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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

2018

B.S. in Economics and Mathematics

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 examine 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. I provide evidence indicating that being barely eligible for UI decreases arrest probability in the short run. A reduction in arrests for assaults and drug crimes drives the overall reduction. The effects are large, although somewhat imprecisely estimated—within one year, UI leads to a 49 percent decrease in arrest probability, a 77 percent decrease in assault arrest probability, and a 71 percent decrease in drug crime arrest probability. Moreover, I consistently find a negative relationship between UI eligibility and arrests across many different specifications, and I can generally rule out large positive effects, which might be a concern if UI benefits prolong spells of nonemployment. A back-of-the-envelope calculation suggests that this crime reduction generates large public benefits approximately equal to the fiscal cost of loosening monetary 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

The Impact of Childhood and Prenatal Medicaid on Future Criminal Involvement

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

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