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## Education

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- 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

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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

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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

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

The Household Bargaining Effects of Divorce Legalization: Evidence from Chile

## Teaching Experience

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

\* Note: All teaching evaluations are out of 5.00.

## Awards and Honors

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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

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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

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| RESEARCH ASSISTANT | BOSTON COLLEGE<br>Claudia Olivetti (Summer 2017); Scott Fulford (Summer 2014);<br>Can Erbil (Spring 2014); Mathis Wagner (Spring 2011, Summer 2011,<br>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**

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

## **References**

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