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RESEARCH FIELDS	Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, and Health Economics
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WORKING PAPERS	The Power of the IUD: Effects of Expanding Access to Contraception Through Title X Clinics (<i>with Jason M. Lindo and Analisa Packham</i>) NBER Working Paper #25656. <i>Under Review</i>
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Abstract: We estimate the effect of Colorado's Family Planning Initiative, the largest program to have focused on long-acting-reversible contraceptives in the United States, which provided funds to Title X clinics so that they could make these contraceptives available to low-income women. We find substantial effects on birth rates, concentrated among women in zip codes within 7 miles of clinics: the initiative reduced births by approximately 20 percent for 15–17 year olds and 18–19 year olds living in such zip codes. We also examine how extensive media coverage of the initiative in 2014 and 2015 altered its reach. After information spread about the availability and benefits of LARCs, we find a substantial increase in LARC insertions, extended effects on births among 15–17 year olds living greater than 7 miles from clinics, and significant reductions in births among 20–24 and 25–29 year olds.

The Effects of Reduced Clinic Capacity on Abortion Access

Abstract: The impacts of access to healthcare on health outcomes are important to understand, yet difficult to measure. Research has documented the importance of health insurance, quality of local hospitals, and distance to the nearest healthcare facility, but has struggled to uniquely identify the impacts of constrained local clinic capacity. I estimate the effect of reduced clinic capacity for abortion services using a natural experiment in Pennsylvania. In 2011, Pennsylvania passed new regulations requiring any facility that provided abortion services to meet ambulatory surgical facility standards, which ultimately caused the closure of almost half of the state's abortion facilities—but all closing facilities were near facilities that remained open. This means that distance to the nearest clinic was largely unchanged, but local clinic capacity was reduced. I use both a difference-in-differences estimation and a synthetic control approach and find results are similar accross methodologies. Reduced clinic capacity caused at least 13 percent fewer abortions to occur in the first 8 weeks of gestation and more abortions to occur lat later gestational ages. Reduced clinic capacity may also have reduced the overall abortion rate by up to 9 percent and increased the birth rate for black women by up to 11 percent, highlighting the existence of racial disparities in access to reproductive control technology.

WORK IN PROGRESS	The Impact of Testing Backlogged Sexual Assault Kits Abortion Responses to Economic Shocks The Effects of Access to Improved Pre- and Post-Natal Care on Infant and Maternal Outcomes Seasonality of Fertility Decisions The Effects of Pollution from Factory Farming
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PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING PLANNED)	2019: Texas A&M Public, Labor, and Industrial Organization Alumni Conference (PLIO), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Southern Economic Association (SEA)
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2018: Symposium in Agricultural and Applied Economics Research (SAAER), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (AP-PAM), Southern Economic Association (SEA)

POSITIONS	Teaching Assistant to Jason Lindo, Program Evaluation		Fall 2019
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	Teaching Assistant to Craig Schulman, Intro to Economic Data Analysis	Spring 2018, Fall 2019	
	Teaching Assistant to Steve Puller, Energy Economics and Policy		Fall 2017
	Research Assistant to Steve Puller		Summer 2017
	Graduate Assistant for Private Enterprise Research Center		Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
HONORS AND AWARDS	ASHEcon Diversity Scholarship		Summer 2019
	Merit Fellowship, Texas A&M University		2015 – 2020
	Vision 2020 Fellowship, Texas A&M University		2015-2019
	University Honors Program Graduate, University of South Dakota		2015
	Outstanding Senior in Economics, University of South Dakota		2014 – 2015
	Phi Beta Kappa (Liberal Arts and Sciences Honor Society)		Initiated 2014
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