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Citizenship: United States

Education:

Ph.D. Economics, Texas A&M University, expected 2025

B.S. Economics and Statistics, Brigham Young University, 2018

Research and Teaching Interests:

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Economic History, Urban Economics, Environmental Economics

Working Papers:

“The long run effects of anti-immigrant discrimination in policing: Evidence from Philadelphia” (**Job Market Paper**)

I estimate the long-run and intergenerational effects of institutional discrimination using a policy targeting Irish immigrants in 19th century Philadelphia. I construct a panel of US Census data from 1850 to 1910 linked to inmate data from a large prison, and find that the rate of incarceration for Irish men increased following the implementation of the policy. Using a differences-in-differences design, I find that impacted Irish individuals had worse labor market outcomes nearly 25 years after the enactment of the policy, and are more likely to move to a different county. While the effects of the discriminatory policy do not persist across generations on average, first-generation mobility contributes to the persistence of effects. Irish individuals who moved from Philadelphia and their children see improved labor market outcomes, while those who stayed do not, suggesting that institutional discrimination has lasting effects for those unable to move away from the source of the discrimination.

“The long-run and intergenerational effects of natural disaster exposure: Evidence from the Galveston Hurricane of 1900”

“The Socioeconomic Effects of Forced Displacement: Evidence from the Tennessee Valley Authority” with Andre’nay Harris

Publications:

"Male-biased sex ratios, marriage, and household composition in early twentieth-century Hawai'i." *Asia-Pacific Economic History Review* (2024). with Sumner La Croix, Timothy Halliday, and Joseph Price

“Using Linked Census Records to Study Shrinking Cities in the United States from 1900 to 1940”, *The Professional Geographer* (2022) , with Samuel Otterstrom and Joseph Price

“Combining family history and machine learning to link historical records: The Census Tree data set.” *Explorations in Economic History* 80 (2021): 101391, with Joseph Price, Kasey Buckles, and Isaac Riley

“Baseball and Life Expectancy: Evidence from Linked Data” *Historical Perspectives on Sports Economics* (2019), with Joseph Price and Sebastian Brown

Works in Progress:

"The Orphan Train Experiment: The Impact of America's First Large-Scale Child Welfare Program" with Maxwell Bullard

Teaching Experience:

Primary Instructor, Public Finance, Texas A&M University, 2024 (Course evaluation: 4.1/5.0)

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics, Texas A&M University, 2021- 2022

Teaching Assistant, Applied Econometrics, Brigham Young University, 2018

Research Experience:

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, 2020-

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University, 2016-2020

Presentations:

BYU Family History Technology Workshop, 2019

Texas TEAMS Workshop, 2024

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