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Research Interests	Household, labor, health, and gender economics

Education

2022 PhD Economics. Université Libre de Bruxelles, ECARES (expected)
Dissertation title: *Essays on family decisions*.
Advisors: Bram De Rock and Paula Gobbi

2016 M.Sc. Economics. Université Libre de Bruxelles

2014 B.A. Political Economy. Williams College

Research

Job Market Paper

Public health insurance and marital outcomes: Evidence from the Medicaid expansion (*joint with Tom Potoms*)

While many marry for love, marriage is also a legal and economic institution. Public insurance programs for individuals decrease the relative insurance value of marriage. We explore how this tradeoff affects the marriage market in the context of the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion in the United States. We show both theoretically and empirically that Medicaid expansion does decrease the marriage rate, even for individuals with high educational attainment, and it also reduces the divorce rate of new marriages, consistent with an increase in match quality. Counter to intuition, there is little effect on divorce rates for already-married couples. Our findings illustrate that even when public insurance reduces the monetary benefits of marriage, the effects on marriage overall may be positive.

R&R, Journal of Labor Economics

The breadwinner norm revisited: The effect of potential relative earnings on married women's labor supply.

In light of recent research suggestive of a male breadwinner norm, I examine the relationship between female breadwinning and women's labor force participation for opposite-sex married couples in the U.S. I show that using measures based on couples' observed income likely yields omitted variables bias. Estimating the relationship with a measure for potential relative earnings that is not affected by this bias gives a precise null relationship. If the

breadwinner norm has any impact, these findings suggest it is not on decisions within marriage, but this result does not rule out possible effects earlier at the margin of marital sorting.

Work-in-progress

Subsidizing contraception: Effects on takeup of highly effective contraceptives and unintended births.

Since the 1990s, Medicaid programs including family planning waiver programs and the recent ACA Medicaid expansion have expanded coverage of prescription contraceptives to millions of women. These expansions may reduce unintended pregnancies if women take up more effective contraceptives. Using data from the State Drug Utilization Program between 1992 to 2019 and several difference-in-difference estimators, I show that these coverage expansions at best increased take-up of highly effective contraceptives by about 40 per 1,000 women of childbearing age per year that would have been eligible for the expansions, although the true effect is likely smaller. Using both U.S. Vital Statistics data and the American Community Survey for births, I find no evidence that either type of expansion led to a significant decrease in fertility, including among subgroups that typically experience higher rates of unintended births. Among the eligible population, confidence intervals suggest the programs could have caused a decrease of up to about 5

Presentations

2021 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, European Society for Population Economics, Society of Labor Economics, Society of Economics of the Household, European Association of Labor Economists

2020 American Society of Health Economics, European Society for Population Economics (accepted), Society of Labor Economics (accepted), Society of Economics of the Household (accepted)

2019 Stockholm University (SOFI), European Association of Labor Economists

2020 Society of Economics of the Household Conference, IZA World Labor Conference, ECARES , Stockholm University (Economics Department), Institute for Fiscal Studies

Awards

FRESH Fellowship, 2016-2021.

Grant for doctoral studies awarded to ca. 20 students per year from the French-Speaking Community of Belgium

Prix Kirschen, 2016.

Best Master's Thesis in Applied Economics.

Teaching

Intro. to microeconomics [in French]. Teaching assistant, Fall 2017.

Multi-variable calculus [in French]. Teaching assistant, Fall 2019.

Economic and social development. Teaching assistant, Fall 2019 and Fall 2020.

Professional Activities

Referee: *Journal of Population Economics*; *Review of Economics of the Household*

Doctoral Student Representative to ECARES Faculty Board, 2019-2020

References

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