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EDUCATION

West Virginia University	<i>2019-2024 (expected)</i>
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics	
Committee: Bryan McCannon (chair), Joshua Hall	
Dissertation title: <i>Three Essays on Public Policy</i>	
Fairmont State University	<i>2015-2018</i>
Master of Business Administration	
Fairmont State University	<i>2011-2015</i>
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

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

“Are Red Flag Laws a green light to save lives?”

“Hasn’t Capital Punishment Been Studied to Death? A Review of Moratoriums on Execution”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University	Fairmont State University
Instructor of Record	
Econ 200: Introductory Economics- Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022	
Econ 425: Intro to Metrics- Spring 2023	
BSBA 2200: Economics for Non-Business Majors (Surveys)- Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019 (asynchronous), Fall 2019 (asynchronous), Spring 2020 (asynchronous), Summer 2020 (asynchronous)	
BSBA 2212: Principles of Microeconomics- Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020 (one section F2F, one section asynchronous)	
BSBA 2211: Principles of Macroeconomics- Fall 2019 (asynchronous)	

As Teaching Assistant

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

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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

AWARDS, HONORS, AND RECOGNITIONS

APEE Young Scholars Program (2022)

SOFTWARE

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REFERENCES

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