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EDUCATION University of Chicago Expected 2024

Ph.D., Economics

Advisors: Michael Dinerstein (Chair), Christina Brown, Jack Mountjoy

Johns Hopkins University

2017

B.A., Economics and Sociology

Minor: Mathematics

Economics Departmental Honors, General Honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS Economics of Education, Labor Economics

JOB MARKET PAPER

Peer Gender Composition and Undergraduate Achievement and Major Choice

Abstract: Large gender differences exist in the take-up and completion of college majors across academic fields. The degree of gender concentration within fields tends to increase over time spent in college. In this paper, I investigate how the gender composition of peers in first-semester classes impacts women's and men's academic outcomes and major choices. I find that a larger proportion of male peers hurts female academic achievement and decreases female persistence in majors, relative to men in the same classes. The effect of male peers on female non-persistence in major is consistent with the mechanism of poor grades causing negative updates in beliefs about major-specific ability. An ability-based mechanism does not fit for the effect of male peers on male persistence in majors. This points to men having some form of taste-based preference for the majors associated to classes with more male peers, with increased likelihood of same-major friendship formation being one plausible explanation. (Draft forthcoming)

WORK IN

Collusion and Financial Aid Determination in Postsecondary Education

PROGRESS TEACHING

University of Chicago

Econometrics, Instructor 2022

Elements of Economic Analysis II (Intermediate Micro Theory), Instructor 2022 Elements of Economic Analysis II, TA 2021

RESEARCH

Stanford Law School

2017-2019

ASSISTANTSHIPS For John Donohue

American Enterprise Institute

2016

For Edward Pinto and Stephen Oliner

Johns Hopkins University

2015-2016

For Steve Hanke

SKILLS

R, STATA, LATEX

AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award

2022