

Dr. Neil Reid

Dr. Neil Reid is Associate Professor of Geography and Planning and Director of the Urban Affairs Center at The University of Toledo. He is an industrial geographer whose current research interests focus on the growth mechanisms that underpin local economic development. He has a particular interest in the theory and practice of industrial clusters and the role that these can play in helping local economies remain globally competitive. Currently, much of his research is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This funding has been used to assist the northwest Ohio greenhouse industry develop and implement a cluster-based strategy to enhance that industry's economic competitiveness. Dr. Reid is the co-founder of the Maumee Valley Growers Association (MVGA), an industrial cluster focused on the northwest Ohio greenhouse industry, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of MVGA. Dr. Reid is also a certified cluster facilitator, having received training and certification by the European ProCluster Association (EPROCA). He is currently a member of the EPROCA's Executive Committee and serves on EPROCA training team that provides training to European cluster managers. Dr. Reid's work on industrial clusters was recently recognized by the Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers who gave him a Distinguished Scholar Award. Dr Reid also currently serves as Vice Chair of the International Geographical Union's Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces. He is also Editor for the Americas for the journal *Regional Science Policy and Practice* and serves on the editorial board of *Applied Geography*. His research has been published in a variety of journals. Most recently, these include *Annals of Regional Science*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Economic Development Journal*, and *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, *Applied Geography*, and *Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences*.