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RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economic History, Economic Demography

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN
Ph.D. in Economics
M.A. in Economics

Expected 2025
2020

University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL
B.A. in Economics, Political Science, and History

2015

PUBLICATIONS

The Effect of Emergency Financial Assistance on Healthcare Use [\[PDF\]](#) 2022
with David Phillips and James Sullivan
Journal of Public Economics

WORKING PAPERS

Did Organized Labor Induce Labor? Unionization and the American Baby Boom (*Job Market Paper*) [\[PDF\]](#)

Conventional economic theories cannot fully explain the timing, duration, and size of the American Baby Boom. I propose a new explanation: the rise of the labor movement. Union density more than tripled following the passage of the 1935 National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). To test unionization's contribution to fertility increases, I construct novel county level estimates of union membership and exploit local variation in exposure to the NLRA shock. Union growth has positive impacts on both birth rates and completed fertility. Effects are driven primarily by wage growth, protection against adverse labor market shocks, and impacts on female labor force participation.

Can Moves to Opportunity be Constructed? Evidence from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

with John Soriano and George Zuo

WORK IN PROGRESS

Jim Crow in Federal Labor Law? The Davis-Bacon Act and Black Economic Mobility

Growth Dynamics of the American Labor Movement
with Rob Gillezeau

The Effects of Moving to LIHTC-Subsidized Housing on Labor Market Outcomes

with Stephanie Karol, John Soriano, and George Zuo

TEACHING

Moreau College Initiative

Instructor	Research Internship Program	2023
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University of Notre Dame

Instructor	Principles of Microeconomics (U)	2023
TA	Statistics for Economists (U) (x2)	2022-2023
Tutor	Econometrics (U)	2022
Tutor	Statistics for Economists (U)	2021

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

University of Notre Dame

Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities	2019-2022
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University of Alabama

Alabama Center for Insurance Information and Research	2015-2016
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EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

2024: Mountain West Economic History Conference, Northwestern University, NBER Summer Institute, Economic History Association, Miami University, Southern Economic Association

2023: Midwest Economic Association (session organizer, chair, and presenter), World Congress of Cliometrics, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

2022: Young Economist Symposium, Social Science History Association

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

Economic History Association, Graduate Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)	2024-2025
Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Program (\$268,091)	2023-2025

University of Notre Dame

Graduate School, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition Winner	2024
Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award	2024
Graduate Student Government, Conference Presentation Grant	2024
Institute for Ethics and the Common Good, Graduate Fellowship	2023-2024
Center for Social Concerns, Graduate Fellowship	2022-2023
Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Graduate Research Grant	2022
Graduate School, Professional Development Grant	2021
Department of Economics, Graduate Assistantship	2019-2024

University of Alabama

College of Arts & Sciences, Most Outstanding Junior	2014
Department of Economics, Special Achievement Award	2014

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Organizer, Graduate Student Research Workshop	2021-2022
Co-Chair, Economics Department Graduate Student Council	2021-2022
Ambassador, Economic Department	2019-present

PERSONAL

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau

REFERENCES

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