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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business *Expected 06/2024*
Ph.D., Economics

Northwestern University *06/2016*
B.A., Economics, Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Primary: Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Media Economics
Secondary: Political Economy, Public Economics

REFERENCES

Alexander Frankel
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WORKING PAPERS

Judicial Scarring [pdf]

· Does sentencing a murderer change the way a judge sentences future defendants? I answer this question in the context of Cook County using the universe of felony sentencing decisions from 2011-2022. I estimate an event study around the timing of Class M sentencing hearings. Sentence lengths increase by 5% in the month following the felony sentencing, and then taper back to a baseline. Effects are driven by changes in the sentencing of relatively severe felonies (Class X and Class 1 felonies). A back-of-the-envelope calculation suggests that this bias effects 15% of all sentences in the sample.

Presentations: Harris American Politics Conference (2022), Booth Student Research in Economics Seminar (2022), Behavioral Economics Working Group (2022)

Do Journalists Drive Media Slant? [pdf]

· When firms and workers have misaligned preferences, how do firms exert control? I explore this question in the context of online news production, where journalists and firm managers may want to produce content with different degrees of partisan slant. I construct a new dataset that links 2,700 journalists to firms, news articles, and Twitter profiles. I measure article slant with a machine learning algorithm that I train to identify partisan phrases. Using a within-journalist design, I find that writing for more right or left leaning firms does not change the slant of a journalist's writing. Journalist ideology, as measured by following decisions of Twitter users, is strongly correlated with article slant. I interpret these findings as evidence that firms exert little direct control over the slant of journalists' writing.

Presentations: Booth Student Research in Economics Seminar (2020)

TEACHING

Ph.D. Math Camp Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Instructor

· Developed curriculum, lecture notes and problem sets with co-instructor Walter Zhang
· Course consisted of approximately one semester's worth of material touching on calculus, linear algebra, real analysis, probability, statistical inference, optimization and dynamic programming.

MISCELLANEOUS

Citizenship: United States of America
Programming Languages: Python, R
Hobbies: Chess, Guitar, Wheel Throwing

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