

Curriculum Vitae

Alison F. Davis

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Experience: **Executive Director**, Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky, University of Kentucky, August 2010 – present

Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, 50% Administrative, 20% Extension, 20% Resident Instruction, and 10% Research, July 2014 – present

Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, 50% Administrative, 20% Extension, 20% Resident Instruction, and 10% Research, July 2010 – June 2014

Education: **Ph.D. Economics**, 2004, North Carolina State University
B.A. Economics, 1997, Skidmore College

Related Extramural Funded Projects

NEW GRANTS

1. **Alison Davis (PI)**, Rachel Welborn (PI), Stacey McCullough (Co-PI), David Shideler (Co-PI), Strengthening Rural Retail, \$2.8 Million, Walmart Foundation, 2/2018-1/2021.
2. **Alison Davis (PI)**, Evaluation of the Stronger Economies Together Program, \$29,337, USDA Rural Development, 6/2017-8/2017.
3. **Alison Davis (PI)**, Nancy Schoenberg (Co-PI), Greg Luhan (Co-PI), Investigating the Capacity of a re-envisioned Cooperative Extension System to build a Culture of Health in Communities, \$142,667, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 6/2017- 1/2018.
4. **Alison Davis (PI)**, Dan Kahl (Co-PI), Jayoung Koo (Co-PI), Promoting a New Culture of Economic Development in Southeast Kentucky, \$155,617. USDA Rural Development Utilities Program, 10/2016-9/30/2018.
5. Timothy Woods (PI), **Alison Davis (Co-PI)**, Jairus Rossi (Co-PI), Mark Williams (Co-PI), Bluegrass Harvest: Expanding CSA Markets, \$444,776, USDA Ag Marketing Service, 9/30/2016-9/29/2019.

6. **Alison Davis (PI)**, Timothy Woods (Co-PI), Jairus Rossi (Co-PI), and Wuyang Hu (Co-PI), Evaluating Best Practices – Farm to Institution, \$73,890. USDA Ag Marketing Service, 9/30/2016-9/29/2018.
7. **Alison Davis (PI)**, Dan Kahl, Jayoung Koo, Downtown Revitalization in the Kentucky Promise Zone, \$1.46 Million, Appalachian Regional Commission, 9/1/2016-8/31/2019.
8. Ty Borders (PI), **Alison Davis (Co-PI)**, Brady Reynolds, Jeffrey Talbert, Cezar Mamaril, Richard Ingram, Trish Rippetoe Freeman, Hefei, Wen, Kentucky Rural Health Research Center, \$2.8 Million, HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy, 9/1/2016-8/31/2021.
9. Aleta Botts (PI), Martin Richards (Co-PI), Lee Meyer (Co-PI), **Alison F Davis (Co-PI)** and Tim Woods (Co-PI), The Power of Food: Local Food Supply Chain Development in Eastern Kentucky, \$468,635, Economic Development Administration and Appalachian Regional Commission, 11/1/2015-10/31/2017.
10. Dan Kahl (PI), **Alison F Davis (Co-PI)**, Jayoung Koo (Co-PI), Kang Namkoong (Co-PI), Jairus Rossi (Co-PI). Supporting the health of Kentucky SNAP-Ed participants through engagement in reshaping local policy, systems and the environment, \$462,746, USDA, 11/1/2015-10/31/2018.
11. **Alison F Davis (PI)**, Rural Community Business Resilience Program, \$50,000, USDA Rural Development, 9/1/2015-8/31/2016.
12. **Alison F Davis (PI)**, Timothy Woods (Co-PI), A. Lee Meyer (Co-PI), Kentucky Local Foods Mapping Project, \$30,000, Pennsylvania State University, 9/1/2015-8/31/2016, Scope Account.
13. **Alison F Davis (PI)**, Kentucky Rural Health Works Program. \$50,460 Health Resources and Services Administration, 9/1/2015– 8/30/2016, Scope Account.
14. Ann Vail (PI), **Alison F Davis (Co-PI)**, Janet Kurzynske (Co-PI), Dan Kahl (Co-PI), Hyungsoo Kim (Co-PI), Chris Bollinger (Co-PI), Alex Vaszyoni (Co-PI), National Rural Child Poverty Nutrition Center, \$2.5 Million, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 4/1/2015-3/31/2019.
15. **Alison F Davis (PI)**, CAPE Barometer Community – Western Kentucky. \$91,847, Michigan State University, 2/1/2015-1/31/2016.
16. Timothy Woods (PI), James Allen (Co-PI), **Alison F Davis (Co-PI)**, Marisa Aull (Co-PI). Going to the Farm-acy: The Effect of CSA-Backed Produce Prescriptions on Eating Behaviors and Health Outcomes in Rural Kentucky. \$96,512, Agricultural Marketing Service, 9/30/2014-9/29/2016.

17. Ann Vail (PI), Marisa Aull (Co-PI), Sandra Bastin (Co-PI), Dawn Brewer (Co-PI), Katie Cardarelli (Co-PI), Angela Carman (Co-PI), **Alison F Davis** (Co-PI), Alison Gustafson (Co-PI), Janet Kurzynske (Co-PI), Nicole Peritore (Co-PI), Janet Tietzen Mills (Co-PI), Tammy Stephenson (Co-PI), Kelly Webber (Co-PI), Programs to Reduce Obesity in High Obesity Areas, \$1,774,167, CDC, 10/1/2014-9/30/2017.

SUBMITTED BUT NOT YET AWARDED

1. Kelly Pennell (PI), Isabel Escobar, David McNear, Lindell Ormsbee, Rodney Andrews, Alison Davis, William Ford, Shannon Sampson, and Rachel Schendel, Interweaving Knowledge Resources for Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, Water Systems (I-know INFEWS): A Model for STEM Graduate Education, NSF Research Traineeship, \$1.8 million, National Science Foundation, February 2018.
2. Alison F Davis (PI), Tyler Mark, Steven Buck, Yuqing Zhen, Enhancing the Resilience of Rural Communities with Transitioning Economies, \$241,000, USDA National Need Fellowship Program, Submitted October 2017.

SUBMITTED BUT NOT FUNDED

3. Tim Woods (PI), Jairus Rossi (Co-PI), Alison Davis (Co-PI), Building Vibrant Local Food Systems for Kentucky Producers, \$330,500, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Submitted March 2017.
4. Alison F Davis (PI), Tyler Mark, Steven Buck, Yuqing Zhen, Enhancing the Resilience of Rural Communities with Transitioning Economies, \$241,000, USDA National Need Fellowship Program, Submitted October 2016.
5. Alison F Davis (PI), Tim Woods (Co-PI), Jairus Rossi (Co-PI), Karen Rignall (Co-PI), Paul Vijayakumar (Co-PI), Building Vibrant Local Food Systems in the South, \$500,000, USDA NIFA AFRI Small and Medium Sized Farms, Submitted August 2016.
6. Tim Woods (PI), **Alison F Davis (Co-PI)**, Jairus Rossi (Co-PI), Employee and Community Impacts of an Employer-Funded CSA Voucher Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Submitted August 2016.

Other Funded Projects

a. Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)

The Affordable Care Act mandates that all 501c(3) hospitals must complete a CHNA every 3 years. The fine for not adequately completing a CHNA is \$50,000 per hospital. CEDIK worked with 30 hospitals in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio to complete their CHNA. Melody Nall, CEDIK Engagement Director, is the CHNA Project Coordinator.

b. Strategic Planning

Jackson Energy Regional Economic Development Planning – Led five counties (Jackson, Owsley, Lee, Clay and Leslie) through an 8 month strategic planning process to create a new regional economic development entity, FOCUS.

Promise Zone Planning – Conducted 20 listening sessions around the eight county Promise Zone in Southeastern Kentucky. Created the strategic plan for the region which was adopted by the advisory council on September 12, 2014. CEDIK continues to work in the region to support entrepreneurial programs, individual county strategic planning, and youth community development projects. In addition, CEDIK sits on the following Promise Zone committees: Economic Development, Health, and Agriculture.

c. Economic Analyses

Balazs, Simona and **Alison F Davis**, The Economic Impact of Union College, commissioned by Union College, 2018.

Balazs, Simona and **Alison F Davis**, Wage Benefit Survey for Manufacturing and Mining Industries in the Kyndle Region, commissioned by Kyndle, 2017.

Balazs, Simona, Joe Kercksmar, and **Alison F Davis**, The Economic Importance of Agriculture to Fayette County, commissioned by Fayette Alliance, 2017.

Balazs, Simona, Joe Kercksmar, and **Alison F Davis**, Fayette County Cost of Community Services, commissioned by Fayette Alliance, 2017.

Balazs, Simona, Joe Kercksmar, and **Alison F Davis**, Economic Cluster and Leakage Analysis, Eastern Kentucky, commissioned by Kentucky River Area Development District, 2017.

Balazs, Simona, Joe Kercksmar, Melody Nall and **Alison F Davis**, The Economic Importance of Agriculture to Woodford County, commissioned by Woodford Forward, 2017.

Balazs, Simona and **Alison F Davis**, Analysis of Kentucky's Local Option Sales Tax Bill, commissioned by Kentucky Retail Federation, 2015.

Jairus Rossi, **Alison F. Davis**, Tim Woods, and James Allen IV, Local Food Demand Assessment for Lexington, KY, commissioned by the University of Kentucky's Food Connection, December 2015.

James Allen (PI), **Alison F Davis (Co-PI)**, Marisa Aull (Co-PI) and Sarah Bowker (Co-PI), Feasibility Analysis for a New Assisted Living Facility in Lexington, KY, Northstar.

Alison F Davis (PI) and Wuyang Hu (Co-PI), The Value of Rural Health; Kentucky Hospital Association, 1/2012-6/2012.

Alison F Davis (PI) and Michelle Kibler (Co-PI), Evaluation of Health Programs and Treatment of Obesity, University of Kentucky Human Resources, 1/12- 9/12. *Synopsis:* Provide an evaluation of the Healthrac Reward Program at the University of Kentucky.

Alison F Davis (Co-PI) and Leigh J. Maynard (Co-PI), Evaluation of Health Programs and Treatment of Obesity, University of Kentucky Human Resources, 1/10 – 12/10.

Alison F Davis (PI), Economic Development Training West Virginia State University, Southern Rural Development Center, 9/2011.

Alison F Davis (PI): Evaluation of Health Programs and Treatment of Obesity, University of Kentucky Human Resources, 1/11- 9/11.

Other CEDIK Projects

Alison F Davis (PI), CEDIK Scholarships for Careers in Health for Appalachian Students; \$140,000, New York Community Trust, 2/2018 – 1/2020

Alison F Davis (PI), CEDIK Scholarships for Careers in Health for Appalachian Students; \$70,000, New York Community Trust, 1/2017 – 12/2017.

Alison F Davis (PI), CEDIK Scholarships for Careers in Health for Appalachian Students; \$70,000, New York Community Trust, 1/2016 – 12/2016.

Alison F Davis (PI), CEDIK Scholarships for Careers in Health for Appalachian Students; \$138,000, New York Community Trust, 1/2014 – 12/2015.

Alison F Davis (PI), CEDIK Scholarships for Careers in Health for Appalachian Students; \$160,000, New York Community Trust, 1/2012 – 12/2013.

Alison F Davis (PI), Resident Willingness to use Telehealth Options in Southcentral Kentucky, \$7,000, Cumberland Family Medical Centers, 2012-2013.

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Woods, Tim, Jairus Rossi, and **Alison Davis**, “Local Food Vitality Index: Measuring Consumer Attitudes toward Food System Attributes.” Journal of Food Distribution Research, 2016 Conference Proceedings. 2017, 48(1): 33-41.

Rossi, Jairus, James Allen IV, Timothy Woods, and **Alison Davis**, “CSA Shareholder food lifestyle behaviors: a comparison across consumer groups,” Journal of Agriculture and Human Values, 2017, 34(4): 855-869.

Owusu-Amankwah, G, Swanson, J, Allen, J, Han, J, **Alison Davis**, “Restaurant Tax Feasibility: Determinants of Restaurant Threshold Price,” International Journal of Hospitality and Event Management, 2016, 1(4): 333-354.

Allen, James, IV, Jairus Rossi, Timothy Woods, **Alison Davis**, “Do community supported agriculture programmes encourage change to food lifestyle behaviours and health outcomes? New evidence from shareholders,” International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability, May 2016. doi: 10.1080/14735903.2016.1177866.

Coleman, R.J., M.G. Rossano, C.J. Stowe, S. Johnson, **A.F. Davis**, J.E. Allen IV, A.E. Jarrett, G. Grulke, L. Brown and S. Clark (2015). “The 2012 Kentucky Equine Survey: importance and impact of the equine industry in Kentucky.” In C. Vial and R. Evans (eds), *The New Equine Economic in the 21st Century* (45 – 54). The Netherlands: Wageningen Academic Publishers.

Extension Publications and Staff Papers

Troske, SuZanne and Alison Davis, Ambulance Services for Medicare Beneficiaries: State Differences in Usage, 2012-2014, Lexington, KY: Rural and Underserved Health Research Center; 2017.

Troske, SuZanne, Stephanie Johnson, James Allev IV, and Alison Davis, “Kentuckians Willingness to Pay for Horse Farm Preservation,” report provided to the Fayette Alliance, 2017.

Rossi, J., H. Hyden, T. Woods, **A. Davis**, L. Breslin, J. Allen IV, “Fayette County Local Food Demand Assessment,” Staff Paper No. 493, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, December 2015.

Davis, Alison F, Richard Maurer, James Mansfield, Chandler Purdom, Karen Fawcett, and James Allen IV, “An Evaluation of Agricultural Development Board Investments in Kentucky Agriculture 2007-2014: KADF Projects, Programs, & the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation,” Executive Summary provided to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, November 20, 2015.

Davis, Alison F, James Allen IV, Michael Childress, Jeffrey Talbert, and **Richard Maurer**, “An Evaluation of ARC Health Projects, 2006 – 2010,” report provided to Appalachian Regional Commission, 2015.

Burney, Shaheer, and Alison Davis. 2015. The Importance of Agriculture for Kentucky. Staff Paper No. 494, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, February 2015. Retrieved from https://cedik.ca.uky.edu/files/report_importance_of_ag_ky_2015.pdf

Burney, Shaheer, and Alison Davis. 2015. Determinants of Entrepreneurship from the Kentucky Entrepreneurship Survey. Staff Paper No. 495, Department of Agricultural Economics,

University of Kentucky, August 2015. Retrieved from https://cedik.ca.uky.edu/files/cedik_paper_-_determinants_of_entrepreneurship_from_ks.pdf

IN-SERVICE TRAININGS FOR AGENTS & HEALTH/GOV'T OFFICIALS

USDA Rural Development Community and Economic Development Training – USDA Rural Development recently decided to change foci and priorities in their programming. A group of 4 CED Extension Specialists (including myself) around the South conducted a 3-day training for southern USDA Rural Development specialists in New Orleans, LA, August 2014. In addition, I presented at the Midwestern CED training in September 2014. Finally, The Kentucky USDA Rural Development Office invited me to present in September to assist them in drafting their state CED workplan.

Promise Zone Southeast Kentucky – A yearlong strategic planning initiative to identify priorities for economic development in the newly designated Promise Zone in Southeast Kentucky. CEDIK is an implementation partner and will be working with youth and adults in the region to promote civic engagement and entrepreneurial activity, January 2014 – December 2014.

Youth Engagement Leadership Program – Working with 2 youth leadership programs each year. Each group goes through a year-long program where the following topics are taught: local and state government, community design, health, arts, and entrepreneurship. The program ends with “Shark Tank” and graduation. Bath and Leslie County, KY.

Grant Writing 101 and 201 – A 2-day training around grant writing designed for non-profits and health administrators. Help each participant draft a skeleton proposal by the time the training is over. (Grant County 2013, State Office of Rural Health (Lexington) 2013), Kentucky Hospital Association 2014, State Office of Rural Health 2014 (2).

“Stronger Economies Together” Training (SET) – 12-18 month training aimed at promoting regionalism and cluster analysis. I developed the curriculum for two of the nine modules. The SET program is being used in 20 states and 40 regions in the country. We led Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and Northwest Kentucky Forward through the first round of the SET program.

Community Health Needs Assessment – A one day training for hospital officials to prepare them for the mandatory requirement for all 501c(3) hospitals to complete a comprehensive CHNA by 2013 and every three years after.

Dates: April 2012 (2 trainings), March 2013, April 2013

Invited presentations and congressional presentations

Alison F. Davis, P3 Retail Program: Rural on the Rise, Panelist, ICSC (International Council on Shopping Centers) Tennessee/Kentucky Idea Exchange, Nashville, TN, July 24, 2017.

Davis, Alison F, “Community Health Needs Assessment”, Bost Forum (Foundation for healthy Kentucky), September 2016.

Alison F. Davis, “Navigate Local Government – Community Stakeholder Panel” with Doug O’Brien, Jerry Rickett, Pat White, Lonnie Lawson, and Tom Carew,” Delivering Outcomes for Communities Training, May 2016.

Alison F Davis and James Mansfield, Evaluation of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, Kentucky Tobacco Oversight Committee, December 2, 2015

Alison F. Davis, “Coal and Kentucky’s Economy and Communities,” presented to Building a Better Future for Coal Workers and Their Communities, Brookings Institute, November 2015.

Alison F. Davis, “Strategies for Investing in Rural America,” Jon Brandt Public Policy Forum, April 2015.

Selected Presentations

Davis, Alison F, Georgette Owusu-Amankwah, Shaheer Burney, and James Allen IV, “Rural Entrepreneurial Intentions and the Gender Divide.” Southern Regional Science Association, April 2016.

Davis, Alison F, Shaheer Burney, "Determinants of Entrepreneurial Intention," poster presented at Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meeting, San Francisco, CA, July 26-28, 2015.

Aull, Marisa and **Alison F Davis**, “YELP (Youth Engagement Leadership Program),” National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals, May 2015.

Media Spotlights

Alison Davis, Our Mountains, 10-minute TV interview show, March 2017

Interviewed for Modern Healthcare, “Hospital in drug-ravaged Appalachia provides hope and jobs,” April 2016.

Interviewed for Lane Report, November 2016, Community Health Needs Assessment

Alison Davis, Jean Marie Ag Show, 10-minute radio show, February 2016.

Alison Davis, CEDIK, Issues and Answers, 30-minute TV interview, WYMT, 2016.

Alison Davis with US Secretary Tom Vilsack, Rural Child Poverty Nutrition Center, One-to-One with Bill Goodman, February 2015, 30-minute TV interview

Alison Davis, Rural Healthcare, Tom Martin, Q&A with the Lexington Herald Leader, April 2015, both newspaper and radio show

SERVICE AND RECOGNITION

Department, College and University Service

- University Extension Area Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2017-2018
- College Extension Review Programming Committee, 2016-2017
- College Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2015-2016
- Agricultural Economics Department Chair Search Committee, 2016
- College Strategic Planning Committee, 2015
- Extension Administration Team, ongoing

Professional Service

- Choices Magazine, Co-Editor, 2017-2021
- USDA Small Business Innovation Research, Panel Manager 2017-2018.
- USDA NIFA Innovation Rural Entrepreneurship and Communities Panel Manager, 2016-2017
- USDA Small Business Innovation Research Review Panel, 2016
- SERA 47, Southern Local Foods, State representative, 2016 – present
- NextGen Working Group, RUPRI, 2016 - present
- Foundation for Appalachia Kentucky, Board Member, 2015-2018
- Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, Community Advisory Council, 2014 – 2017
- Southern Community Resource Development Indicators team, 2014 – present
- USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative Program, Panel Member, 2012-2015
- NACDEP (National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals) – Past President, 2015-2016; President, 2014-2015; President-Elect, 2013-2014
- Southern Program Leader Network (PLN), 2010 - present
- JCEP (Joint Committee for Extension Professionals) – National Board Member, 2013 – 2016
- CFARE Blue Ribbon Panel – Economic Opportunities in Rural Communities, 2011 - present
- Rural Health Works, *Managing Committee*, 2006 – present

Awards

- Bluegrass Tomorrow Vision Award: Equine/Agriculture, 2018.
- A Teacher Who Made a Difference, University of Kentucky, 2016.
- Educational Technology: Team Award for “Strengthening Skills for Leading Others.” Alison Davis, Dan Kahl, Melody Nall, Kristina Ricketts, Ron Hustedde, Lorraine Garkovich, and Marisa Aull, NACDEP (National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals), 2016.
- NIFA Partnership Award for “Stronger Economies Together”. Primary recipient: Southern Rural Development Center and USDA Rural Development, 2015
- High Impact Research/Extension Program Award, Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Agriculture, Food, and the Environment, University of Kentucky, 2013
- CEDIK – Outstanding National Excellence in Teamwork Award, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, 2013. Team Members: Alison Davis, Chuck Stamper, Sarah Bowker, Marisa Aull, James Allen, Jayoung Koo, Ron Hustedde, Rick

Maurer, Lori Garkovich, Kris Ricketts, Jason Swanson, Michael Wilcox

- Community Health Needs Assessment, National Excellence in Community Development Programming Team Award, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, 2013. Team Members: Marisa Aull, James Allen, Alison Davis, Christy Neutzman
- Stronger Economies Together (Alison F Davis, Bo Beaulieu, Rachel Welborn, Michael Wilcox, Neil Linschied) – Outstanding National Educational Program, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, 2012
- Stronger Economies Together (Alison F Davis, Bo Beaulieu, Rachel Welborn, Michael Wilcox, Neil Linschied) – Outstanding Southern Region Educational Program, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, 2012
- Bonnie Teater Award for Community Development – Early Career Achievement Award, Southern Rural Development Center, 2011