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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

Publications

“Voting and Political Participation in the Aftermath of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic” with Hani Mansour, *Forthcoming at the Journal of Human Resources*.

Abstract: This study examines the effect of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the public health response to it on political behaviors. 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 find that, beginning with the early 1990s, exposure to HIV/AIDS mortality increased the vote share, voter turnout, and contributions made to Democratic candidates. The increased support for Democrats is larger in competitive districts. The results are consistent with HIV/AIDS mortality impacting cultural attitudes and leading to broader and persistent changes in voting patterns and political participation.

Working Papers

“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 quantify the gender gap in political career progression from state to national levels among U.S. politicians and study its 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 in otherwise comparable elections. The effect on winning a Congressional race is four 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, *Revision Requested at the Journal of Urban Economics*.

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

University of Michigan, 2020 – Present
Criminal Justice Administrative Records System

Graduate Student Research Assistant

Princeton University, 2017 – 2019
Industrial Relations Section

Research assistant for Leah Boustan, Will Dobbie, Alan B. Krueger, and Alexandre Mas

University of Colorado Denver, 2016 – 2017
Department of Economics

Research assistant for Ryan Brown and Hani Mansour

Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, 2014

Research Analyst Intern

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan, 2020 – 2021
Department of Economics
Graduate Student Instructor

Econ 101: Principles of Economics I

University of Colorado Denver, 2015-2017
Department of Economics
Teaching Assistant

Econ 5823: Econometrics II (Master's level)

Econ 5813: Econometrics I (Master's level)

Summer Math Camp (Master's level)

Econ 3811: Statistics with Computer Applications (3 times)

Econ 2022: Principles of Microeconomics

Econ 2012: Principles of Macroeconomics

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Third Year Paper Award, 2022

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

Affiliations

United States Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status, 2020 – Present

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