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Teaching: Development, Education, Applied Microeconomics

Education Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, 2020 (Anticipated)

Committee: Professor Matthew Notowidigdo (Co-Chair), Professor Christopher Udry (Co-Chair),

Professor Jonathan Guryan, Professor Seema Jayachandran M.A., Economics, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, 2014

B.A., Economics, Pompeu Fabra University, 2013

Fellowships & Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern University, 2018

Susan Schmidt Bies Prize for best third-year paper in economic policy, Northwestern University, 2017

Doctoral Fellowship, La Caixa Foundation, 2014-2016

Master Fellowship, Societat Economica d'Amics del Pais, 2013-2014

Undergraduate Fellowship, Caixa Manresa, 2009-2010

Teaching Experience Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, 2017-2018

ECON 326: Economics of Developing Countries, Professor Seema Jayachandran ECON 327: Economic Development in Africa, Professor Christopher Udry

ECON 341: Economics of Education, Professor Scott Ogawa

Research Experience Research Intern, Innovations for Poverty Action Ghana, Summer 2017

Research Assistant to Professor Kirabo Jackson, Northwestern University, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

External Consultant, PowerMyLearning, 2016

Research Assistant to Professor Caterina Calsamiglia, Autonomous University of Barcelona, 2012

Conferences 2019: Bank of Mexico (scheduled), NEUDC (scheduled), APPAM International, Northwestern University

Development Lunch, Northwestern University Applied Micro Seminar

Refereeing American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Human Resources

Other Empirics and Methods in Economics (EMCON) Conference Organizer, Northwestern University and

University of Chicago, 2016, 2017

Development Lunch Seminar Organizer, Northwestern University, Fall 2017

Job Market Paper "Secondary School Expansion through Televised Lessons: The Labor Market Returns of the Mexican

Telesecundaria"

Working papers

"What is a Good School, and Can Parents Tell? Evidence on the Multidimensionality of School Output" (with Diether W. Beuermann, C. Kirabo Jackson and Francisco Pardo)

Is a school's impact on high-stakes test scores a good measure of its overall impact on students? Do parents value school impacts on high-stakes tests, longer-run outcomes, or both? To answer the first question, we exploit quasi-random school assignments and data from Trinidad and Tobago. We construct exogenous instruments for each individual school and estimate the causal impacts of individual schools on several short- and longer-run outcomes. Schools' impacts on high-stakes tests are weakly related to impacts on low-stakes tests, dropout, crime, teen motherhood, and formal labor market participation. To answer the second question, we link estimated school impacts to parents' ranked lists of schools and employ discrete choice models to estimate parental preferences. Parents value schools that causally improve high-stakes test scores conditional on average outcomes, proximity, and peer quality. Consistent with parents valuing the multidimensional output of schools, parents also prefer schools that increase formal labor market participation and those that reduce crime.

Work in Progress

"The Effects of School Discipline: Evidence from North Carolina" (with Samuel Norris)

Languages

English (fluent), Spanish (native), Catalan (native), French (basic)

References

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