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Employment

Boston University, Questrom School of Business, Assistant Professor of Economics 2026–
Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago, Postdoc 2025–2026
Mentors: Chris Berry, Eric Richert

Education

University of Chicago, Ph.D. Economics 2025
Committee: Milena Almagro, Jean-Pierre Dubé (chair), Michael Dinerstein, Ali Hortacsu
University of Pennsylvania, B.A. Economics, B.A. Physics 2017

Working Papers

Distributional Effects of Exclusive Dealing in Retail Real Estate

Abstract: We study the welfare implications of exclusive dealing in the U.S. retail sector. Using a novel dataset, we document widespread use of exclusive dealing contracts that exclude local entry by rival stores. Public officials increasingly critique such practices as anti-competitive. At the same time, the extant literature on exclusive dealing has also shown that these contracts can stimulate entry into otherwise under-served markets. Descriptive analysis suggests that stores with exclusive dealing contracts face fewer competitors and higher prices. Yet, most major grocers in under-served neighborhoods have exclusive dealing contracts, suggesting they might encourage entry in low-demand settings. We use a structural approach to measure the counterfactual impact of a ban on exclusive dealing. We estimate a model of household-level store choices that accounts for price sensitivity, distance sensitivity, and potential complementarities across retailers. Upstream, we estimate a static entry game between retailers and landlords that accounts for downstream variable profits and information asymmetry between retailers and landlords. Results show that exclusive dealing benefits most landlords, large retailers, as well as households living in sparse retail environments. Banning exclusive dealing would increase welfare for some households, but would cause an increase in the number of households living in food deserts and harm consumers living in these under-resourced areas.

The Impact of the Dollar Store on Households and Local Retail Competition

Abstract: Dollar stores have dramatically changed the food retail landscape of the United States. This expansion has raised concern that dollar stores negatively impact consumer welfare and cause households to substitute away from (healthier) preexisting retail formats. This paper estimates the effects of the dollar store on household shopping basket, substitution across retailers, and welfare. Leveraging the first dollar store entry into a zip code, we show that dollar store entry expands the household choice set without significantly affecting local retail competition, thus increasing household welfare. Leveraging plausibly exogenous shocks to consumer's retailer availability, we estimate consumer demand and find that welfare increases by 2% with dollar store entry. Demand estimates indicate little substitution between dollar stores and preexisting retailers, alleviating concerns that dollar stores cause unhealthy eating.

Work in Progress

Vertical Integration in Commercial Real Estate (with J. Yue)
Monopoly and Monopsony in Meatpacking (with J. Battles and C. Palandri)
The Effect of Meatpackers on Water Quality (with J. Battles and C. Palandri)

Publications

Scalable Production of Molybdenum Disulfide Based Biosensors (with C. H. Naylor et al.), *ACS Nano*, Vol. 10, No. 6, pp. 6173-6179, 2016

Awards, Scholarships, and Grants

- 2024–2025: Ethel Doris Levine-Bobroff Fellowship, University of Chicago; Theodore Schultz Economics Fellowship, University of Chicago; Immasche Fellowship, University of Chicago
2019–2025: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
2019–2024: Social Science Division Fellowship, University of Chicago
2022–2023: Bradley Fellow, University of Chicago
2023: Fama Miller Center Award (\$15,000) with J. Yue; Becker Friedman Institute Industrial Organization Grant (\$300); University of Chicago Department of Economics Travel Award (\$1,000)
2022: University of Chicago Department of Economics Data Award (\$3,000); Becker Friedman Institute Industrial Organization Grant (\$4,000); Department Travel Award (\$400)
2021: Becker Friedman Institute Macroeconomics Initiative Grant (\$1,500)

Conferences and Presentations

- 2025: Cornerstone; Case Western; Federal Housing Finance Authority; Federal Reserve Board of Governors; University of Illinois Urbana Champaign; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance; Boston University Questrom School of Business; Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business; Boston College; the Ohio State University; Wharton Real Estate; Indiana Kelley Business Economics & Public Policy; Kellogg Marketing; Urban Economics Association: Europe Meeting (UEAEA)*; International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC); American Real Estate and Urban Economics (AREUEA) National Conference*; NBER SI Industrial Organization; Northwestern Conference on Antitrust Economics
2024: Chicago PhD Conference on Cities
2023: University of Chicago Booth Stigler Center; Urban Economics Association Europe Meeting (UEAEA)*
2022: Tufts University Food Access at Dollar Stores

**presenter and discussant*

Teaching

- 2022U: Math Camp (PhD and MA), Instructor, University of Chicago
2022S: Industrial Organization (U), TA for Michael Dinerstein, University of Chicago
2021F: Labor Economics (PhD), TA for Thibaut Lamadon, University of Chicago
2021F: Econometrics (U), TA for Oscar Volpe, University of Chicago
2024S: Industrial Organization (U), Grader for M. Dinerstein, University of Chicago

Research Experience

- 2017-2019: Senior Research Analyst, Macro and International Economics, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Service

University of Chicago: *Cohort Representative (2024-2025), Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator IO Reading Group (2024-2025), Coordinator, Student Applied Microeconomics Lunch (2024-2024), Peer Mentor (2019-2025)*

Federal Reserve Bank of New York: *Coordinator for Gender and Economics Panels (2018-2019), Peer Mentor (2018-2019)*

Additional Information

Citizenship	USA, Italy
Languages	English (Native), Italian (Native)