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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Ph.D. in Economics

Expected August 2020

Advisors: Amalia Miller and Eric Chyn

University of Virginia, Charlottesville

M.A. in Economics

December 2016

Clemson University, Clemson

B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*

May 2015

B.A. in Women's Leadership, *summa cum laude*

May 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Gender Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

WORKING PAPERS

"Safer Sex? The Effect of AIDS Risk on Birth Rates" (Job Market Paper)

The advent of HIV/AIDS in the 1980s dramatically increased the cost of contracting a sexually transmitted infection (STI). Prior research shows that people responded to the AIDS epidemic by switching to sexual behaviors and contraceptive methods with lower likelihood of AIDS transmission. These behavioral adjustments also affect the likelihood of pregnancy and the incidence of other STIs. This paper provides evidence that the AIDS epidemic increased the birth rate among adult women by as much as 1.26 births per 1000 women and reduced gonorrhea incidence. The fertility results are driven by an increase in births to unmarried women, but only among births for which information on the father is available. I conclude that unmarried women responded to AIDS by entering monogamous relationships, which in turn led to an increase in the birth rate.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"An Analysis of Domestic Violence Crime Reporting during the COVID-19 Pandemic," with Amalia Miller (UVA) and Carmit Segal (University of Zurich)

"The Effect of Abortion Restrictions on Maternal Inputs," with Rebecca Brough (Notre Dame)

"The Effect of Tasers on Fatal Police Encounters"

PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled) 2020

Jefferson Fellows Symposium 2020

The Center for Health Policy at UVA 2018

5th Annual UVA Economics Research Colloquium 2018

AWARDS AND GRANTS

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| Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship | 2020 |
| Marshall Jevons Fund Award | 2020 |
| The Jefferson Fellowship (UVA's premier graduate fellowship) | 2018 |
| Jefferson Scholars Foundation Research Fund | 2018 |
| Snively Prize for Outstanding Economics Dissertation Proposal | 2018 |
| Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, Best Social Sciences Poster | 2018 |
| Snively Prize for Outstanding Economics Summer Paper | 2017 |

INVITED WORKSHOPS

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| IWPR Economics of Reproductive Health working group (cancelled due to COVID-19) | 2020 |
| Becker-Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp | 2019 |
| Summit for Diversity in Economics | 2018 |

SERVICE GRANTS

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| UVA Diversity and Inclusion Grant for Women in Economics | 2019 |
| Jefferson Foundation Grant for Interdisciplinary Forums | 2019 |
| CSWEP Joan Haworth Mentoring Grant for Women in Economics at UVA | 2018 |
| Bankard Conference Award for Economics Graduate Student Workshop | 2017 |

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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| Amalia Miller | Fall 2016 - Spring 2020 |
| Sheetal Sekhri | Fall 2018 - Fall 2020 |
| Raymond Sauer | Summer 2015 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Instructor for ECON 3010: Intermediate Microeconomics | Summer 2018 |
| TA for ECON 4160: Economics of Health | Spring 2018 |
| TA for ECON 3010: Intermediate Microeconomics | Summer 2017, Fall 2017 |
| TA for ECON 2020: Principles of Macroeconomics | Spring 2017 |
| TA for ECON 2010: Principles of Microeconomics | Fall 2016 |

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

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| President and founder of Women in Economics at UVA | Fall 2019 - Spring 2020 |
| Co-organizer of the Academics and Social Media Forum | Spring 2019 - Fall 2019 |
| Graduate School Student Council Vice President | Fall 2018 - May 2019 |
| Graduate School Student Council Initiatives Committee Chair | Fall 2017 - May 2018 |
| Selections Co-chair for The Raven Society | Fall 2018 - May 2019 |
| Chief organizer of the Bankard Economics Graduate Student Workshop | Fall 2017 - May 2018 |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| Tomorrow's Professors Today at UVA Center for Teaching Excellence, Phi Beta Kappa |
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