

# **That's Entertainment: Scale and Scope Economies in the Location and Clustering of the Entertainment Economy**

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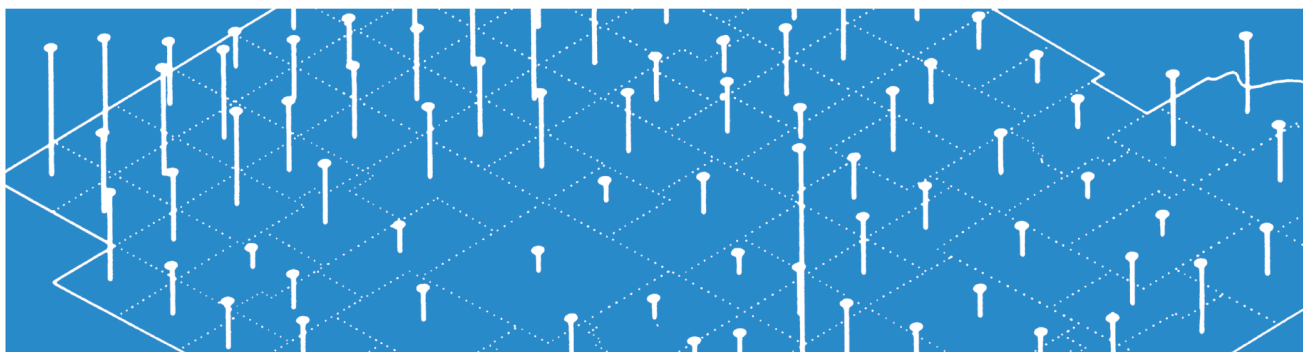
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# Abstract

In this work we hypothesize that the conjoint effects of scale and scope economies combine to shape significant geographic concentration of the entertainment industry. We test this using data for 297 U.S. metropolitan areas from 1970-2000 for the entertainment industry overall and its key sub-segments. The results confirm that concentration or agglomeration effects are stronger than the dispersal effects of technology, evident in the finding that largest regions over-perform in relation to their size, and the role of specialized entertainment locations, like Nashville. Our findings indicated that such geographic concentration is shaped by combined effects of scale and scope economies.

**Keywords:** Entertainment, agglomeration, economies of scale, economies of scope

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# Introduction

Why do certain kinds of economic activity locate where they do? It's a question that has vexed economists and geographers for ages. In agricultural times, populations located around river deltas and other sources of fertile, productive soil. With the rise of trade, villages, towns, and nascent cities grew up along ports, river-ways and transport routes. During the industrial age, giant agglomerations of factories, shops, warehouses, offices and people surged near sources of raw materials and major transportation routes.

Classical location theorists like Von Thünen (1826), Weber (1909), Christaller (1933) and Lösch (1940) argued that firms and industries seek to minimize transportation costs between the location of resources and the final marketplace. Marshall (1890) argued that firms cluster or agglomerate, achieving increasing returns to scale from collocation. But with the rise of globalization and technology-based knowledge industries, many have argued that physical constraints on location have been weakened or been eliminated. Some (Cairncross, 1997) argue that we are witnessing the “death of distance”; more recently we hear that the “world is flat” (Friedman, 2005), as both firms and people have far less reason to cluster (see Leamer 2007 for a critique). Anderson (2006) argues that the rise of digital production and distribution technologies is shaping the restructuring of entertainment industries from a previous orientation around large companies, established acts and “hits” to a “long tail” distribution distinguished by growing markets for smaller niche acts, companies and products.

But why would knowledge-driven or creative industries making intangible products continue to cluster? Drawing upon seminal contributions by Marshall (1890) and Jacobs (1969), economists and geographers have advanced more recent theories for why they might. An important line of economic theory and research (Jaffe et al, 1986; Lucas, 1988; Audretsch and Feldman, 1996) has found that collocation in knowledge-intensive industries stems from knowledge spillovers which increase the efficiency of both innovation and commercialization. Porter (2000) argues that clusters derive advantages from proximity to networks, suppliers, markets and related factors. Research on high-technology industries finds that even knowledge-based industries like software (Saxenian, 1994) and biotechnology (Cortright and Mayer, 2001) locate around universities, networks of related firms and entrepreneurial talent, end-users, venture capital and specialized services.

Human capital also has been found to play a role. Jacobs (1969) initially identified the way that cities bring together diverse groups of human talent and spur innovation. Lucas (1988) later formalized these insights, specifying the role played by human capital externalities in economic development. Empirical research by Glaeser (2000) found that firms are first drawn to common labor or

talent pools then to inter-firm linkages. And a model developed by Berry and Glaeser (2005) suggests that talent clustering is supported by skilled entrepreneurs who themselves employ skilled labor at higher rates than employers at large. Rantisi's study of fashion entrepreneurs in New York (2004) finds that such entrepreneurial clustering also occurs in creative occupations.

There is now a significant, growing literature on the economics and geography of artistic, cultural and creative industries. Caves (2002) defines creative industries as those that produce intangible products which are idiosyncratic and for which demand is impossible to determine in advance. Such industries benefit from a geographically concentrated economic structure that includes cultural producers, agents, gate-keepers and other market actors. Florida (2002) documents the clustering and concentration of the "creative class" and its effects on innovation and economic outcomes. Scott (2000) notes that dense production agglomerations drive originality and innovation in cultural industries. Markusen (2004a) outlines the specialization of creative activity across locations, and the ways in which artists contribute by adding skills to non-artistic industries (2004b). Nissan and Carter (2007) build on Markusen and Schrock's (2006) ranking of the top artistic cities in the United States and find that artistic centers are associated with regional size and regional income levels.

Sassen (1991, 2006) contends that global cities have become sites of entertainment production and consumption that provide residents and visitors alike a "vicarious feeling of participation in the creative process" (p. 154). Scott (2004) suggests that in places like Times Square or Las Vegas, production, consumption and the physical fabric of the city blend to form an "invisible unity" (p. 469). Clark and Lloyd (2003) describe the modern city as an "entertainment machine," arguing that Molotch's (1976) growth machine model has been replaced by one where power holders seek to provide amenities and experiences. Clark, Rothfield and Silver (2008) document the formation of geographically-contained "scenes" based on networks of producers and consumers. Currid (2007) shows how venues, clubs, recording studios and performance spaces act as conduits for economic and social relationships and networks. Several studies (Scott 1999; Florida and Jackson 2007) note the considerable concentration in locations of music production.

Despite the importance of entertainment to the global economy, most research has tended to focus on the artistic, cultural and creative industries broadly defined. There have been few systematic studies of the entertainment industry and none that we know of that focus on the geography of this sector although the tendency of cultural product agglomeration has been asserted (Lorenzen et al, 2008). Wolf (1999) estimates that the U.S. entertainment industry was a \$480 billion dollar industry in the late 1990s ahead of healthcare as a percentage of household spending (5.2 vs. 5.4 percent), and larger than steel or financial services as the "driving wheel of the new world economy" (p. 4). Vogel (2007) estimates that Americans spend more than \$280 billion dollars annually on legal forms of entertainment, and that global spending on entertainment is close to one trillion dollars. Maddison (1988) and Vogel (2004) see the growth of

entertainment as part and parcel of the rise of the post-industrial (Bell 1973), knowledge-driven economy (Drucker, 1969, 1993) and the relative shift in time spent on work versus leisure.

Entertainment is a relatively unique economic sector with several characteristic attributes (per Vogel 2004). First and foremost, it is hit-driven – the costs from many losses are absorbed by profits from a few big successes. Entertainment products are relatively unique and thus need to be marketed separately, which implies high marketing expenditures per unit. They are characterized by short product life-cycles, and frequently make use of new technology – hence new mediums weaken old ones. Recently some have argued that digitization is transforming entertainment industries, leading to niche consumption and a “long-tail” pattern (Anderson 2006, see Elberse 2008 for a critique), and enabling decentralization of the production and consumption of entertainment.

Porter (1998) contends that the clustering of the entertainment sector is shaped by the same forces as any other economic activity. Still, the idiosyncratic nature, lack of standardization and relatively short product life cycles of entertainment products shape a potentially stronger relation to location as production center and especially as marketplace. While standardized products are able to disperse to lower-cost locations over the product cycle (see Vernon 1959, 1960), this is much less likely in creative areas where new products must be generated constantly and where network relationships predominate. Creative production systems constantly renew and customize their supply in their initial location, by drawing in new producers and forging new teams, partnerships and alliances. Furthermore, the production of entertainment demands a high level of knowledge or skill which is locally bounded. The consumption of entertainment is also localized to a large degree through networks, values, norms and scenes. In more formal terms, agglomeration effects are crucial both for production and consumption of entertainment, especially when entertainment products are distance sensitive, as is the case with live performance. Recent research on music (Connolly and Krueger 2005) identifies a noticeable shift in revenues from recorded products to live performance. This is in line with the broader literature charting the increased role of experiences and amenities in premium locations (Florida 2002, Clark and Lloyd 2003).

Our research examines the economic geography of entertainment, exploring the location of entertainment talent and firms between 1970 and 2000. Because entertainment has been the subject of only intermittent study, there is no single definition of the entertainment economy. Wolf (1999) defines entertainment to include: film, television, spectator sports, music, casinos, and games. Vogel (2007) includes: movies, music, television programming, broadcasting, publishing, sports, performing arts and music industries. Of course, as in any empirical exercise, we are restricted by data availability. Our definition of entertainment includes both firms and occupational data. On the occupation side, we include: actors and performers, artists, musicians, and dancers. On the firm or establishment side, we include: broadcasting and recording industry

establishments. We also include churches, as a large number of performers and entertainers work in them.

We use a formal model for the location and clustering of entertainment driven by network externalities and economies of scope and scale. Our model is informed by an earlier one by Andersson and Andersson (2006). We orient our analysis around two central hypotheses: (1) the geography of entertainment economy is shaped by the economies of scope that come from large population centers and large markets; and (2) the geography of individual entertainment sectors is shaped by the economies of scope that stem from collocation around, interplay with and shared resources that come from collocation around one another. We test these hypotheses using data of the location of entertainment talent and establishments for 297 U.S. metropolitan for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, and we also conduct a cluster analysis to examine the collocation of these sectors.

## Theoretical Model

We now outline a model for the micro-economic foundations of the entertainment sector based on earlier work by Andersson and Andersson (2006). As with the production of virtually all goods and services, geography matters in entertainment production. Every location features its own specific costs and benefits, related both to the supply factor (industry inputs) and the demand factor (industry outputs). In the entertainment industry, the supply factors are affected by the regional network of human capital in the sector, and their costs for interactions and collaborations. In the production stage of entertainment, the need for face-to-face interaction between actors can be expected to be higher than in traditional manufacturing goods or more routine-based services, though perhaps comparable to other knowledge-based and creative industries. Recall that Caves (2002) theorizes that the inability to determine the success of creative products in advance leads to an industry structure characterized by unique production processes, idiosyncratic contracts, geographic clustering and networks. Following Caves (2002), we assume the need for a network of many creative workers with a wide range of skills ranging from raw talent to commercial functions like agents, managers, producers, marketers and so on. The demand factor is strongly related to the transportation and distribution costs of the final entertainment good. It is the cost of transporting the customer to the place of performance and also the cost of delivering the entertainment product to the individuals. While these costs have decreased over time, the cost of transporting people is still relatively higher than the cost for transporting more routinized goods.

The individuals co-operating in entertainment processes can be viewed as parts of a unique system. For instance, the production of a song implies a

collaboration between songwriters (often divided between a lyrics writer and a music composer) writing the actual material, artists performing the song, managers representing the artists, recording studio engineers and music producers shaping the sound, marketers making the song known to the public, video producers filming the video, logistical services distributing the song to physical and digital stores, and so on. All of these functions create economies of scope in the case of collocation.

Economies of scope appear when the same idea is spun into a number of different production processes and generates different products and processes of different value. A book, for example, may also be turned into a theatre play or a film, and a piece of music can be turned into a CD or a concert. In more formal language, the cost of a creative idea can be spread over a number of different entertainment markets. This can be described as follows, as per Andersson and Andersson, (2006), where firms aim to maximize profit (V), with a the revenue (R) equal to price (P) times quantity (Q), and profit function according to:

$$V = \sum_i R_i \ell_i - \sum_i \omega_i \ell_i - pI$$

where  $R_i$  is the revenue from product  $i$ ,  $\ell_i$  is the resources allocated to the production of  $I$ ,  $I$  is the copyright to the creative idea,  $\omega_i$  is the price per unit of  $\ell_i$  and  $p$  is the price of the copyright of the creative idea. The interpretation of  $I$  could also be the regional characteristics that the firm is able to take advantage of, e.g. the characteristic “sound” of Nashville. At optimization the following conditions are fulfilled;

$$\frac{\partial R_i}{\partial \ell_i} = \omega_i \quad ; \quad \sum_i \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial I} = p;$$

where  $i$  is all creative ideas that are generating a positive marginal revenue when used.

So far, we can determine that entertainment producers have reasons to exploit economies of scope to decrease the cost of each creative idea, production or regional characteristics. Economies of scope may be especially important if the regional demand does not cover the costs related to specialization in one specific production or product. In such cases, addition of another product can reduce the average cost of production for both included products (e.g. using a concert hall for both theatre plays, music events, and at low seasons, conferences and educational activities).



This results in the following profit (V) function that firms aim to maximize;

$$V = \sum_i P_i(\ell_{li}) Q_i(\ell_{2i}, S) - \sum_i \varpi_1 \ell_{li} - \sum_i \varpi_2 \ell_{2i} - C(S)$$

where  $P_i$  is the price of product  $i$ ,  $\ell_{li}$  is the amount of creative labor needed to design product  $i$ ,  $Q_i$  is the volume of the production of  $i$ ,  $\ell_{2i}$  is the amount of non-creative labor in the production of  $i$ ,  $S$  is the use of multiple-use production capacity,  $\varpi_1$  is the cost for creative labor, while  $\varpi_2$  is the cost of labor non-creative labor and  $C$  is the cost of multiple-use production capacity.

The optimal conditions, if the maximization problem satisfies the standard concavity conditions, and given concave functions for  $P_i(\ell_{li})$  and  $Q_i(\ell_{2i}, S)$ , and convex function for  $C(S)$ , will be;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \ell_{li}} &= \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial \ell_{li}} Q_i - \varpi_1 = 0 && ; (i=1, \dots, m); \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial \ell_{2i}} &= P_i \frac{\partial Q_i}{\partial \ell_{2i}} - \varpi_2 = 0 && ; (i=1, \dots, m); \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} &= \sum_i P_i \frac{\partial Q_i}{\partial S} - \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = 0; \end{aligned}$$

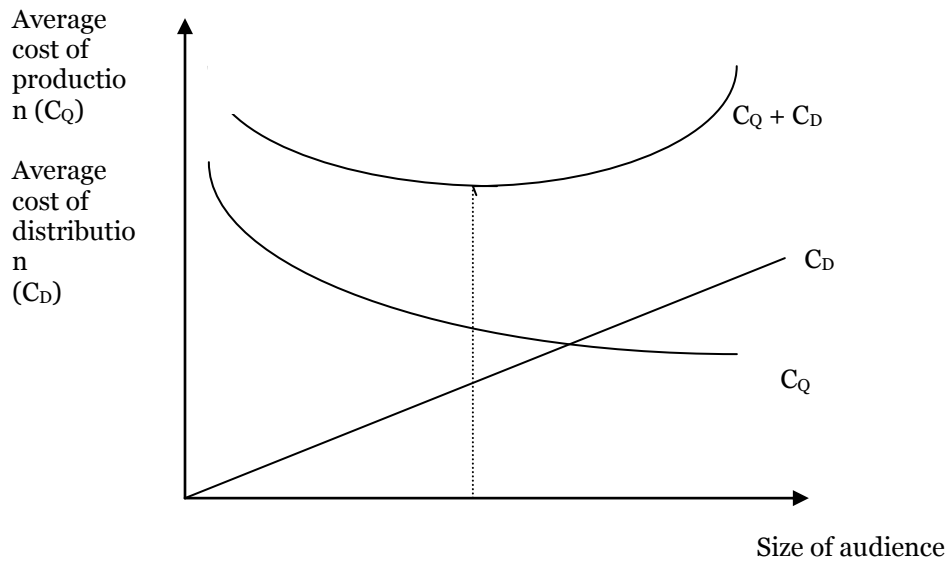
And where the optimal use of creative labor is equal to;

$$\sum_i \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial \ell_{li}} \alpha_i = \sum \frac{\varpi_1}{Q}$$

Following Andersson and Andersson (2006) we assume that many of the processes involved in entertainment production involve a highly specialized labor force and high fixed costs related to investments in technology and housing. From an economics point of view, high fixed costs necessitate scale production to decrease the average fixed cost per unit produced and make production viable. The scale can be related to the number of produced units and the size of the final market, e.g. the size of the audience. While the costs related to the number of produced units are borne by the producer, the costs connected to the size of the final market are carried by consumers in the form of transportation costs to the place of performance.

**FIGURE 1**

Average costs of entertainment production in relation to market size  
(in Andersson and Andersson 2006)



From these relations, the cost-minimizing equation (including a fixed and a variable cost, linearly increasing with the scale of production  $Q$ .  $C_D$  denotes average distribution and other transaction costs which increases linearly with the size of the audience);

$$C_Q = \frac{F}{Q} + C$$

$$C_D = aQ$$

$$T = C_Q + C_D = \frac{F}{Q} + C + aQ$$

Where  $T$  is the total average cost. Under the assumption that the objective function is convex, the unique minimization with regard to the audience size is achieved at:

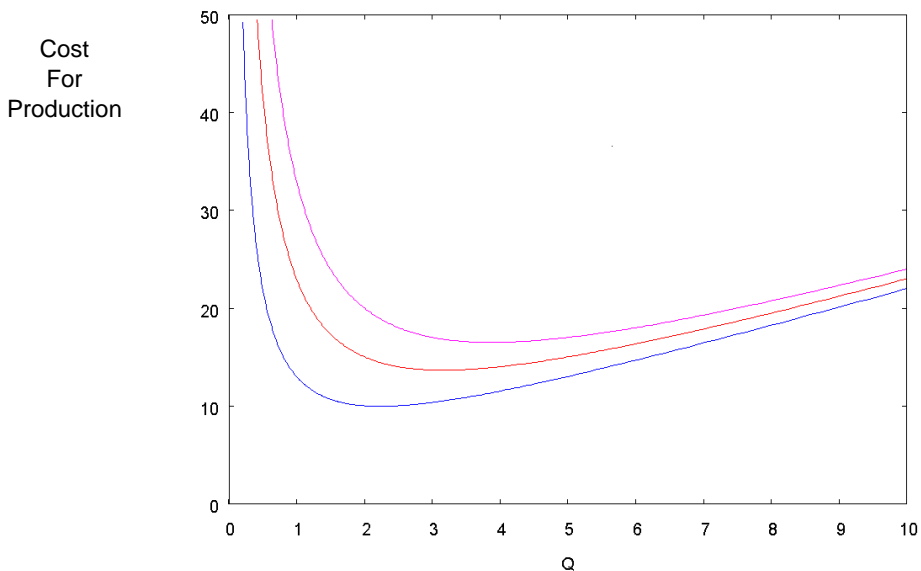
$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{F}{a}}$$

From this relation it is shown how the optimal value of  $Q$  increases in  $F$ . From this, one can conclude that the optimal production scale is positively related to size of the fixed costs and negatively related to the average distribution cost.

Markets with competitive advantages in entertainment need to fulfill two conditions; (1) a sufficiently large demand and (2) low costs of production. Figure 2 illustrates how the cost function shifts to the right with an increase in fixed costs.

**FIGURE 2**

Cost for production at different levels of fixed costs (10, 20 and 30) with all other variables constant.



In other words, the expected effects from the larger markets are twofold; (1) there are economies of scale in the employment of creative labor, and (2) there are economies of scope in the employment of multiple-use production capacity. Economies of scale increase with the size of the region. Consequently, only very large regions can generate demand large enough to cover the costs related to a specialized single product line. On one hand, increased entertainment production increases scope economies because there are more opportunities for “new work to be made from old” (Jacobs, 1969). On the other hand, the difficulties of administrating entertainment production, must also multiply-pushing scope economies to decrease as market size increases.

# Data, Variables, and Methods

The preceding model predicts that the entertainment sector will be located in large metropolitan regions, primarily due to economies of scale but also due to economies of scope. To test this empirically, we use data on entertainment and its key subsectors at four points in time: 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000.

## Variables

The variables in our analysis are designed to cover the key subsectors of entertainment. They include the following:

**Actors and Performers** includes employed and self-employed actors, entertainers and performers for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, based on data from PUMS.

**Arts/Entertainment Industry (A/E Industry)** includes the number of employees within the industry of independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related industries, for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, based on data from PUMS.

**Musicians** includes employed and self-employed musicians for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, based on data from the U.S. Census Public Use Micro Sample (PUMS).

**Dancers** includes employed and self-employed dancers and choreographers for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, based on data from PUMS.

**Broadcasting** includes the number of employees within the broadcasting industry for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, based on data from PUMS.

**Recording Industry** includes recording industry establishments. This variable is not fully compatible over time. The first is for 1977 and is defined as “phonographic record makers” and is based on the SIC. The same definition holds for 1980 and 1990. However, in 2000 it is changed to “recording industry” and now based on NAICS definitions. The data for this variable is from County Business Patterns (CBP).

**Churches** includes the number of employees within churches (religious organizations), for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, based on data from PUMS. We

include it because churches and religious institutions hire a significant share of entertainers, particularly musicians.

Our measures cover 297 U.S. metropolitan regions. We calculate regional shares and location quotients for entertainment and its key subsectors. We also provide scatter-graphs which plot regional entertainment shares against regional population. We employ correlation analysis to probe associations between various entertainment subsectors. We also provide box plots to chart the distribution of values for key variables. Basically, a box plot shows the median, quartiles, and outliers for a scale variable. The inter-quartile range (IQR) is the difference between the 75th and 25th percentiles and corresponds to the length of the box. We also conduct a cluster analysis for 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000, to identify possible geographical collocation patterns between the different entertainment sectors, search for changes over time, and probe for possible network and scope economies across different entertainment sectors.

## Findings

We now turn to the findings of our empirical analysis. We begin by discussing the spatial distribution of entertainment, by looking at regional shares for the sector overall and its key subsectors. We then examine location quotients to identify the level of regional specialization in entertainment. A scatter plot analysis follows wherein regional entertainment shares are compared against population shares. Finally we use box-plots to show the distributions for each key entertainment subsector: actors and performers, dancers, broadcasting, and the recording industry.

### Regional Shares

Table 1 shows the regional concentration of entertainment and its subsectors. The entertainment economy is geographically concentrated and has remained so over time. The two major locations, not surprisingly, are Los Angeles and New York which dominate entertainment overall and virtually all of its key subsectors.

Table 1 Regional Shares

| Sector                    | 1970   | 1980  | 1990  | 2000  |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Musicians</b>          | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Houston<br>$\Sigma$ 10.45%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 17.45%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 23.70%        | New York<br>Los Angeles<br>Chicago<br>$\Sigma$ 19.56%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 32.23%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 43.00%       | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Chicago<br>$\Sigma$ 20.36%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 34.35%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 47.15%       | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Chicago<br>$\Sigma$ 15.20%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 26.80%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 37.56%       |
| <b>Broadcasting</b>       | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>San Diego<br>$\Sigma$ 10.04%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 16.26%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 21.30%      | New York<br>Los Angeles<br>Washington DC<br>$\Sigma$ 19.28%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 26.98%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 35.12% | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Washington DC<br>$\Sigma$ 17.16%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 30.59%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 43.01% | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Washington DC<br>$\Sigma$ 13.70%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 25.68%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 35.84% |
| <b>Dancers</b>            | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Honolulu<br>$\Sigma$ 28.10%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 49.59%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 57.85%       | New York<br>Los Angeles<br>Chicago<br>$\Sigma$ 23.78%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 35.56%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 45.07%       | New York<br>Los Angeles<br>Las Vegas<br>$\Sigma$ 17.37%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 33.78%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 48.76%     | New York<br>Los Angeles<br>Las Vegas<br>$\Sigma$ 15.64%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 28.22%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 41.89%     |
| <b>Actors/ Performers</b> | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Bergen<br>$\Sigma$ 50.00%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 56.80%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 64.00%         | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Chicago<br>$\Sigma$ 46.36%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 56.95%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 64.31%       | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Washington DC<br>$\Sigma$ 32.76%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 45.16%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 57.05% | Los Angeles<br>Orlando<br>New York<br>$\Sigma$ 18.74%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 32.15%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 44.08%       |
| <b>A/E Industry</b>       | Los Angeles<br>Orange County<br>Pittsburgh<br>$\Sigma$ 6.84%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 18.61%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 34.75% | New York<br>Los Angeles<br>Chicago<br>$\Sigma$ 8.88%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 20.81%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 31.55%        | Los Angeles<br>Las Vegas<br>New York<br>$\Sigma$ 11.12%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 28.02%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 37.62%     | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Chicago<br>$\Sigma$ 18.94%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 29.60%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 41.29%       |
| <b>Recording Industry</b> | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Nashville<br>$\Sigma$ 51.39%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 56.56%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 78.72%      | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Nashville<br>$\Sigma$ 51.54%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 65.64%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 76.87%     | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Nashville<br>$\Sigma$ 38.17%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 55.06%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 79.58%     | Los Angeles<br>New York<br>Nashville<br>$\Sigma$ 35.36%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 10: 52.60%<br>$\Sigma$ Top 20: 63.87%     |

The recording industry is the most concentrated, although its geographic concentration appears to have declined somewhat over time. The top three locations account for more than a third of the industry, the top ten for more than half and the top 20 for nearly two-thirds. A striking pattern is apparent across the subsectors. In almost every case, New York and Los Angeles make the list of the top three regions, but they are joined by one specialized center: Nashville for musicians, Las Vegas for dancers, Orlando (home of Disney) for performers, Washington, DC (the federal capital and a major media location) for broadcasting, and Chicago for the arts and entertainment industry.

Several small centers outperform their size in terms of entertainment share. Orlando employs more actors and performers than New York, Boston, Washington, DC, Atlanta or Chicago. Las Vegas hosts more of the entertainment industry than Dallas, Detroit, Miami, or Denver.

Chicago is an interesting case. Although it is the nation's third largest metropolitan region, it only ranks in the top three for arts/entertainment industry overall and not for any other entertainment segment. This pattern suggests that large regions like New York and Los Angeles have the population and market size to support a wide range of entertainment activities, but that in any individual area of entertainment, specialized centers are able to develop a niche in that field.

## Location Quotients

An analysis that only examines shares and does not consider how locations perform relative to their size is naturally biased toward larger regions. In light of this, we also calculate location quotients for the entertainment industry and its segments. Table 2 presents the results. When location quotients are used, the dominance of Los Angeles and New York fades somewhat. These two regions rank among the top three in two fields – the recording industry and the arts and also the entertainment industry. Nashville dominates for musicians and the recording industry. Other locations, particularly tourist destinations, show up in a wide range of categories: Las Vegas and Honolulu for dancers; Orlando for performers; Santa Fe for the arts and entertainment industry; Sarasota and Myrtle Beach along with Bloomington, IN (home of a major music school) for musicians; Boise, Denver, and Tulsa for broadcasting.

**Table 2 Location Quotients**

| <b>Sector</b>                | <b>1970*</b>   | <b>1980</b>   | <b>1990</b>  | <b>2000</b>                                       |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Musicians</b>             | 1. New York<br>2. Augusta<br>3. Tampa                  | 1. Las Vegas<br>2. Bellingham, WA<br>3. Nashville         | 1. Nashville<br>2. Bloomington IN<br>3. Sarasota   | 1. Nashville<br>2. Myrtle Beach<br>3. Punta Gorda |
| <b>Broadcasting</b>          | 1. New York<br>2. Columbia SC<br>3. Boulder            | 1. Tallahassee<br>2. Huntington-Ashland<br>3. Jackson, MS | 1. Springfield MO<br>2. Abilene<br>3. Tyler        | 1. Boise City<br>2. Denver<br>3. Tulsa            |
| <b>Dancers</b>               | 1. Las Vegas<br>2. Honolulu<br>3. Wichita              | 1. Las Vegas<br>2. Reno<br>3. Honolulu                    | 1. Las Vegas<br>2. Anchorage<br>3. Honolulu        | 1. Las Vegas<br>2. Myrtle Beach<br>3. Honolulu    |
| <b>Actors and Performers</b> | 1. New York<br>2. Stockton<br>3. Los Angeles           | 1. Los Angeles<br>2. New York<br>3. Stamford              | 1. Salinas<br>2. Los Angeles<br>3. New York        | 1. Orlando<br>2. Hagerstown<br>3. Vineland        |
| <b>A/E Industry</b>          | 1. Las Vegas<br>2. Orange County<br>3. Fort Lauderdale | 1. Reno<br>2. Las Vegas<br>3. Atlantic-Cape May           | 1. Atlantic City<br>2. Reno<br>3. Las Vegas        | 1. Santa Fe<br>2. Los Angeles<br>3. New York      |
| <b>Recording Industry</b>    | 1. Nashville<br>2. Florence AL<br>3. Danbury           | 1. Nashville<br>2. Florence AL<br>3. Jonesboro AR         | 1. Nashville<br>2. Jonesboro<br>3. Charlottesville | 1. Nashville<br>2. Los Angeles<br>3. New York     |

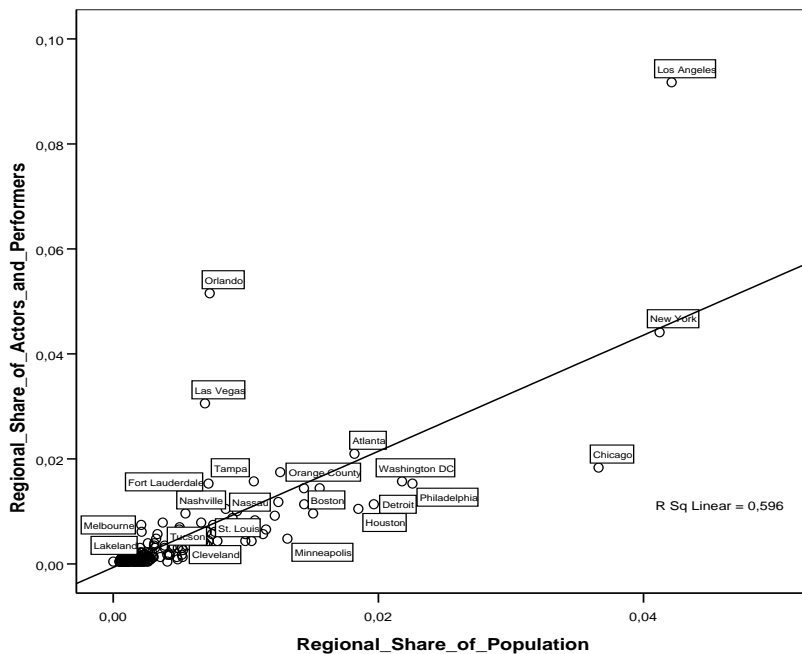


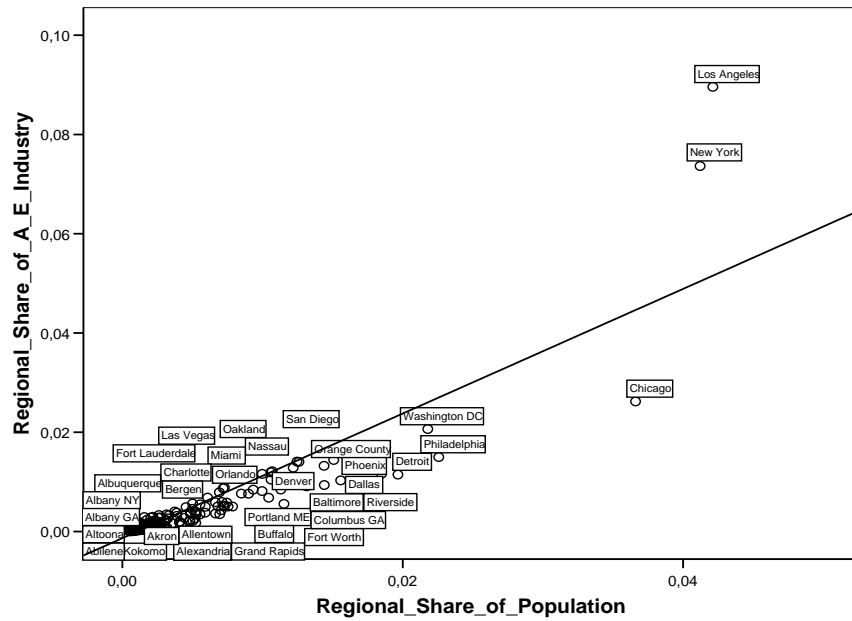
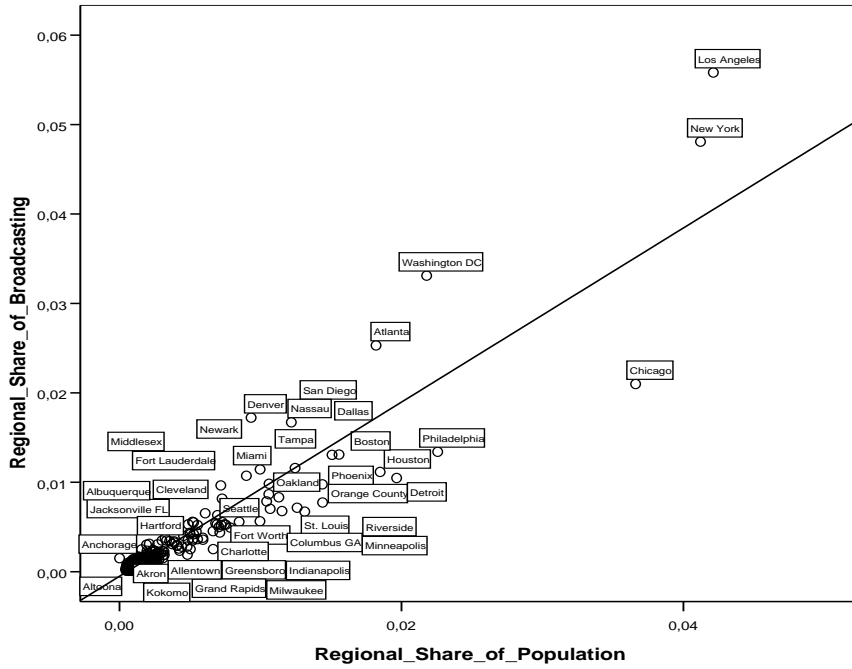
## Scatter-Plots

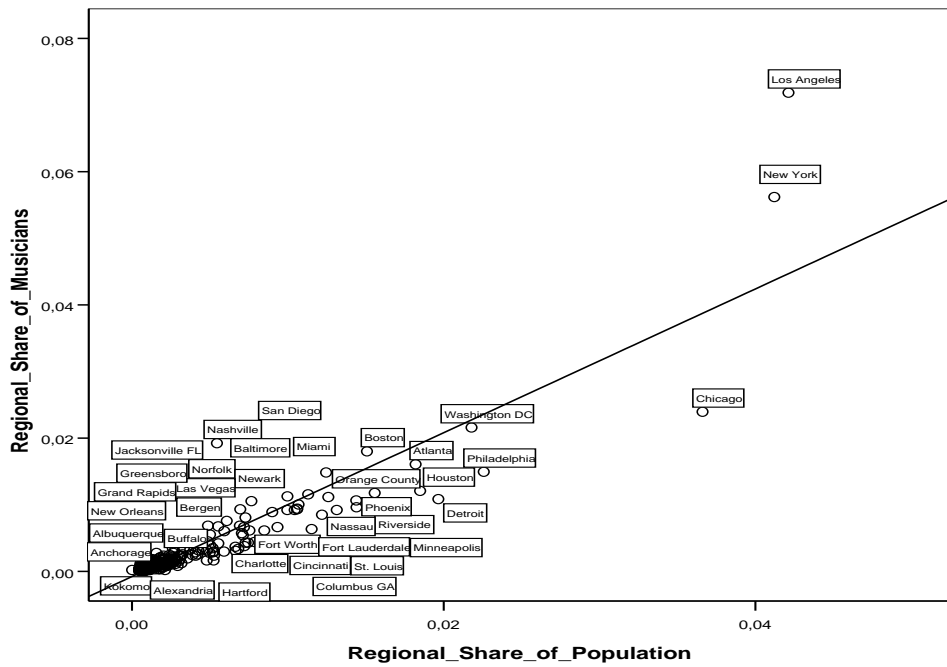
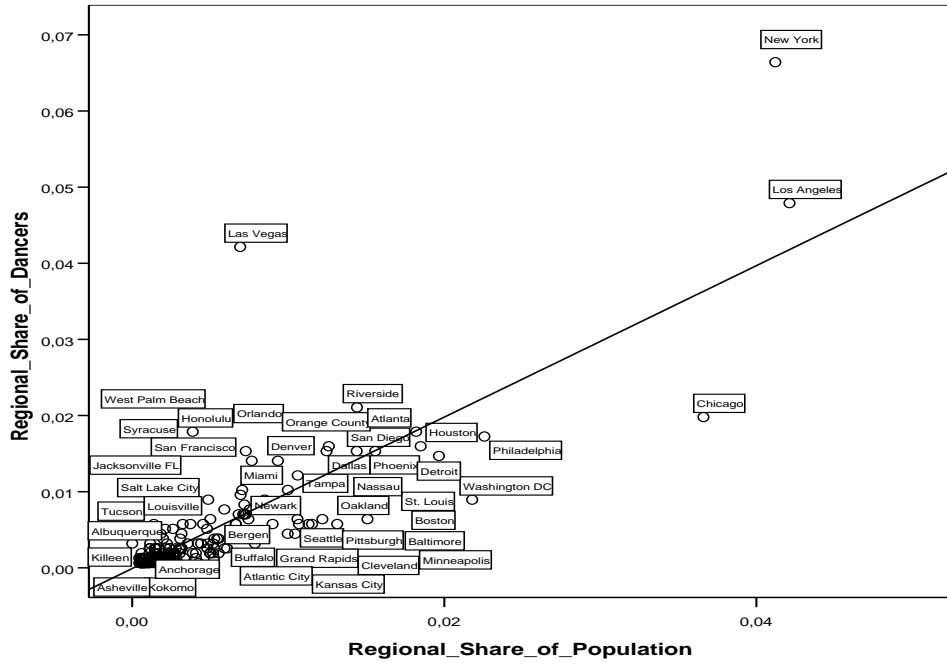
Figure 1 provides a series of scatter graphs that chart the share of entertainment subsectors against its population for year 2000. The regions above the line can be considered to “punch above their weight” - that is, to have greater concentrations of an industry than their size would predict. New York and Los Angeles do this in almost every case. Orlando and Las Vegas are above the line for performers, Las Vegas for dancers, Nashville for the recording industry, and Washington DC and Atlanta (home of CNN) for the broadcasting industry. Chicago is notably below the line in every case.

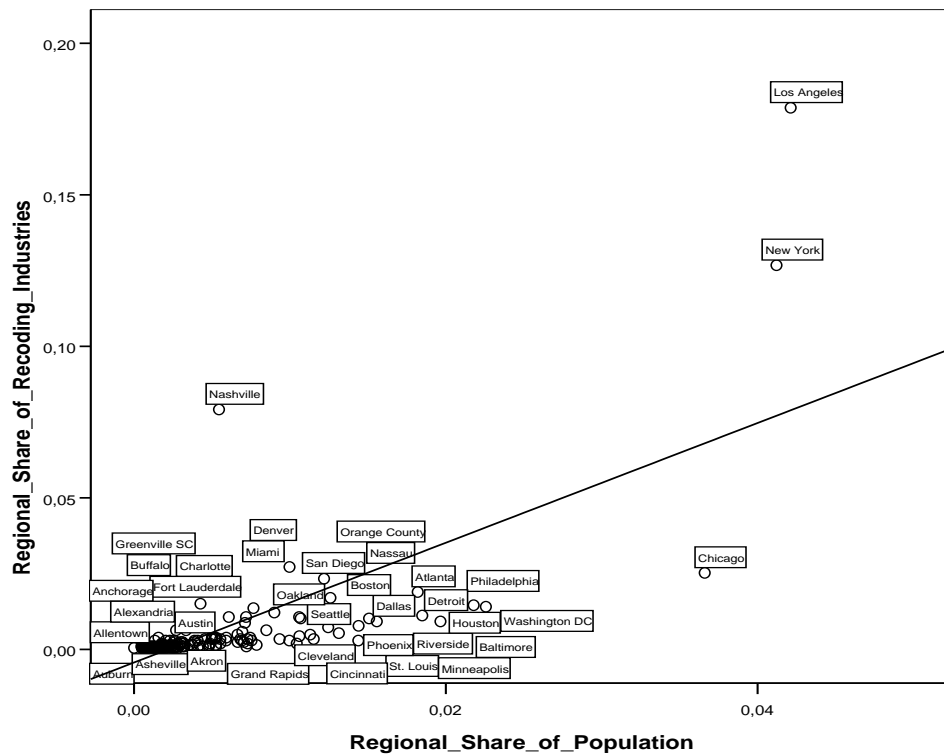
Many large regions host entertainment subsectors which are smaller than their populations would predict. The nation’s fifth and sixth largest metropolitan areas- Houston and Philadelphia- underperform in terms of broadcasting, actors and performers, entertainment. These findings are consistent with a pattern where the two largest regions dominate, alongside one or two smaller, more specialized locations.

**FIGURE 3** Scatter-Graphs for Year 2000









## Correlation Analysis

We now turn to the relationships between entertainment subsectors to see to what degree they are connected to one another. To get at this, we conducted a bivariate correlation analysis of the different entertainment subsectors in 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000. Table 3 summarizes the results.

In 2000, the strongest correlations were between musicians, the recording industry and the arts/ entertainment industry with correlation coefficients of 0.4 and above. Performers, dancers and the arts/entertainment industry also appear reasonably closely connected, with correlation coefficients of nearly 0.3 (0.288). Musicians and performers are also somewhat associated with the broadcast industry, with correlation coefficients above 0.15. It is also important to note that the correlations between sectors appear to have become considerably weaker over time. In 1970, there were a host of correlation coefficients of 0.5, 0.6 and 0.7 or higher. Once again, this pattern suggests the growth of two large dominant centers and the simultaneous rise of smaller, more specialized niche entertainment regions.

**Table 3 Correlations**

| 1970                      |           |                       |          |              |              |          |                           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------------------|
|                           | Musicians | Actors and Performers | Dancers  | A/E Industry | Broadcasting | Churches | Recording Industry (1977) |
| Musicians                 | 1         |                       |          |              |              |          |                           |
| Actors and Performers     | .471(**)  | 1                     |          |              |              |          |                           |
| Dancers                   | .426(**)  | .359(**)              | 1        |              |              |          |                           |
| A/E Industry              | .672(**)  | .303(**)              | .603(**) | 1            |              |          |                           |
| Broadcasting              | .696(**)  | .555(**)              | .317(**) | .606(**)     | 1            |          |                           |
| Churches                  | .731(**)  | .235(**)              | .185(**) | .636(**)     | .742(**)     | 1        |                           |
| Recording Industry (1977) | .202(**)  | .176(**)              | .107     | .129(*)      | .249(**)     | .199(**) | 1                         |

| 1980                  |           |                       |          |              |              |          |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
|                       | Musicians | Actors and Performers | Dancers  | A/E Industry | Broadcasting | Churches | Recording Industry |
| Musicians             | 1         |                       |          |              |              |          |                    |
| Actors and Performers | .352(**)  | 1                     |          |              |              |          |                    |
| Dancers               | .320(**)  | .244(**)              | 1        |              |              |          |                    |
| A/E Industry          | .309(**)  | .065                  | .527(**) | 1            |              |          |                    |
| Broadcasting          | .074      | .354(**)              | .182(**) | .021         | 1            |          |                    |
| Churches              | -.049     | .068                  | -.190(*) | .223(**)     | .250(**)     | 1        |                    |
| Recording Industry    | .298(**)  | .666(**)              | .099     | -.012        | .076         | -.073    | 1                  |

**1990**

|                       | Musicians | Actors and Performers | Dancers  | A/E Industry | Broadcasting | Churches | Recording Industry |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| Musicians             | 1         |                       |          |              |              |          |                    |
| Actors and Performers | .463(**)  | 1                     |          |              |              |          |                    |
| Dancers               | .305(**)  | .336(**)              | 1        |              |              |          |                    |
| A/E Industry          | .307(**)  | .223(**)              | .545(**) | 1            |              |          |                    |
| Broadcasting          | .589(**)  | .362(**)              | .273(**) | .337(**)     | 1            |          |                    |
| Churches              | .510(**)  | .186(**)              | .118(*)  | .180(**)     | .634(**)     | 1        |                    |
| Recording Industry    | .211(**)  | .224(**)              | .052     | -.065        | -.006        | -.018    | 1                  |

**2000**

|                       | Musicians | Actors and Performers | Dancers  | A/E Industry | Broadcasting | Churches | Recording Industry |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| Musicians             | 1         |                       |          |              |              |          |                    |
| Actors and Performers | .178(**)  | 1                     |          |              |              |          |                    |
| Dancers               | .052      | .288(**)              | 1        |              |              |          |                    |
| A/E Industry          | .458(**)  | .288(**)              | .164(**) | 1            |              |          |                    |
| Broadcasting          | .184(**)  | .158(**)              | .132(*)  | .244(**)     | 1            |          |                    |
| Churches              | .116(*)   | -.110                 | -.113    | -.251(**)    | .037         | 1        |                    |
| Recording Industry    | .413(**)  | .171(**)              | -.011    | .479(**)     | .136(*)      | -.047    | 1                  |

\*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

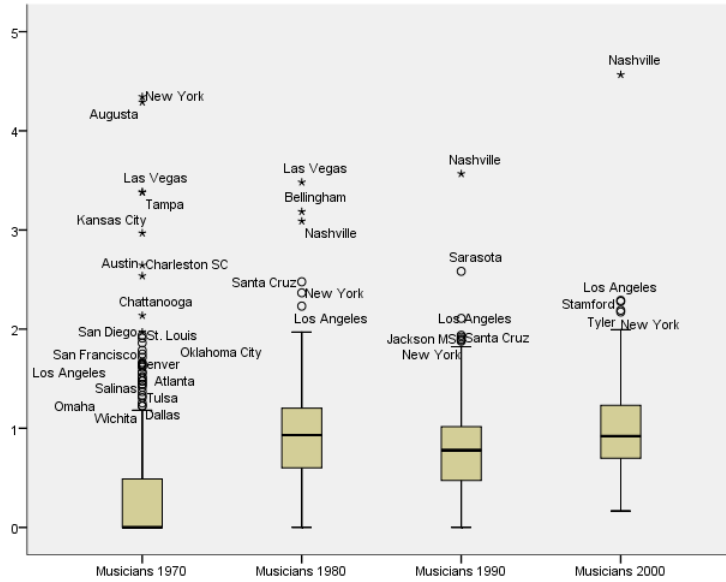
## Box Plots

We use box plot analysis to investigate the distribution of location quotients across regions. Box plots allow us to distinguish between places that fall within a normally-distributed range of location quotients, and the outliers with exceptionally high or low concentrations. Figure 4 shows the key results.

One key finding is the substantial decline in the number of outliers over time across virtually every subsector of entertainment. Music had twenty-five outliers in 1970, a number that shrunk to six in 1980 and 1990, before increasing to eight in 2000. Nashville also substantially increased its distance over other music locations over time. For performers, the number of outliers shrank from fifteen in 1970 to six in 1980, three by 1990 and grew somewhat to nine by 2000. For dancers, the number of outliers declined from seventeen in 1970, to about ten in 1980 and 1990 to six in 2000. And for both performers and dancers we again see the increased role of tourist destinations, notably Las Vegas. The same trends are apparent in the broadcasting and recording industries.

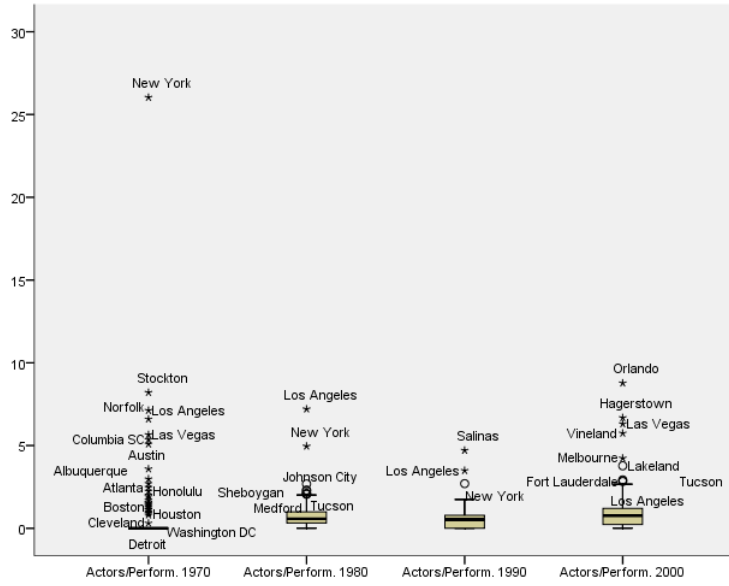
Generally, while the range of possible values has decreased, the distribution across the range has become more varied; three features of the box plots suggest this. First, the median location quotient has consistently increased, indicating that a greater number of regions are playing a role. Since the national concentration (the denominator of the LQ) has not changed significantly over this period, the rising LQs indicate that regions with higher concentrations (above the median) have been losing share to regions with lower concentrations (below the median). Second, the inter-quartile range shows that the overall distributions have widened. Regions with values around the median have been replaced by regions with values further away from the median. And third, the total range of values has decreased. Taken together, these findings suggest increasing specialization across some regions and entertainment fields. That is, certain regions are coming to specialize in certain types of entertainment.

**FIGURE 4** Box Plots

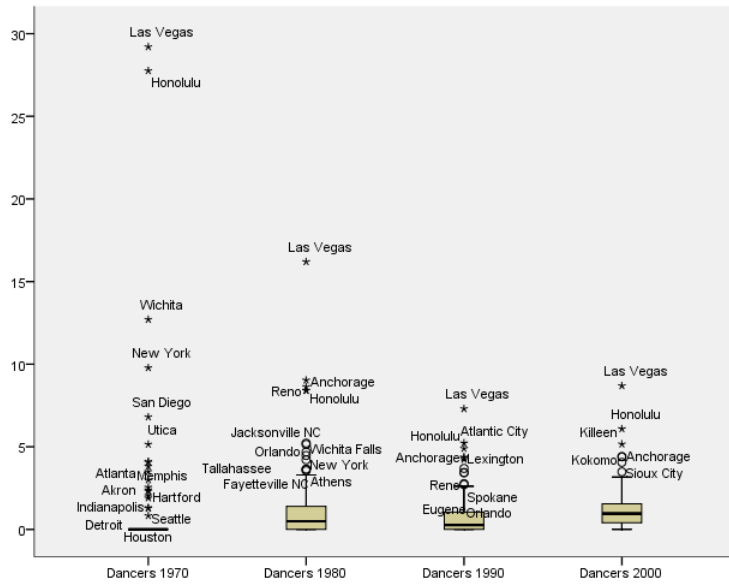


Boxplot for Musicians

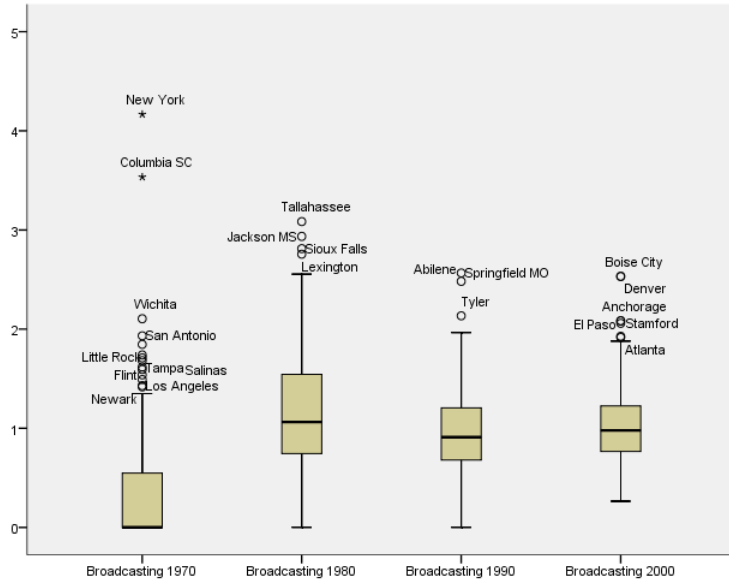




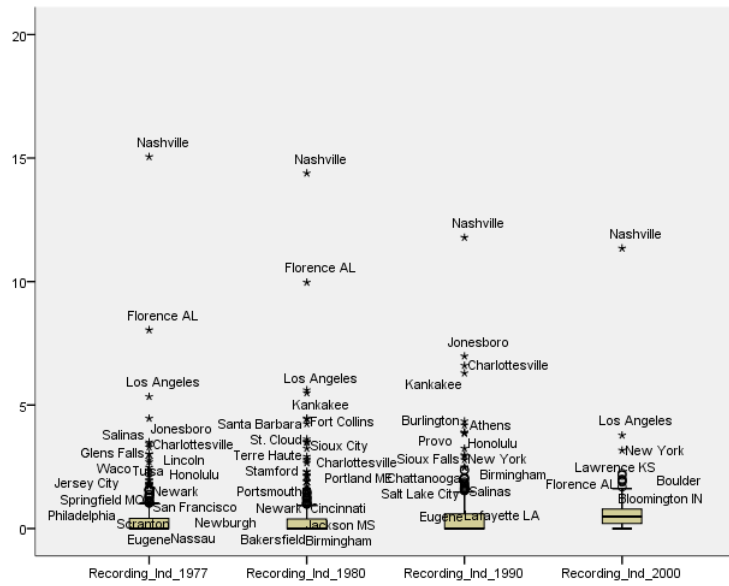
Actors and Performers



Dancers



Broadcasting



Recording Industry

## Cluster Analysis

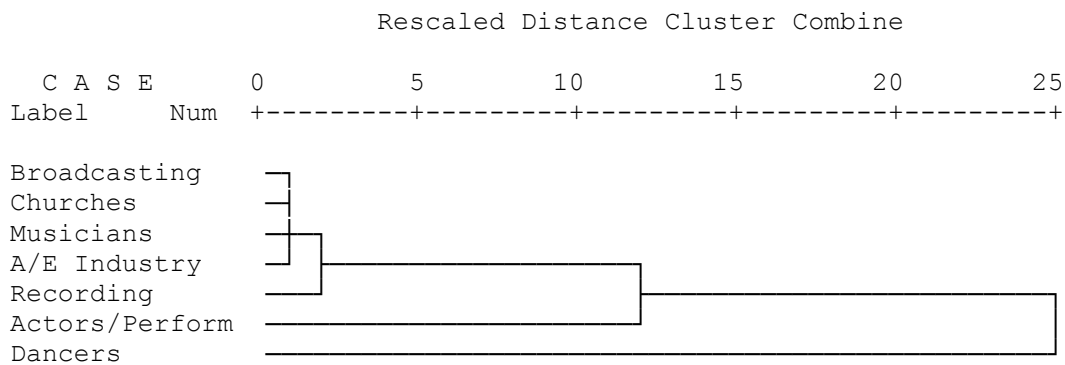
Our model suggests that entertainment sectors will locate based on economies of scope as well as scale. While scale economies explain why we basically find entertainment sectors concentrated around larger population centers and larger markets, the scope economies suggest that there are additional gains from the collocation of entertainment industry-subsectors through shared labor pools and by creating demand for each other's products and labor. The findings of the correlation analysis indicate that the linkages among entertainment sectors have grown weaker over time. But correlation analysis is limited by the fact that it only considers two variables at a time. To examine geographic clustering between sectors, we have also performed hierarchical cluster analysis.

A cluster analysis enables us to identify homogenous subgroups across the population. It seeks to identify a set of subgroups that minimize the within-group variation and at the same time maximize the between-group variation. We use location quotients to generate the clusters. We show the variable clusters with dendrograms, which illustrate the cohesiveness of the clusters formed and provide information about the appropriate number of clusters. Figure 5 provides the results.

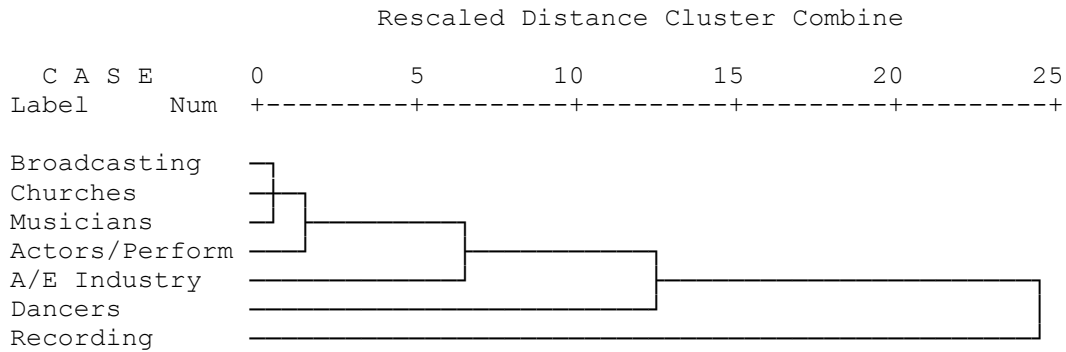
**FIGURE 5**

Dendrograms

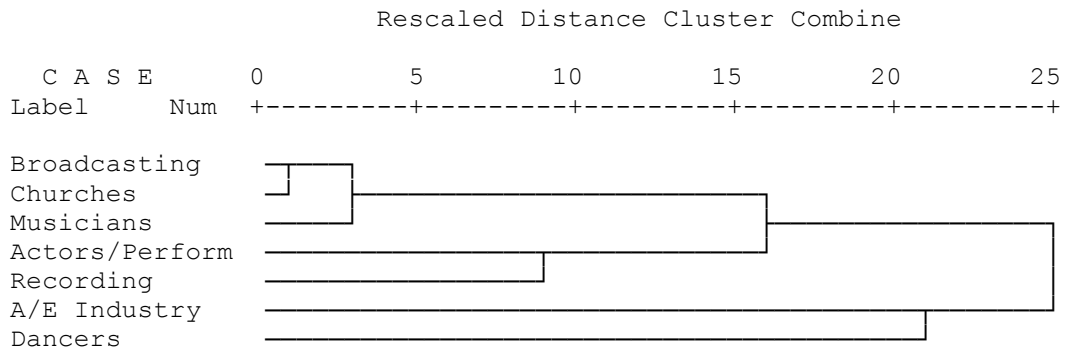
### Dendrogram for year 1970



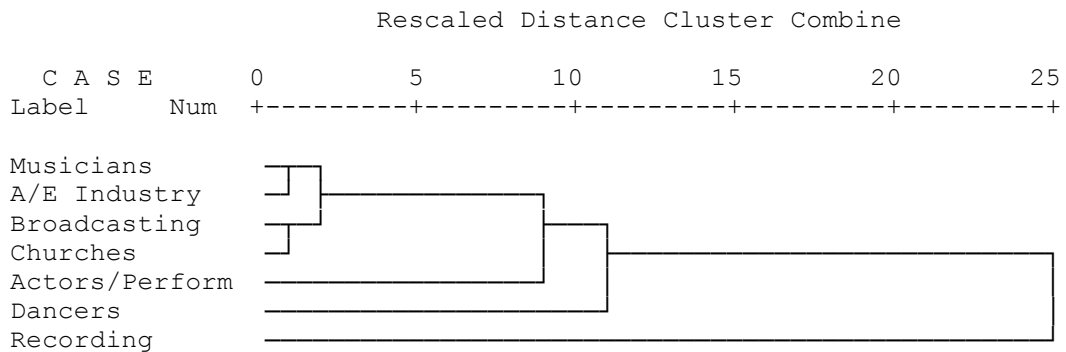
### Dendrogram for year 1980



### Dendrogram for year 1990



### Dendrogram for year 2000



In 1970, there is a clear cluster formation of broadcasting, churches, musicians and the arts/entertainment industry. A couple of steps further away, but still rather closely related to this first cluster, is the recording industry. Not much further away we find actors and performers, while dancers exhibit an entirely different location pattern.

In 1980, the arts and entertainment industry as a whole becomes removed from the broadcasting, churches, and musicians cluster. Broadcasting, Churches, and Musicians are still closely related to each other. Actors do not co-locate with the larger cluster, but their location is more related to the cluster than the arts and entertainment industry.

In 1990, broadcasting and churches are still closely connected. Musicians move one step further away, but are still closely related to them. The arts/entertainment industry is still further away spatially. Now, musicians, churches, and broadcasting attach in the next step with performers and the recording industry. Dancers and A/E industry attach with the others, one step out.

In 2000, broadcasting, churches, musicians and arts/entertainment industry appear clustered together. Performers will attach further away and dancers are located far from the others. The recording industry has continuously moved away from other groups since 1970 and is now the least co-located group.

Our cluster analysis reveals a good deal of dynamism in the way entertainment sectors relate to each other geographically over time. However, in all four cluster analyses there is a close relationship between the concentration of the broadcasting industry and the concentration of churches. Musicians also tend to co-locate with both the broadcasting industry and churches, although to a slightly smaller degree. The arts and entertainment industries were located close to the broadcasting/churches/musicians core in 1970 and in 2000, but less closely located in 1990.

The recording industry and dancers have generally been the groups that cluster the least with other entertainment groups. In the case of the recording industry, this might well be explained by historical advantages, since the industry demands more capital investments (and sunk costs) than service-oriented industries. Also, the final product of the recording industry (the record) is rather standardized and can be transported at low cost from larger to smaller markets.

The revelation that dancers do not co-locate with musicians and the arts and entertainment industry is somewhat surprising. One might expect a pattern of collocation since dancers; musicians and actors can both use the same performance space, and potentially spread costs by sharing it. There are two potential explanations for the diffusion of dancers; these are compatible with each other and the rest of our analysis. First, dancers are often located in tourist destinations. While it may be possible to use recorded music for a performance so that no live musicians are needed, dancers cannot be so easily replaced.

Alternately the second largest employer of dancers is “drinking places, alcoholic beverages” (Currid and Stolarick, 2009). Again, dancers would be located in places that would not necessarily correlate with the rest of the entertainment sector.

Also, actors and performers were rather close to the broadcasting/churches/musicians cluster center in the 1990s, but less so in 1970 and also in year 2000. It is surprising that actors appear to be more dependent on the presence of these factors than on the arts and entertainment industry in general.

The results of the cluster analysis indicate that regions divide based on their concentrations of musicians and arts/entertainment industry. These findings contradict - and in our view outweigh - the findings of the correlation analysis which showed an association between musicians and arts/entertainment industry. The cluster analysis consistently separates (rather than links) these two groups for the years 1970 and 1990. However, they do co-locate in year 2000. Before that, regions are not uniformly high or low in these two groups. Rather, they can be differentiated by the concentration of musicians and by the concentration of the arts and entertainment industry.

## Conclusions

Our research has examined the economic geography of entertainment industries and occupations. Instead of seeing entertainment as a single monolithic industry or field, we view it as a set of distinct sectors with possible spatial interrelationships. At the outset, we proposed a formal model for the geography of the entertainment economy, based on earlier research by Andersson and Andersson (2006) which hypothesized that the economic geography of entertainment is shaped by the conjoint effects of scale (size) and scope (network) economies. Our research informs three key findings.

First, we find the entertainment industry to be geographically concentrated. New York and Los Angeles registered at the top of the entertainment rankings in 1970 and retained those positions over time, although their relative concentrations (LQ's) did subside somewhat over time. These places have significant concentrations of virtually every entertainment industry segment. We further find that these regions outperform other large regions by a considerable margin. Large regions, from Chicago on down, underperform relative to size. The entertainment economy thus appears to have strong threshold effects which seem to lock-in advantage in the two largest regions. The largest regions are shaped not simply by large markets and collocation of entertainment industry sectors, but also by sophisticated consumers who are entertainment omnivores (Peterson, 1992). These types of consumers and markets can be seen to be pioneers or early

adopters or tastemakers when it comes to trying out new entertainment products and experiences. Furthermore, entertainment goods in general are far less standardized and have shorter life cycles; consumers of entertainment experiences thus expect renewal and turnover at a faster pace (Caves 2002) and its customers demand new products at a faster pace. These characteristics of entertainment reinforce the joint effects of scale and scope on geographic concentration.

Second, our findings indicate a substantial second-order pattern of regional specialization, where key entertainment subsectors are clustered in one or two highly specialized locations, such as musicians in Nashville, dancers in Las Vegas, actors in Orlando, artists in Santa Fe and broadcasters in Washington DC. This reflects pure specialization, agglomeration and clustering dynamics. But we also note that many of these specialized locations are also tourist destinations. Tourist locations have a particular geographic effect in entertainment we refer to as “borrowing size.” Tourists in effect work to boost size of entertainment markets in those destinations. Las Vegas, for instance, welcomes more than 36 million visitors every year - a population increase of over 100,000 on the average day. Furthermore, tourists have a much higher propensity to consume entertainment than the average resident. For these reasons, entertainment destinations capitalize on a particular kind of scale and related scope effect.

Third, our findings point to a countervailing dispersal of entertainment activity over time to smaller regions. The entertainment sector is represented in more regions in year 2000. What might help to explain this countervailing pattern? Growth in demand for entertainment overall is one factor. Consumers now spend more time and money on entertainment than they did thirty years ago, and this increases demand for entertainment in local markets. The lion's share of this growth has been driven by growth in entertainment services (Vogel 2007). Since entertainment services are inherently more “local” than entertainment goods, it makes sense that entertainment service growth has been accompanied by some geographic dispersal. Dispersal may also be driven by technological change and the rise of digital production and distribution (see Anderson 2006).

Taken together, the empirical results confirm the theoretical model advanced initially by Andersson and Andersson (2006). That model specifies the strong shaping effects of scale and scope economies in the entertainment industries, suggesting that scale economies in large markets act to lower the transportation costs and increase the productive efficiencies of entertainment products, while scope economies reinforce geographic concentration by spreading entertainment costs across more products. Our empirical findings support the interacting and mutually reinforcing effects of scale and scope economies on the geography of entertainment. This can be most clearly seen in the extreme geographic concentration of entertainment in the two largest metropolitan areas - New York,

and Los Angeles. These regions host much larger entertainment economies than even their large populations would predict, and they host concentrations of every entertainment subsector. The effects of scale and scope economies are also evident in the way that tourist entertainment centers borrow size. The higher consumption propensity of tourist centers, and specialized scale economies to geography (that is, classic agglomeration effects) are also clearly evident in the evolutionary development of specialized entertainment centers like Nashville in music and recording.

However, we also note that the countervailing dispersal of the entertainment industry exhibited in the relative rise of smaller centers over the past two decades would seem to contradict these scale and scope effects. Here, we suggest that the emergence of these small centers reflects a broad and fundamental shift in the economics of entertainment from the consumption of products to that of experiences. Over the past thirty years, the amount of personal income spent on entertainment has grown driven by a dramatic increase in demand for entertainment services. The amount spent on live performance has more than doubled since 1979, while the amount spent on movies, magazines, and newspapers has dropped. This has increased demand for entertainers across the board. While many concentrate in large and/or specialized regions, others have been able locate and find some degree of employment in a wide array of smaller locations. The rise of digital recording and distribution technology has helped enabled this shift which reflects Anderson's (2006) long tail effect to a degree.

Ultimately, the economic geography of entertainment has become bifurcated - with growing concentration in two large centers alongside specialization in one or two more specialized centers and the simultaneous spread of entertainment to a growing number of smaller locations. To play off Anderson's (2006) metaphor, the geography of entertainment takes the form of a "fatter head" alongside a thin and elongated but bumpy tail. More than ever, scale and scope economies are key factors in the geography of entertainment.



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