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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin
PhD Student, Department of Economics

May 2022 (Expected)

The University of Texas at Austin
Master of Science, Economics

August 2019

The University of Texas at Austin
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts
Majors: Math, Economics, and Plan II Honors

May 2011

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Public Economics, Health Economics, and Labor Economics

RESEARCH - WORKING PAPERS

The Effects of Public Health Insurance on Near-Elderly Mortality
(with Sam Arenberg)

· *Job-Market Paper*

Despite being at the forefront of recent policy debates, determining the effects of public health insurance on mortality remains empirically elusive. My dissertation, summarized in this job market paper, aims to improve our understanding and existing estimates of the effects of public health insurance on near-elderly mortality. Using restricted Census and NVSS data, I examine the effects of Medicare eligibility at age 65 and ACA Medicaid eligibility on near-elderly mortality.

The Impact of Youth Medicaid Eligibility on Adult Incarceration
(with Sam Arenberg and Seth Neller)

· *Revise and Resubmit, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

· *IPUMS 2020 Health Surveys Research Award Recipient*

This paper identifies an important spillover associated with public health insurance: reduced incarceration. In 1990, Congress passed legislation that increased Medicaid eligibility for individuals born after September 30, 1983. We show that Black children born just after the cutoff are 5 percent less likely to be incarcerated by age 28, driven primarily by a decrease in incarcerations connected to financially motivated offenses. Children of other races, who experienced almost no gain in Medicaid coverage as a result of the policy, demonstrate no such decline. We find that reduced incarceration in adulthood substantially offsets the initial costs of expanding eligibility.

How Do Hospitals Respond to the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions?

· *Second-Year Paper*

Hospitals frequently provide health care to uninsured patients without receiving compensation. ACA Medicaid expansions reduced hospitals' uncompensated care burdens by providing the uninsured with a means of payment in the form of insurance. Anecdotal evidence from hospital administrators suggests hospitals in expansion states respond to their improved financial positions by increasing capacity, purchasing equipment, and hiring more workers. I investigate such claims using hospital financial report data from CMS. Using a differences-in-differences regression framework, I find no evidence that hospitals in expansion states increased bed capacity, capital expenditures, or FTEs relative to hospitals in non-expansion states.

RESEARCH - WORK IN PROGRESS

What Can New Hospital Price Transparency Data Tell Us About Healthcare Prices? (with Ariel Johnson and Radhika Patel)

A recent CMS price transparency law required hospitals to provide price information for their health services, including cash prices and rates negotiated with insurance companies. This project examines price data compiled from nearly every hospital that has complied with the price transparency law. We compare and contrast hospital prices by health service, insurance type, insurer, and geography. Ariel Johnson and Radhika Patel are aspiring economists who have worked on this project as part of the UT Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program.

The Long-Term Effects of Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease

This joint research project with physicians and researchers from Texas Center for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease aims to be the first to link Texas education and labor data (from the Texas Education Research Center) with medical records. Our research will study the social, academic, and economic trajectories of children with pediatric and congenital heart disease.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant - UT Austin

Economics of Education (40 students)

Spring 2019 - 2021

Health Economics (70 students)

Fall 2018 - 2021

Economics, Executive MBA Program (70 students)

Spring 2018

Microeconomics, MBA Program (250 students)

Fall 2017

Political Economy (40 students)

Spring 2017

Intro to Microeconomics (220 students)

Fall 2016

Founder - UT Economics Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Fall 2019 - Present

I established a fellowship program that provides opportunities for undergraduates to work on academic research projects with PhD candidates. In our first year of the program, we received over 125 applications for 25 positions and raised over \$15,000.

SKILLS

Stata, SQL, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

WORK AUTHORIZATION

US Citizen

Special Sworn Status - federal security clearance

REFERENCES

Jolie Flink - UT Economics Ph.D. Program Coordinator

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