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Education

Ph.D.	Economics, Michigan State University	2018 – 2023 (Expected)
M.A.	Economics, Michigan State University	2018 – 2020
B.S.	Mathematics, Union University, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2014 – 2017

Fields of Interest

Health Economics, Public Economics

Publications

Sneed RS, Stubblefield A, Gardner G, Jordan T, Mezuk B. 2022. “Reduced Workforce Participation and Chronic Disease Burden Among Medicaid Beneficiaries Over 50: The Potential Impact of Medicaid Work Requirements.” *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*

Research

“The Maternal and Infant Health Consequences of Restricted Access to Abortion in the United States” [Job Market Paper]

Since the recent US Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, people across the country have experienced large sudden changes in their access to abortion care. In this paper, I look to the history of abortion access in the United States to inform predictions for this new future. I study the effects of targeted regulations on abortion providers (TRAP laws) on a variety of maternal and infant health outcomes, using variation in the timing of policy adoption across states and a direct measure of the distance to an abortion provider. I implement difference-in-differences techniques across outcomes from restricted-use microdata on the universe of US births and national survey data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. I find that TRAP laws lead to 11-16% increased rates of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, and I provide suggestive evidence that these health effects may not be isolated to the period of pregnancy and birth. Additionally, I find evidence that TRAP laws widen existing disparities in adverse infant health outcomes across parental race and education. These results demonstrate the potentially wide-ranging health effects of restricting access to abortion.

“Notification vs Consent: The Differential Effects of Parental Involvement Laws on Teen Abortion”

US state legislation requiring parental involvement in the abortion decision of a minor has grown in prevalence since its origin in the 1970s. Today, 37 states impose a parental involvement requirement on their residents below the age of 18. These laws come in two primary categories: parental notification and parental consent. Though much research estimates the effects of these policies, little is known about any differential impact between parental notification and parental consent. This paper uses the synthetic control method to determine if the increased marginal cost of an abortion imposed by a parental consent statute reduces the abortion rate for minors relative to parental notification. Additionally, this paper is the first to consider the potential for spillover effects of this policy change on older teens (18-19). Results indicate no evidence of a marginal effect of parental consent laws on the abortion rate of minors. For older teens, however, results suggest that the policy change increases the abortion rate by about 12%.

“The Effect of Abortion Access on the Timing and Utilization of Vasectomies, IUDs, and Contraceptive Implants: Evidence from Texas” (with Cara Haughey and Brad Crowe)

Teaching Experience

Instructor, EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics, MSU	Spring 2022
Instructor, EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics, MSU	Fall 2021
Instructor, EC 201 Introduction to Microeconomics, MSU	Summer 2021
Instructor, EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics, MSU	Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, EC 498 Economics of Healthcare, MSU	Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant, EC 202, MSU	Fall 2019 – Fall 2020
Teaching Assistant, EC 302 Intermediate Macroeconomics, MSU	Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, EC 301 Intermediate Microeconomics, MSU	Fall 2018

Work Experience

Research Assistant, Professor Rodlescia Sneed	Summer 2020 – Fall 2020
Research Assistant, Professor Steven Haider	Summer 2020

Fellowships and Awards

Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Economics	2021
MSU Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship	2021-2022
Red Cedar Award, MSU Graduate School	2021
(granted to the economics student(s) with the best third-year research paper)	
Academic Excellence in Mathematics, Union University	2017
(granted to the top graduating senior in mathematics)	
National Champion, Novice Division, International Public Debate Association	2014-2015

Professional Memberships and Conference Presentations

Memberships: American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Society of Family Planning

Presentations: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference 2021, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference 2022, Midwest Health Economics Conference 2022, Southern Economic Association Conference 2022

Service

Referee Service

Journal of Health Economics

Professional Service

Session Organizer, Southern Economic Association Conference Fall 2022

University Service

Department of Economics Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Department of Economics First Year Mentor

Spring 2022-Present
Fall 2019-Spring 2022

References

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