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Education

2018 BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Committee: Claudia Olivetti, Robert Margo, and S Anukriti

2010 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MI

B.S. in Mathematics (Dean's List, Honors)

B.S. in Economics (Dean's List, Honors)

Fields

Labor, Health, and Public

Job Market Paper

"The Long-term Impact of Public Health Measures Targeting Children"

This paper estimates the long-run impact of public health measures targeting children on adult human capital. From 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. To estimate the long-term benefits, I exploit variation in the timing, location, and age of CHD exposure. Children treated under the age of five show later-life earnings improvements of three to four percent. I investigate the mechanisms underlying this effect and demonstrate that higher earnings emerge from better adult health, measured by cognition and body mass index.

Working Papers

"Explaining Declines in U.S. Rural Mortality, 1910-1933: The Role of County Health Departments" (Revise and Resubmit, Explorations in Economic History)

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

Research in Progress

"Public Health Spillovers: City Infrastructure Investments and the Nearest Neighbor Effect"

"Revisiting the Rural Mortality Decline in the United States, 1890-1930"

"The Household Bargaining Effects of Divorce Legalization: Evidence from Chile"

"Divorce Laws and Women's Bargaining Power: A Combined Reduced Form-Structural Approach" (with Jacob Penglase)

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)

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)

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 (2012-2017)

Claudia Olivetti; Scott Fulford; Can Erbil; Mathis Wagner; Joseph Quinn

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, LATEX, ArcGis, SQL Server, Matlab

^{*} Note: All teaching evaluations are out of 5.00.

References

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