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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, expected June 2023

M.A., Economics, Xiamen University, China, June 2018

B.A., Taxation, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China, June 2013

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Education Economics, Labor Economics, Health Economics, Crime Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“School retention and inequities in educational and earnings outcomes”(Job market paper)

This paper uses the fuzzy RD method to study the long-term effects of grade retention on earnings outcomes by race and ethnicity in the context of Texas’s third-grade retention policy. In spite of results indicating that grade retention improves reading scores in the short run, it reduces earnings in the long run. Moreover, the adverse long-term effects vary by race and ethnicity. Specifically, grade retention reduces earnings for Hispanic (by 24%) and African American students (by 61%). While white students are less likely to graduate high school as a result of retention, the adverse effects on earnings are inconclusive.

“Did Trump’s “Chinese Virus” Tweets Result in Anti-Asian Behavior?” (Joint with Andy Cao and Jason M. Lindo), revise and resubmit to Journal of Urban Economics

We investigate whether Donald Trump’s “Chinese Virus” tweets contributed to the rise of anti-Asian incidents. We find that the number of incidents spiked following Trump’s initial “Chinese Virus” tweets and the subsequent dramatic rise in internet search activity for the phrase. Results from an event-study analysis indicate that this spike in anti-Asian incidents was significantly more pronounced in counties that supported Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election relative to those that supported Hillary Clinton. We estimate that the relative increase in anti-Asian incidents in Trump-supporting counties was over 12 times the baseline rate in such counties during the prior week.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Tobacco 21 and Youth Substance Use” (Joint with Benjamin Hansen and Joseph J.Sabia)

“The Effect of Pollution on Human Capital Formation: Evidence from Wind Energy and Aviation Fuel” (Joint with Thao Duong)

PRESENTATIONS

Western Economic Association International 97th Annual Conference, Portland, OR, June 2022

Midwest Economics Association, Minneapolis, MN, March 2022

Health Econ/Health Policy Mentoring Workshop, virtual, 2021

Successfully Navigating Your Ph.D. Workshop, virtual, 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Microeconomics Theory, planned for Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant

Applied Microeconometrics (Ph.D.-level course, with recitations), Spring 2022
Econometrics 461 (with recitations), 2021 Fall
Public Finance 412 (2020 Spring, 2019 Fall, 2019 Spring)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Texas A&M University, Prof. Barr, Summer and Fall 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Hayek Fund Scholars Grant Award, June 2022-August 2023

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