MAX GROSS

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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan

Expected Apr 2020

- Research fields: economics of education, labor economics, child welfare, public policy

M.A. Economics, University of Michigan

Dec 2015

B.A. Economics and B.S. Mathematics (with honors), University of Maryland

May 2014

Data Management Skills

Programming: Stata (advanced), R (familiar)

Research Assistant, Education Policy Initiative

Sep 2016-Aug 2018

- Managed administrative state education data containing millions of records for research use
- Streamlined data manipulation procedure to more efficiently create longitudinal database
- Standardized data fields like assessment scores to ensure consistency across reporting periods
- Prepared technical memos and codebooks to facilitate new user onboarding

Research Experience

Causal Effects of Foster Care

Sep 2017-Present

- Designed rigorous study to assess causal impacts of intervention for vulnerable population
- Analyzed large administrative data to examine effects on child safety, education, and crime
- Presented at interdisciplinary seminars and conferences to communicate findings

Summer Youth Employment Program Evaluation

June 2017-Present

- Performed impact evaluation of employment program to support stakeholder improvement efforts
- Employed matching, regression adjustment, and bounding methods to address selection bias
- Composed academic paper and non-technical policy brief for dissemination to multiple audiences

Community Colleges and Course Availability

Oct 2016-Present

- Collaborated with team to examine how funding of higher education influences student outcomes
- Conducted regression discontinuity analysis to study over five million course registration records

Child Maltreatment and Education

Sep 2016-Nov 2018

- Teamed with interdisciplinary researchers to determine prevalence of child abuse and neglect
- Assembled novel database linking statewide child welfare investigations to education records
- Contributed to data visualization to highlight maltreatment rates across schools and districts

Facilitation and Community Engagement

Volunteer, Avalon Housing After School Youth Development Program

Jan 2017-Present

- Helped facilitate after school programming in supportive housing community

Coordinator, Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar

May 2018-Sep 2019

- Organized over 50 seminars for students and faculty to present quantitative education research

Teaching Assistant, University of Michigan

Sep 2015-Aug 2016

- Led six weekly discussion sections of 30 students for Introductory Microeconomics course

Honors and Awards

Fellow, IES Pre-Doctoral Program in Causal Inference in Education Policy Research Recipient, Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship (\$3000) Participant, Workshop on Quasi-Experimental Design and Analysis

Sep 2016-Present Jan 2018

Aug 2017