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Education

University of California, Davis
Ph.D. Economics

Expected, June 2022

University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.A. Mathematics and Economics with comprehensive honors

May 2012

Employment

University of California, Davis
Graduate Student Researcher

June 2018-July 2021

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Senior Associate Economist

June 2012-July 2015

Value Added Research Center
Junior Economist

May 2011-August 2011

Job Market Paper

How Does the Earned Income Tax Credit Affect Household Expenditures for Vulnerable Households (*job market paper*)

I estimate the effect of a conditional cash transfer on the economic well-being of single female headed households. Specifically, I examine the impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) on the nondurable expenditures of single female headed households. Using longitudinal data with a dynamic difference-in-differences design, I study all major EITC policy changes over time, including the 1975 introduction, a currently understudied aspect of the program. This paper additionally estimates the marginal propensity to consume out of transfer income, providing new evidence on the elasticity of household expenditures to a large lump-sum transfer. I find that an increase of \$1 of EITC benefits leads to an increase of \$0.41 in food expenditures, significantly higher than the proportion of disposable income typically spent on food. This research strengthens our knowledge of how public assistance changes the spending decisions of low-income households and our understanding of a population not typically the focus of the household finance literature.

Publications

Health Impacts of Food Assistance: Evidence from the United States
with Marianne Bitler, *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, 2019

Changing Labor Force Composition and the Natural Rate of Unemployment
with Daniel Aaronson, Daniel Sullivan, and Luojia Hu, *Chicago Fed Letter*, 2015

Declining Labor Force Participation and Its Implications for Unemployment and Employment Growth

with Daniel Aaronson, Daniel Sullivan, and Luoia Hu, *Economic Perspectives*, 2014

Research in Progress

The Relationship Between Public Cash Transfer Programs and Asset Holdings

Effects of the Safety Net on Spending and Well-being: The COVID-19 Crisis Response
with Marianne Bitler and Danae Horn

Determinants and Effects of WIC Rollout: Evidence from Newly Digitized Data from the National Archives

with Marianne Bitler, Danae Horn, Esra Kose, and Maria Fernanda Rosales-Rueda

Other Research

Updating Risk Preferences after Job Loss Throughout the Life Cycle (*March 2018*)

Job search model with Bayesian updating of beliefs about employment and unemployment duration to predict subsequent job quality

Estimating Labor Supply Elasticity with Imputed Desired Hours (*December 2013*)

Exploiting features of the Current Population Survey questions to impute desired hours of work

Differences in Earning Potential Between Various Post-Secondary Educational Paths (*Senior Honors Thesis, May 2012*)

Comparison of adult earnings between two-year, four-year, and two-year transfers to four-year institutions

Awards and Affiliations

Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Fellowship (*2021-2022*)

Graduate Student Affiliate UC Network on Child Health, Poverty, and Public Policy

Invited Talks

Dec 2021: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Sep 2021: UC Davis Center for Poverty & Inequality Research

Sep 2021: All-Cal Labor Economics Conference, Poster Session

Jun 2021: Western Economics Association International 96th Annual Conference

Teaching Assistant Experience

Intermediate Microeconomics, Energy Economics, Financial Economics, Labor Economics, Honors International Macroeconomics

Updated October 2021