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## RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Urban Economics, Economics of Crime

## EDUCATION

**University of Notre Dame** – Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D. in Economics

May 2025

M.A. in Economics

2020

**Wheaton College** – Wheaton, IL

B.S. in Economics and Mathematics

2018

## WORKING PAPERS

**Does Unemployment Insurance Reduce Crime?** (*Job Market Paper*) [\[PDF\]](#)

Does unemployment insurance (UI) reduce criminal behavior for low-wage displaced workers? To answer this question, I evaluate the effect of UI eligibility on subsequent criminal justice system involvement with linked UI and jail bookings administrative data. I estimate this effect using a regression discontinuity design (RDD), which exploits the minimum earnings requirements for UI. Being barely eligible for UI leads to a 49 percent decrease in arrest probability within one year. A 77 percent decrease in assaults and a 71 percent decrease in drug crime drives the decrease. A back-of-the-envelope calculation shows that this crime reduction generates large public benefits approximately equal to the fiscal cost of loosening momentary eligibility requirements.

**The Effects of Unemployment Insurance on Housing-Insecure Families**

with Robert Collinson

**A flows approach to neighborhoods: Incorporating individual volatility in neighborhood research**

with Andrew Garin, Evan Mast, and Bryan Stuart

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**Firm Behavior to Dual Minimum Wage Policies**

with Pietro Pellerito and Tim Spilde

## EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

**2024:** Midwestern Economics Association Annual Conference, Western Economics Association Annual Conference, W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Wheaton College, APPAM Fall Research Conference (presenter x 2, scheduled), Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)

**2023:** APPAM Fall Research Conference (discussant)

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant with the W.E. Upjohn Institute for  
Employment Research (\$10,000) 2023-2025

## TEACHING

### University of Notre Dame

Instructor	Statistics for Economics	2022
TA	Statistics for Economists	2022
TA	Principles of Microeconomics (x3)	2020-2022
TA	Principles of Macroeconomics	2021

### Wheaton College (IL)

TA	International Economics	2018
TA	Calculus I	2018
TA	Abstract Algebra	2018
TA	Calculus II	2017

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

### University of Notre Dame

Department of Economics, Evan Mast 2022-2025

### Wheaton College (IL)

Wheaton Center for Faith, Politics, and Economics 2018

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, R, Matlab, LaTeX

## PERSONAL

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau

## REFERENCES

James Sullivan (Chair)	Marinho Bertanha
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