

Jacob R. Morris

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Education

PhD, Economics, University of California San Diego / Ongoing

- Year in program: 2
- Fields of Interest: Labor, Public, Environmental, Econometrics
- Faculty contact: Dr. David Arnold

BA, *summa cum laude*, University of California Santa Barbara / Year of Graduation: 2020

- Major: Economics
- GPA: 3.92
 - Math GPA (through Real Analysis): 4.0
 - Extensive coursework in Mathematics, Statistics, Econometrics, Writing, and English
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - First-generation College Student
- GRE:
 - Quant: 170 (96th percentile)
 - Verbal: 164 (94th percentile)
 - Writing: 5.0 (91st percentile)

Professional Appointments

2020 to 2022 – Predoctoral Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford University, *PI: Dr. Maria Polyakova*

Research

Estimating the Cost of Advance Notice for Firms Conducting Mass Layoffs

Work in Progress, with Dr. Sarah Bana

August 2019-Present

- Empirical examination of costliness and extent to which firms engage in manipulation of advance notice requirements when conducting mass terminations.

Senior Thesis (I): “Experimental Evidence of Magical Thinking in Public Goods Experiments”

Advisor: Dr. Gary Charness

June 2019-June 2020

- An experimental study of a public good game. Measures the degree to which “magical” thinking influences participants’ contributions to a public good.

Senior Thesis (II): “Recessions in Higher Education:

A Study of Faculty Sensitivities to Changes in Funding vis-à-vis Periods of Recession”

Advisor: Dr. Dick Startz

August 2019-June 2020

- Empirical examination of differences in economic risk exposure between faculty at public and private institutions

Research Assistant for Dr. Heather Royer

June 2019-September 2019

- Responsibilities included: Gathering, downloading, and transferring data from University Course Catalogs into Excel.

Work Experience

Campus Learning Assistance Services

Economics Tutor

September 2018-June 2020

- Created and taught classes in Econometrics, Micro-and-Macro Economics.

Simple Pastimes

Logistics and Operations Coordinator

June 2017-August 2019

- Collected and analyzed data, created marketable content, and managed warehouse operations.

UCSB Campus Democrats

August 2016-December 2016

- Worked in the pursuit of helping national and local political candidates get elected, as well as promulgating information on local props.
- Worked in the development of providing for my city with a local group of representation— The Isla Vista Community Services District.
- Responsibilities included: tabling, canvassing, registering people to vote, and mobilizing people to the polls.

Research Grants

- Recipient of Undergraduate Activities & Creative Activities Grant (URCA)

Skills, Awards, and Honors

- Advanced Proficiency in Stata, Git, LaTeX and Microsoft Office.
- Introductory Proficiency in Python and R
- Consistent recipient of UCSB's Dean's Honors Award.
- Members of UCSB College of Letters and Science Honors Program.
- College Honors
- Distinction in Major