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EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
PhD in Economics — 2015-Present

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, Phi Beta Kappa — 2011-2015

UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA
CILE Spanish Language Program — Summer 2011

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Professor Caroline Hoxby
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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary field: Public economics
Secondary field: Labor economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Principles of Economics, Stanford University, Professor John Taylor — Fall 2019

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
RA of Professor Nicholas Bloom — 2016-2017
RA of Professor Pascaline Dupas — 2016

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
RA of Professor Mike Finley — 2015
RA of Professor Leigh Linden — 2014-2015

AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS

Stanford DARE Doctoral Fellowship Program — 2019-2021
IRiSS CSS Fellowship - $10,000 — 2020
Google Cloud COVID-19 Research Credits Program - $8,000 — 2020
Federal Reserve Bank Dissertation Fellowship — Summer 2019
Research Grant, George P. Shultz Fellowship - $10,760 — 2018

Research Grant, The Europe Center, Stanford - $4,080	2018
Research Grant, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, Stanford - $2,480	2017
Research Grant, SEED Graduate Student Fellowships, Stanford - $8,330	2017
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2015-2020

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2019: Urban Economics Association Summer School (London School of Economics)

2018: Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

RESEARCH

RESEARCH PAPERS

"When a Town Wins the Lottery: Evidence from Spain," Job Market Paper
with Alejandro Martínez Marquina (Stanford)

How do local wealth shocks impact economic activity? For over two centuries, Spain has conducted a national lottery which often results in the random allocation of up to $800 million in cash to the citizens of one town. This is the only case in the world where individuals living in the same location randomly receive pure wealth shocks of this scale. Leveraging data on town-level lottery ticket expenditures, we compare winning towns to non-winning towns that had the same probability of winning. We find that although consumption increases, the lottery causes a slowdown in economic activity and deters new migration to towns that won in recent decades. However, an analysis of a century of lottery winners reveals large and persistent increases in population for towns that won in earlier periods.

"Parenthood in Poverty: An Empirical Exploration Using Large-Scale Administrative Records,"
with Sarah Eichmeyer (Munich)

We use an event study approach to examine the consequences of becoming a parent for living conditions of women of low socio-economic status. We collaborate with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services to obtain longitudinal, high frequency administrative records for the entire county. Our project focuses on policy-relevant outcomes including housing (and homelessness), social assistance use, mental health, and crime. We further employ two dynamic difference-in-difference designs that explore variation in pregnancy outcomes (miscarriage vs. life birth): One compares outcomes across observably similar women who experience one event or the other, and one compares the outcomes across events within women who first experience a miscarriage, followed by a live birth in the subsequent years. We find that new parenthood is associated with large increases in the use of Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF, in addition to increases in homeless shelter visits and usage of public housing. We also observe increases in treatment for substance use disorder and decreased criminal activity.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Homelessness Across the United States: Evidence from GPS Data,"
with Cody Cook (Stanford) and Sarah Eichmeyer (Munich)

"Homeless in a Pandemic: Evidence from GPS Data,"

with Cody Cook (Stanford) and Sarah Eichmeyer (Munich)

"Learning from Predictive Analytics among Public Sector Employees,"
with Sarah Eichmeyer (Stanford), Jeremy Goldhaber-Fiebert (Stanford), and Lea Prince (Stanford)

"Repetition, Dropout, and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from the Dominican Republic,"
with Hernán Barahona (Stanford), Christopher Nielson (Princeton), and Sebastián Otero (Stanford)

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