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EDUCATION

West Virginia University 2019-2024 (*expected*)

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Committee: Bryan McCannon (chair), Joshua Hall, Kole Reddig, Amy Godfrey

Dissertation title: *Three Essays on Public Policy*

Fairmont State University 2015-2018

Master of Business Administration

Fairmont State University 2011-2015

B.S. in Business Administration

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Public Economics, Sports Economics, Law and Economics

TEACHING INTERESTS

Microeconomics, Game Theory, Public Economics, Health Economics, Statistics, Sports Economics,
Econometrics, Macroeconomics

JOB MARKET PAPER: ARE RED FLAG LAWS A GREEN LIGHT TO SAVE LIVES?

Abstract: Mass shootings have become a hot topic of discussion in the United States in recent years. Policymakers have taken action through state legislation to develop a policy that would reduce the number of mass shootings. Red Flag Laws, also known Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO), is a form of gun control policy designed to remove firearms from someone who presents a danger to themselves or others. I examine the effect that Red Flag Laws have on suicide rates and homicide rates in the states that have passed and implemented a Red Flag Law using a difference-in-differences approach. I find that suicide rates and homicide rates decrease by just over 6% and 10%, respectively, in the states that have a Red Flag Law. These effects are driven mainly by the states that also allow both family members and law enforcement to petition a state court for the removal of firearms.

WORKING PAPERS

“Do moratoriums on executions affect homicide rates? A look at the recent moratoriums.”

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

West Virginia University

Econ 425: Introductory Econometrics

Spring 2023

Econ 200: Introductory Economics

Fall 2022

Spring 2022

Fall 2021

Fairmont State University

BSBA 2200: Economics for Non-Business Majors

Summer 2020 (online asynchronous)

Spring 2020 (online asynchronous)

Fall 2019 (online asynchronous)

Summer 2019 (online asynchronous)

Spring 2019

Fall 2018

BSBA 2212: Principles of Microeconomics

Spring 2020 X2 (one section F2F, one section online asynchronous)

Fall 2019

Spring 2019

Fall 2018

BSBA 2211: Principles of Macroeconomics

Fall 2019 (online asynchronous)

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

West Virginia University

- Econ 202: Principles of Macroeconomics (For S. Schuh Fall 2020, T. Ferrarini Spring 2021)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023: APEE Meeting

2022: APEE Meeting, Graduate Economic Freedom Colloquium, SEA Meeting

AWARDS, HONORS, AND RECOGNITIONS

APEE Young Scholars Program (2022, 2023)

SOFTWARE

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REFERENCES

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