

SAM STRIPLING

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

PhD, Economics

May 2022

Master of Science, Economics

August 2019

Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts (Majors: Math, Economics, and Plan II Honors)

May 2011

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*, UT Outstanding Student Award

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Labor Economics, Public Economics, and Health Economics

EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Professor - Texas A&M University

August 2023 - Present

Research Economist - Integra FEC

July 2022 - April 2023

Research Economist (Intern) - Integra FEC

February 2021 - May 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant - UT Austin

August 2016 - May 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Economics, Texas A&M University

Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate), Visiting Assistant Professor

Fall 2023

Labor Economics (undergraduate), Visiting Assistant Professor

Fall 2023

Economics of Gender and Race (undergraduate), Visiting Assistant Professor

Fall 2023

Department of Economics, The University of Texas at Austin

UT Economics Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Founder

Fall 2019 - May 2022

Economics of Education, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019 - 2022

Health Economics, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018 - 2021

Labor Economics, Teaching Assistant

Summer 2019

Political Economy, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2017

Intro to Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016

McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin

Economics (Executive MBA Program), Teaching Assistant

Spring 2018

Microeconomics (MBA Program), Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017

RESEARCH

Publications

The Impact of Youth Medicaid Eligibility on Adult Incarceration

with Sam Arenberg and Seth Neller

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Forthcoming

Awarded IPUMS 2020 Best Graduate Student Research Using Health Surveys

This paper identifies an important spillover associated with public health insurance: reduced incarceration. In 1990, Congress passed legislation that increased Medicaid eligibility for individuals born after September 30, 1983. We show that Black children born just after the cutoff are 5 percent less likely to be incarcerated by age 28, driven primarily by a decrease in incarcerations connected to financially motivated offenses. Children of other races, who experienced almost no gain in Medicaid coverage as a result of the policy, demonstrate no such decline. We find that reduced incarceration in adulthood substantially offsets the initial costs of expanding eligibility.

Working Papers

The Effects of Public Health Insurance on Near-Elderly Mortality

with Sam Arenberg

Despite being at the forefront of policy debates, whether health insurance reduces mortality remains empirically elusive. The key challenge is creating research designs that have the statistical power to reliably detect the effects of health insurance on mortality. This paper presents new, population-level estimates of the impact of Medicare and Medicaid on near-elderly mortality. We link complete, administrative death records to individual survey responses for nearly 30% of the US population using restricted-access Census data. To understand the effects of Medicare on mortality, we use a regression discontinuity design, comparing the mortality of individuals just above and below the age-65 eligibility threshold. We also consider whether the impact of Medicare on mortality differs by demographics, previous health insurance status, and income. We find no statistically significant effects of Medicare on mortality for the full population, previously uninsured, or low-income individuals. For Medicaid, we study the effects of the ACA Medicaid Expansion on near-elderly mortality using a differences-in-differences design with states that expanded Medicaid as the treatment group and states that did not as the control group.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Health Economists - member

National Association for Business Economists - member

WORK AUTHORIZATION

US Citizen

Special Sworn Status - federal security clearance

REFERENCES

UT Economics Ph.D. Program Coordinator

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