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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan, 2019 – Present

M.A. in Economics, University of Colorado Denver, 2017

M.S. in Finance and Risk Management, University of Colorado Denver, 2017

B.A. in Economics/Mathematics, Western Washington University, 2015

Research

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Crime, Econometrics

Working Papers

“Voting and Political Participation in the Aftermath of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic” with Hani Mansour and Daniel I. Rees, *IZA Discussion Paper No. 13442*.

Abstract: This is the first study to examine the effect of experiencing a widespread, deadly epidemic on voting behavior. Using data on elections to the U.S House of Representatives and leveraging cross-district variation in HIV/AIDS mortality during the period 1983-1987, we document the effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on votes received by Democratic and Republican candidates. Beginning with the 1994 elections, there is a strong, positive association between HIV/AIDS mortality and the vote share received by Democratic candidates. Congressional districts that bore the brunt of the HIV/AIDS epidemic also saw substantial increases in Democratic voter turnout and contributions made to Democratic candidates.

“Gender Differences in Political Career Progression” with Ryan Brown, Hani Mansour, and Stephen D. O’Connell, *IZA Discussion Paper No. 12569*, *CESifo Working Paper No. 7821*.

Abstract: We establish the existence of gender differences in career progression to leadership positions among U.S. politicians and study their underlying causes. Using a close elections strategy, we find that an additional state legislature term increases the probability of ever running for Congress by twice as much for men as it does for women and the effect on winning a Congressional race is five times larger for men than women. These gaps emerge early in legislators’ careers, widen over time, and are seen alongside a higher propensity of female politicians to continue running for the state legislature. The gap cannot be attributed to differences in experience, career-family tradeoffs, election or constituency characteristics, nor preferences for part-time public service careers.

“Does Condominium Development Lead to Gentrification?” with Leah Boustan, Robert A. Margo, Matthew Miller, and Justin Steil, *NBER Working Paper No. 26170*.

Abstract: The condominium structure, which facilitates ownership of units in multi-family buildings, was only introduced to the US in the 1960s. We ask whether the subsequent development of condominiums encouraged high-income households to move to central cities. Although we document a strong positive correlation between condominium density and resident income across locations, this association is driven by the decision of developers to build condos in areas otherwise attractive to high-income households. When we use the passage of municipal regulations limiting condo conversions as an instrument for condo density, we find little association between condo development and resident income, education or race.

Research Experience

Princeton University, 2017 – 2019
Industrial Relations Section

Research assistant for Leah Boustan

Research assistant for Will Dobbie

Research assistant for Alan B. Krueger

Research assistant for Alexandre Mas

University of Colorado Denver, 2016 – 2017
Department of Economics

Research assistant for Ryan Brown

Research assistant for Hani Mansour

Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, 2014

Research Analyst Intern

Teaching Experience

University of Colorado Denver, 2015-2017
Department of Economics

Instructor/Teaching Assistant

Econ 3811: Statistics with Computer Applications (3 times), 2016–2017

Teaching Assistant

Econ 5823: Econometrics II (Master's level), 2017

Econ 5813: Econometrics I (Master's level), 2016

Summer Math Camp (Master's level), 2016

Grader

Econ 2022: Principles of Microeconomics, 2015

Econ 2012: Principles of Macroeconomics, 2015

Honors and Awards

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Predoctoral Fellow, 2019

University of Colorado Denver College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding M.A. Graduate Student, 2017

Settlemyer Family Scholarship, 2013

Western Washington University College of Business and Economics Distinguished Scholar, 2012

Western Washington University President's Scholar, 2012

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