Making Yourself Attractive: Pre-Marital Investments and the Returns to Education in the Marriage Market

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Guide to Data Documentation

The enclosed zip file includes the following elements:

1. jeanne_lafortune_utoronto_ca_070.dat and jeanne_lafortune_utoronto_ca_070.do to generate outcome files from IPUMS data
2. immigrant_shares_census2.dta usa_00074.dat and usa_00074.do to generate the instrument and endogenous variables from IPUMS data
3. comp_llerasmuney.dta which includes the compulsory schooling laws from Lleras-Muney.
4. Data_construction_AEJ.do, Regressions_AEJ.do and cl_AEJ.do, the do-files to replicate the data and the results of the paper.

To replicate the data:

1. Install all files in a unique folder
2. Construct the dataset for the paper by running the do-file "Data_construction_AEJ.do".
3. Replicate all result tables except for Online Appendix Table C5 by running the do-file "Regressions_AEJ.do".
4. Replicate the results of Online Appendix Table C5 by running the do-file "cl_AEJ.do"