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Education

- 2018 BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA
 Ph.D. Candidate in Economics
 Fields: Labor, Health, and Applied Econometrics
- 2010 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MI
 B.S. in Mathematics (*Dean's List, Honors*)
 B.S. in Economics (*Dean's List, Honors*)

Job Market Paper

HUMAN CAPITAL FORMATION AND THE CHILDHOOD DISEASE ENVIRONMENT: EVIDENCE FROM RURAL PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

This paper investigates the persistent effect of an improved childhood disease environment on adult human capital. Over the years 1908 to 1933 public and private agencies in the United States instituted county-level health departments (CHDs) that provided sanitation and health services geared toward children. I exploit variation in exposure to CHDs and map the benefits into adulthood. Children treated under age five show later-life earnings improvements by 3-4 percent. I investigate the channels for this effect, focusing on health and schooling, and demonstrate that human capital improvements result from better adult health, measured by cognition and BMI.

Working Papers

Explaining Declines in U.S. Rural Mortality, 1910-1933: The Role of County Health Departments (Under Review)

The Political Economy of Local Public Health: Progressive Era Influence in Rural Areas

Research in Progress

Externalities of Public Health Investment: City Water Infrastructure and the Effect on the Nearest Neighbor

The Household Bargaining Effects of the Legalization of Divorce: Evidence from Chile and Brazil

Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTOR	BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA Statistics Fall 2015 – Evaluations: 4.48 and 4.79* Statistics Spring 2015 – Evaluation: 4.58
TEACHING ASSISTANT	BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA Statistics Stata Lab Fall 2016 – Evaluations: 4.54 and 4.24 Statistics Stata Lab Spring 2016 – Evaluations: 4.58 and 4.57 Statistics Stata Lab Fall 2014 – Evaluations: 4.50 and 4.53
TEACHING ASSISTANT	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MI Head Macroeconomics Teaching Assistant (2010) Microeconomics Teaching Assistant (2009)

* Note: All teaching evaluations are out of 5.00.

Awards and Honors

Graduate Student Workshop, Western Economic Association International (2017)
Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Teaching Fellow (2016)
Boston College GIS Contest: 1st Prize Winner (2016)
Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Teaching Assistant (2015)
Full Tuition Remission and Stipend, Boston College

Conferences

POSTER PRESENTATIONS: NBER Summer Institute (DAE) (2016), Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2016)
PAPERS PRESENTED: Western Economic Association International (2017), Midwest Economic Association Annual Conference (2010)

Research and Professional Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANT	BOSTON COLLEGE Claudia Olivetti (Summer 2017); Scott Fulford (Summer 2014); Can Erbil (Spring 2014); Mathis Wagner (Spring 2011, Summer 2011, Fall 2011); Joseph Quinn (Fall 2010)
ANALYST	ANALYSIS GROUP, BOSTON, MA (2012-2013)
ANALYST	KEYSTONE STRATEGY, NEW YORK CITY, NY (2012)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT CENTER FOR RETIREMENT RESEARCH (2011)
RESEARCH ASSISTANT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (2008-2009)

Skills

Stata, SAS, Matlab, LaTeX, SQL Server, ArcGis, Minitab

References

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