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The Regional Research Institute conducts and promotes interdisciplinary research on the economic and social development of lagging regions. As a center of regional research excellence for more than four decades, the RRI has served as 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 development. 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 Appalachia.

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- Seed Grants
- Visiting Scholars

→ Staff Quotes

“It’s name says it all. The Regional Research Institute is an ideal place for regional studies. My research interests include innovation and entrepreneurship, regional economic growth, rural development, international trade and investment, and their interaction with public policy.”
Shaoming Cheng

“RRI has provided an excellent setting for me to focus my research interests in the multifaceted field of development planning.”
HodjatGhadimi

“I think the RRI is one of the best institutes in the regional science field in the U.S. and has an excellence human network worldwide.”
Sung-Goan Choi

“I came to the RRI to join with a community of like-minded researchers focused on regional economic development.”
Randy Jackson

→ Award



Randy Jackson receiving “The David E. Boyce Award” in recognition of distinguished service to the field of regional science at the North American Regional Science Council annual meeting, November 2007.