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CURRENT POSITION:

Joint Postdoc

Big Data Postdoctoral Research Fellow (BD-Step) – Dept. of Veterans Affairs (July 2020-present)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow – Stanford School of Medicine (July 2020-present)

EDUCATION:

University of California, Berkeley

Columbia University

DEGREE

Ph.D.

B.A.

DATE

May 2020

May 2011

FIELD

Economics

Economics-Statistics

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

PRIMARY

Behavioral Economics

Labor Economics

SECONDARY

Health Economics

PROGRAMMING:

10+ years: Stata

5-10 years: SAS, Matlab

3-5 years: R, Python, SQL

CURRENT RESEARCH:

“Physician Quality and Patient Race: Evidence from Primary Care”

Racial disparities in health outcomes in the US are large, persistent and for black Americans, largely due to chronic conditions that can be managed by primary care. One commonly referenced explanation for these disparities is that minority patients tend to be treated by lower quality providers. Additionally, a growing body of evidence shows that even holding a provider fixed, patients of different races are treated differently. I utilize administrative data for the universe of primary care patients in the Veterans Health Administration to test both hypotheses. First, I show that disparities in healthcare utilization are not explained by patients of different races being treated by different primary care providers. Second, I show using a two-way fixed effect model that a given PCP’s quality is not constant across their black and white patients. I do this by developing a novel measure of PCP quality, predicted one-year survival. Further, I show that PCPs of low quality for black patients are more likely to practice at healthcare facilities where more black patients seek care. However, conditional on a facility, PCPs that treat more black patients are of higher quality for these patients.

PUBLICATIONS:

“Does Diversity Matter for Health? Experimental Evidence from Oakland” with Marcella Alsan and Owen Garrick. *American Economic Review* – Vol. 109, No. 12, December 2019, pp. 4047-4111.

We study the effect of physician workforce diversity on the demand for preventive care among African-American men. In an experiment in Oakland, California, we randomize black men to black or non-black male medical doctors. We use a two-stage design, measuring decisions before (pre-consultation) and after (post-consultation) meeting their assigned doctor. Subjects select a

similar number of preventives in the pre-consultation stage, but are much more likely to select every preventive service, particularly invasive services, once meeting with a racially concordant doctor. Our findings suggest black doctors could reduce the black-white male gap in cardiovascular mortality by 19%.

Media Coverage

New York Times: ["The Secret to Keeping Black Men Healthy? Maybe Black Doctors"](#)

NPR's Hidden Brain: ["People Like Us: How Our Identities Shape Health And Educational Success"](#)

NPR's Short Wave: ["The Importance Of Black Doctors"](#)

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH:

Research Assistant for Reed Walker at Haas School of Business – UCB (2015-2017)

Research Assistant for Ben Handel at Department of Economics – UCB (2015-2016)

Research Assistant for Amy Finkelstein at the NBER (2013-2014)

Research Assistant for Heidi Williams at the NBER (2012-2013)

Research Associate at the Federal Reserve Bank of NY – Microeconomics Group (2011-2012)

TEACHING:

Instructor, Department of Economics, UCB

Psychology and Economics Summer 2019

Psychology and Economics Summer 2018

Psychology and Economics Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UCB

Intermediate Microeconomics (Professor Stefano DellaVigna) Spring 2020

Pedagogy Workshop (Professor Martha Olney) Fall 2019

Intermediate Microeconomics (Lecturer Emily Yang) Spring 2019

Intermediate Microeconomics (Lecturer Stephen Bianchi) Fall 2018

Pedagogy Workshop (Professor Martha Olney) Spring 2018

Intermediate Microeconomics (Professor Stefano DellaVigna) Spring 2017

Psychology and Economics (Lecturer Raymond Hawkins) Fall 2016

Intermediate Microeconomics (Lecturer Stephen Bianchi) Spring 2016

Psychology and Economics (Professor Dan Acland) Fall 2015

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2020: Big Data (BD-Step) Postdoctoral Fellowship (Dept. VA)

2017-2018 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (UCB)

2016 Outstanding GSI Award

2015 Honorable Mention – NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

2014 Economics Department Fellowship (UCB)

2011 Economics Department Honors (Columbia)

2011 Statistics Department Honors (Columbia)

2011 Latin Honors *cum laude* (Columbia)

OTHER INFORMATION:

Affiliations: American Economic Association

Languages: English (fluent)

Citizenship: USA