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Education

Duke University

Ph.D. in Economics

GPA: 3.93; Certificate in College Teaching

Durham, NC

2015 - 2021 (*Expected*)

Agnes Scott College

B.A. in Economics and Mathematics

GPA: 4.0; Summa Cum Laude

Decatur, GA

2010 - 2014

Interests

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Working Papers

Wages, Work Hours, and Work Effort: A Closer Look at How Tax Changes Distort Taxable Income

Abstract: While labor studies of taxation have often focused on labor force participation and work hour decisions, some economists have pointed out that individuals ultimately want to adjust taxable income in response to tax changes and may do so through various channels. Some of these channels include the intensity of work, career decisions, and types of compensation. So far, there is still a dearth of evidence on how taxes distort these margins. In this paper, I examine how individuals adjust their wages, work hours, and work effort in response to tax changes, by estimating effects on occupations of the switch from separate to joint taxation at the federal level in 1948. My results show that joint taxation reduced labor force participation rates among wives, and induced wives who stayed in the labor force to choose occupations that paid lower wages, required lower effort, but involved the same level of full-time work. These results reveal that under some circumstances, the intensive margin of labor supply that responds to tax changes takes the form of work effort rather than work hours. Joint taxation had the largest effects on middle-age married women, who faced the largest husband-wife earning gap among all wives.

Income Tax Progressivity and Graduate School Enrollment

Work in Progress

Maternal Labor Supply and Early Childhood Cognitive Development (with V. Joseph Hotz and Matthew Wiswall)

Teaching Experience

Duke University, Durham, NC

Instructor, ECON 101: Economic Principles

Summer 2019

Teaching Assistant, ECON 608: Introduction to Econometrics (MA level)

Fall 2018

Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

Economics Tutor, ECON 101: Economic Principles

Fall 2011

Professional/Research Experience

Duke University, Durham, NC

Research Assistant to V. Joseph Hotz

Summer 2017 - present

Research Assistant to Juan Carlos Suarez Serrato

Fall 2017

Research Assistant to Gale Boyd

Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Full-time Research Assistant to Matthew Notowidigdo

Fall 2014 - Spring 2015

Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs, Decatur, GA

Business Advisory Intern

August 2012 - December 2013

Conferences

Southern Economic Association Conference (scheduled)

2020

National Tax Association Conference (scheduled)

2020

APPAM DC Regional Student Conference (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020

CSWEP Session, Western Economic Association Conference (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020

Labor Economics Workshop Series, Duke University

2017 - 2020

Honors, Scholarships, and Awards

Graduate School Tuition Fellowship, Duke University

2015 - 2020

Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University

2016, 2020

Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago

2019

Departmental Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University

2017, 2018

Frank W. Taussig Award for Best Undergraduate Economics Paper, Omicron Delta Epsilon

2015

Phi Beta Kappa, Agnes Scott College

2014

Merit Scholarship for Academic and Leadership Excellence, Agnes Scott College

2010 - 2014

Hubert Scholarship for Impactful Internship in Public Service, Agnes Scott College

2013

Languages and Skills

Languages: Vietnamese (native), English (fluent)

Skills: STATA, L^AT_EX, SQL, Python, R

References

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