

Education

B.S. Economics/Mathematics (*summa cum laude*), University of Southern California, 2017

GPA: 3.91

Academic Work Experience

Research Specialist

May 2017-Present

University of Southern California (USC) Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR)

- Data analysis and management for field experiments in behavioral, health and education economics, including a longitudinal study of children randomized to preschool at the University of Chicago and a series of behavioral public health interventions in Los Angeles.
- Collaborates on grants, papers and experiment design with Dr. Anya Samek and coauthors.
- Manages a lab of 10-15 undergraduate and graduate researchers carrying out data collection at both USC CESR and UChicago's Becker Friedman Institute.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

March 2016-May 2017

USC CESR

- Managed data analysis and oversaw field experiments in behavioral, health and education economics with a team of students, including a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funded experiment in South Central Los Angeles, working with local grocers to study the nutrition decisions of low-income families.

Research Intern

June-Sept. 2015

Egmont Research Institute

- Conducted research with Dr. Sven Biscop on European economic relations with the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Working Papers

Samek, Anya, Arie Kapteyn, and Andre Gray. "Using Vignettes to Improve Understanding of Social Security and Annuities". Working paper no. w26176. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2019.

Samek, Anya and Gray, Andre and Datar, Ashlesha and Nicosia, Nancy, Adolescent Time and Risk Preferences: Measurement, Determinants and Field Consequences (August 1, 2019). CESR-Schaeffer Working Paper Forthcoming. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3463495>

Conference Presentations

North American Economic Science Association (ESA) Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Oct 2019.

Roybal Center for Health Decision Making and Financial Independence in Old Age Meeting, Washington DC, Feb 2019

Other Publications

Published blogpost at The Evidence Base, <https://evidencebase.usc.edu/the-science-of-giving-using-behavioral-research-to-understand-and-expand-charitable-donations/>

Published Commentary at Egmont Research Institute: http://www.egmontinstitute.be/publication_article/emss-new-and-approaching-hot-buttons-for-maritime-security/

Honors and Awards

USC Mork Scholar, Full Tuition Academic Scholarship, 2013-2017

USC Summer Undergraduate Research Stipend, 2015

USC Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) Grant, 2016

Phi Beta Kappa, invited 2016

Skills

Stata, LaTeX, R, Spanish (fluent)