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State University of New York, Binghamton. M.A. Economics, March 2017.
American University B.S. Mathematics and Economics, May 2015.
- Citizenship** U.S.A.
- Fields** Labor Economics, Transportation Economics, Applied Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics
- Work in Progress** "Voting for Transit: The Labor Market Impact of Public Transportation Improvements"
"Skills and the Geography of Economic Opportunity" with Sulagna Mookerjee and David Slichter
- Selective Work Experience** **Instructor, State University of New York Binghamton.**
Binghamton, NY; 2018-2019
Microeconomic Theory (BA) (Summer 2019)
Poverty and Discrimination (BA) (Winter 2019)
Poverty and Discrimination (BA) (Summer 2018)
- Teaching Assistant, State University of New York Binghamton.**
Binghamton, NY; 2015-2019
Labor Economics (BA), Professor Solomon Polachek (Fall 2015)
Principles of Macroeconomics (BA), Professor Kenny Christianson (Spring 2016)
East Asian Development (BA), Professor Bong Jong Yoon (Fall 2016)
Introduction to Econometrics (BA), Professor Bong Jong Yoon (Spring 2017)
Macroeconomic Theory (BA), Professor Wei Xiao (Fall 2017)
Labor Economics (BA), Professor Solomon Polachek (Spring 2018)
Labor Economics (PhD), Professor Solomon Polachek (Spring 2018)
International Monetary Theory (BA), Professor Susan Wolcott (Fall 2018)
History of Economic Growth (BA), Professor Susan Wolcott (Spring 2010)
Microeconomic Theory (BA), Professor Solomon Polachek (Fall 2019)
- Research Assistant, Urban Institute**
Washington, DC; 2014
- Research Assistant, American University**
Washington, DC; 2013-2015
Part of Historical Bankruptcy Project
- Tutor, American University**
Washington, DC; 2014-2015
Tutored the following subjects at all levels: math, statistics, economics

University Service	Vice-President of Economics Department Chapter of Graduate Student Organization, 2017-2018 Senator for the Economics Department to the Graduate Student Organization, 2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative on Library Committee, 2016 Treasurer for Economics Department Chapter of Graduate Student Organization, 2015-2016
Presentations	Eastern Economics Association Conference, March 2019 Urban Economics Association Conference, October 2019
Honors and Awards	Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship, Binghamton University, 2015-2019 Provost Doctoral Summer Fellowship, Binghamton University, 2016-2019 Omicron Delta Epsilon American University Fed Challenge Team, Won second at 2014 Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Federal Reserve Challenge Provost Scholarship, American University Eagle Scout
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**Voting for Transit: The Labor Market Impact of Public Transportation
Improvements**
(Job Market Paper)

Abstract

This paper uses a regression discontinuity design to assess the labor market impacts of public transportation improvements in the United States. In certain locales, public transit investments are in part assigned on the municipal, county, and metropolitan level following local ballot measures on various tax and spending measures. I use ballots that narrowly passed or failed to identify the effects of transit spending on metropolitan areas. The main outcome variables of interest are the impacts of investments on employment, the rate of job-to-job changes, and hiring rates at the core-based-statistical-area level. Passage increases operational expenditure and ridership. I find small, precisely estimated impacts on labor market outcomes. Employment increases slightly in metropolitan areas that pass these measures. These increases in funding do not result in a significant impact on job flows or hiring rates for workers overall, for unskilled workers, or for skilled workers.