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## EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego  
La Jolla, CA

PhD Economics - 2023 (expected)  
MA Economics - 2019

Fordham University  
New York, NY

BSc Mathematics and Economics (honors),  
*summa cum laude* - 2017

## REFERENCES

Julie Cullen	UC San Diego	jbcullen@ucsd.edu	(858) 822-2056
Tom Vogl	UC San Diego	tvogl@ucsd.edu	(858) 534-4553
David Arnold	UC San Diego	daarnold@ucsd.edu	(760) 415-0418

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Law & Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy

## RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

Fellow in Economics	Harvard University	2021 - 2023
Research Assistant	Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies	2020

## WORKING PAPERS

“Spousal Visas and Couple Formation: Evidence from the End of the Defense Of Marriage Act”

**Abstract:** *Marital decisions determine the distribution of family characteristics. Spousal visa policy permits non-residents to marry citizens. I ask how this policy affects coupling rates, marriage rates, and assortative mating by citizenship. When the Supreme Court ended the Defense of Marriage Act, same-sex couples gained access to spousal visas for the first time. I estimate the effect of this policy change for mixed-citizenship same-sex couples, accounting for aggregate changes in other same-sex and mixed-citizenship couples, using a triple difference design. Spousal visa access causes a 36% increase in coupling rates and a 78% increase in marriage rates. Transfer benefits, health insurance, roommates, moving, fraud, or state-level heterogeneity do not explain the results. Informal calculations suggest 1.5 million people are currently together directly thanks to spousal visa policy.*

“Officer Language and Subject Race: A Text Analysis of Police Reports” (with Romaine Campbell)

**Abstract:** *We ask if police officers’ use of adjectives and adverbs systematically differs by suspect race, if officers with more race-predictive language have different 911 call dispatch outcomes in Black compared with White neighborhoods, and if race-predictive language relates to other officer characteristics. We leverage a novel data set containing police report text. We identify race-predictive language using an elastic net with word counts, then use predicted race to construct an officer-level measure of race-predictive language. We find evidence that officers with greater race-predictive language are more likely to assist and less likely to arrest in Black relative to White neighborhoods.*

## PUBLICATIONS

“Risk Aversion, Offsetting Community Effects, and COVID-19: Evidence from an Indoor Political Rally” *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty* 63, 133–167 (2021) (with Dhaval M. Dave, Andrew I. Friedson, Kyutaro Matsuzawa, Drew McNichols, Joseph J. Sabia)

**Abstract:** *The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) deem large indoor gatherings without social distancing the “highest risk” activity for COVID-19 contagion. On June 20, 2020, President Donald J. Trump held his first mass campaign rally following the US coronavirus outbreak at the indoor Bank of Oklahoma arena. In the weeks following the event, numerous high-profile national news outlets reported that the Trump rally was “more than likely” the cause of a coronavirus surge in Tulsa County based on time series data. This study is the first to rigorously explore the impacts of this event on social distancing and COVID-19 spread. First, using data from SafeGraph Inc, we show that while non-resident visits to census block groups hosting the Trump event grew by approximately 25 percent, there was no decline in net stay-at-home behavior in Tulsa County, reflecting important offsetting behavioral effects. Then, using data on COVID-19 cases from the CDC and a synthetic control design, we find little evidence that COVID-19 grew more rapidly in Tulsa County, its border counties, or in the state of Oklahoma than each’s estimated counterfactual during the five-week post-treatment period we observe. Difference-in-differences estimates further provide no evidence that COVID-19 rates grew faster in counties that drew relatively larger shares of residents to the event. We conclude that offsetting risk-related behavioral responses to the rally—including voluntary closures of restaurants and bars in downtown Tulsa, increases in stay-at-home behavior, displacement of usual activities of weekend inflows, and smaller-than-expected crowd attendance—may be important mechanisms.*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, San Diego  
La Jolla, CA

### Instructor of Record

ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Summer 2022
ECON 3	Principles of Macroeconomics	Summer 2021

### Teaching Assistant

ECON 172B	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Spring 2022
ECON 120C	Econometrics	Prof Wüthrich	Winter 2022
ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Prof Vogl	Fall 2021
ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Prof Vogl	Spring 2021
ECON 172B	Operations Research	Prof Berg	Winter 2021
ECON 171	Decision Under Uncertainty	Prof Newhouse	Fall 2020
ECON 3	Principles of Macroeconomics	Prof Howden	Summer 2020
ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Prof Vogl	Winter 2020
ECON 172A	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Fall 2019
ECON 110A	Macroeconomics	Prof Rondina	Spring 2019
ECON 172A	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Winter 2019
ECON 120A	Econometrics	Prof Candido	Fall 2018

### Reader

ECON 120A	Econometrics	Prof Tocoian	Fall 2022
ECON 178	Economics & Business Forecasting	Prof O	Spring 2018
ECON 172A	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Winter 2018
ECON 171	Decisions Under Uncertainty	Prof Newhouse	Fall 2017

Fordham University  
New York, NY

### Grader

MATH 2001	Linear Algebra I	Spring 2017
MATH 1206	Calculus I	Spring 2017
MATH 1109	Business Calculus	Spring 2017
MATH 1100	Finite Math	Fall 2016
MATH 2001	Discreet Math	Fall 2016

### Tutor

One-on-one	Calculus, Finite Math	Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
Math Help Room	Real Analysis, Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra, Numerical Analysis, Differential Equations, Discrete Math, Calculus, Finite Math	Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

### GRANTS

Travel and Research Grant - \$400	UCSD Econ	Spring 2022
Travel and Research Grant - \$255	UCSD Econ	Winter 2022
Travel and Research Grant - \$500	UCSD Econ	Fall 2021

### HONORS & AWARDS

TA Excellence Award	UCSD Econ	2020 - 2021
Graduate Student Research Fellowship - \$4 000	UCSD Econ	2019
Graduate Student Research Fellowship - \$4 000	UCSD Econ	2018
Regents Fellowship - \$13 000	UCSD	2017 - 2018
Charles A O'Neil Award	Fordham	2017
Dean's List	Fordham	2015 - 2017

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### Invited Presentations

2022	Vanderbilt Empirical and Applied Microeconomics - VEAM (Nashville)
2020	CSQIEP Seminar Series (virtual)

#### Conference Presentations

2022	WEAI Annual Meeting (Portland)
	PAA Annual Meeting (virtual, poster)
	Economic Demography Workshop (virtual)
	AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (virtual)
2021	Economics Graduate Student Conference (St Louis)
	All-California Labor Economics Conference (virtual, poster)

#### Conference Discussant

2022	WEAI Annual Meeting (Portland)
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#### Referee Service

*Review of Economics of the Household, Scientific Reports*

#### Other Service

Organizer, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Applied Group Seminar	2019 - 2020
Member, Search Committee for the Dean of Rady SOM	2019
Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Association	2018-2019

## OTHER INFORMATION

Citizenship: United States and Canada

Languages: English (Native Speaker), French (Advanced), Lithuanian (Beginner), Russian (Beginner)

Skills: Stata, R, quantdata, spacyr,  $\LaTeX$ , Beamer, Git

Hobbies: Running, Swimming, Cycling, Balletomane

Professional Classical Ballet Dancer:

Lietuvos Nacionalinis Operos ir Baletu Teatras	Vilnius, Lithuania	2013 - 2015
Cincinnati Ballet	Cincinnati, OH	2012 - 2013