. Washington, DC.

Koricich, A., Koca, F., & Almekdash, H. (2016, April). *Exploring the intersection of rurality, delayed postsecondary attendance, and initial two-year college choice among youth in the United States.* Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. Plano, TX.

Koricich, A. (2016, March). *Bright lights, big campus: Understanding and supporting rural students.* Professional presentation at the 2016 Regional Symposium for Student Success & Retention. Lubbock, TX.

Koricich, A. & Jones, S. J. (2015, November). *Exploring the institutional choice motivations of rural students at public community colleges.* Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Denver, CO.

Koricich, A. & Pfluger, S. (2015, February). *A confluence of challenges: College access and transition concerns of rural student veterans.* Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association. San Antonio, TX.

Chen, X. & **Koricich, A.** (2014, October). *Reaching out to remote places: A discussion of technology and the future of distance education in rural America.* Paper presentation at E-Learn 2014: World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education. New Orleans, LA.

Koricich, A. (2014, April). *Bad for the gander? The effects of local economic factors on college access and choice.* Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Koricich, A. (2014, April). *The effects of rurality on college access and choice.* Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Koricich, A. (2013, March). *Does farther away mean further behind? The effects of rurality on college attendance and choice.* Poster session presentation at the 2013 Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Koricich, A. (2012, November). *The effects of local industry on postsecondary degree-holding patterns in rural Appalachia.* Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Las Vegas, NV.

Koricich, A. & Gilbert, C. (2012, November). *A multi-state assessment of dual enrollment programs on baccalaureate degree completion.* Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Las Vegas, NV.

Koricich, A. (2012, October). *Local industry effects on timely postsecondary attendance and initial institutional choice in rural Appalachia.* Paper presentation at the Annual Conference and Research Symposium of the National Rural Education Association, Cincinnati, OH.

Koricich, A. (2012, March). *Differences in rural education levels by local industry type.* Paper presentation at the annual symposium of *Higher Education in Review*, University Park, PA.

Koricich, A. (2011, October). *Differences in postsecondary enrollment by community type.* Paper presentation accepted to the Annual Conference of the National Rural Education Association, Hilton Head, SC.

EXTERNAL CONSULTING

State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (2019-2020)
University of Pikeville (2019)
Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (2018)
The Ford Family Foundation (2018)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for the Study of Higher Education
Council for the Study of Community Colleges
National Rural Education Association
North Carolina Association for Research in Education

SELECTED PRESS & MEDIA COVERAGE

Bauer-Wolf, J. (2020, September 24). Pennsylvania college system redesign full of unknowns. *Education Dive*. <https://www.educationdive.com/news/pennsylvania-college-system-redesign-full-of-unknowns/585775/>

Brown, S., & Pettit, E. (2020, August 28). The waiting game: Inside one college town's fragile, high-stakes fall semester. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. <https://www.chronicle.com/article/the-waiting-game>

Morona, A. (2020, July 27). COVID-19 is shaking the economies of college towns. *Newsy*. <https://www.newsy.com/stories/covid-19-hits-college-towns-economies/>

- St. Amour, M. (2020, July 28). How will regional publics fare this fall?. *InsideHigherEd*. <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/07/28/regional-public-colleges-prepare-return-campus-learning>
- Hebel, S., & Smallwood, S. (2020, June 19). How Covid threatens the regional college. *Open Campus*. <https://www.opencampusmedia.org/2020/06/19/a-glimpse-at-a-for-profit-rebound/>
- Stauffer, R. (2020, April 13). Vacated college campuses reveal broader challenges for rural students. *The Daily Yonder*. <https://dailyyonder.com/vacated-college-campuses-reveal-broader-challenges-for-rural-students/2020/04/13/>
- Gardner, L. (2020, March 1). In the race for students, even the winners have plenty to lose. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. <https://www.chronicle.com/article/When-Enrollment-Comes-at-a/248139>
- Wipperfürth, H. (2019, July 23). Drastische Kürzungen bei öffentlichen Hochschulen (Drastic cuts in public universities). *Deutschlandfunk (German Public Radio)*. https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/us-bildungspolitik-drastische-kuerzungen-bei-oeffentlichen.680.de.html?dram:article_id=454579
- Harris, A. (2019, July 5). Higher education has become a partisan issue. *The Atlantic*. <https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2019/07/alaska-governor-vetoes-higher-education-funding/593368/>
- Smith, A. A. (2019, March 29). Mixed results on Florida remedial education gamble. *InsideHigherEd*. <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/03/29/remedial-education-progress-florida-still-leaves-unanswered-questions>
- Gettinger, A. (2019, March 6). One reason rural students don't go to college: Colleges don't go to them. *National Public Radio*. <https://www.npr.org/2019/03/06/697098684/one-reason-rural-students-dont-go-to-college-colleges-don-t-go-to-them>
- Dreher, A. (2018, December 4). Can innovative rural schools stem the urban bleed?. *The 74 Million*. <https://www.the74million.org/article/can-innovative-rural-schools-stem-the-urban-bleed-and-reseed-middle-america/>
- Sattelmeyer, S. (2016, July 18). 3 strategies to increase opportunity and economic mobility in rural America. *The Pew Charitable Trusts*. <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2016/07/18/3-strategies-to-increase-opportunity-and-economic-mobility-in-rural-america>
- Marklein, M. B. (2014, June 18). States aim to boost graduation rates. *USA Today*. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/06/18/states-encourage-rural-students-to-go-to-college/10241323/>
- Mader, J. (2014, April 11). Students from rural areas less likely to go to four-year colleges, top universities. *The Hechinger Report*. https://hechingerreport.org/content/students-rural-areas-less-likely-go-four-year-colleges-top-universities_15585/