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## Education

Ph.D. University of Michigan, 2024 (exp.)  
Economics

M.A. University of Michigan, 2020  
Economics

*Non-Degree* George Washington University, 2015-2016  
Mathematics, Statistics

B.A. Occidental College, 2014  
Economics, Mathematics

## Job Market Paper

“Child Disability, Family Labor Supply, and the Value of the SSI Program”

**Abstract:** Approximately 7% of children in the US have a disability, broadly defined as an activity limiting mental, physical or emotional health condition. Such a condition may confer medical eligibility for transfers from the Child Supplemental Security Income program (SSI). If a child with a disability requires additional expenditures of time or money then child SSI may be highly valued by recipients and improve welfare. However, social insurance programs also generate costs – both the direct cost of the benefits and the behavioral distortions generated by the program. This project employs a life cycle model to quantify the welfare benefits and costs of child SSI. My current estimates indicate that the insurance value provided by the current program is sizeable, with most women in my sample being willing to pay more than the actuarially fair price for additional insurance. I also use the model to compute the excess burden generated by the program’s income and asset tests, and assess the potential welfare gains from a variety of recently-proposed program reforms.

## Work In Progress

“In Sickness and In Health: Intrahousehold Behaviors and Disability Insurance”

“Medical Schools, Physician Maldistribution, and Mortality”, with [Thomas Helgerman](#)

“Parental Resources and Major Choice”, with [Zsigmond Palvolgyi](#) and [Nikhil Rao](#)

## Pre-Dissertation Papers

“Using Payroll Processor Microdata to Measure Aggregate Labor Market Activity”, with [Tomaz Cajner](#), [Leland Crane](#), [Ryan Decker](#), [Adrian Hamins-Puertolas](#) and [Christopher Kurz](#) (2018)

“Racial Gaps in Labor Market Outcomes in the Last Four Decades and over the Business Cycle”, with [Tomaz Cajner](#), [David Ratner](#) and [Ivan Vidangos](#) (2017)

## Honors & Awards

2020-2023 Pre-Doctoral Trainee in Economic Demography, Population Studies Center

2020 Outstanding Third Year Paper, Michigan Department of Economics

2017, 2018 Summer Research Award, Michigan Department of Economics

## Research and Professional Experience

2019, 2020 Research Assistant for Professor Brian Jacob

2018, 2019 Summer Research Assistant for Professor John Bound

2014-2017 Senior Research Assistant, Labor Markets Section, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

## Teaching Experience

Winter 2023 Origins & Usage of Economic Data, GSI for Dr. Nick Montgomery

Fall 2022 American Industries, GSI for Professor Jim Adams

Spring 2019 Intermediate Microeconomics, GSI for Dr. Ben Zamzow

Fall 2018, Intermediate Microeconomics, GSI for Dr. Chris Proulx

Spring 2018, Principles of Economics, GSI for Dr. Adam Stevenson

Fall 2017, Principles of Economics, GSI for Prof. Justin Wolfers

## Presentations

(\* denotes scheduled)

2023 National Tax Association\*, University of Michigan (Labor Seminar; Public Finance Lunch)

2022 PSID Seminar Series, University of Michigan (Labor Lunch; Public Finance Lunch)

2021 University of Michigan (Labor Lunch; Health, Human Capital, Development and Demography Series; Summer Seminar)

2020 University of Michigan (Labor Lunch; Summer Seminar)

## Service

2021, Coordinator, U-M Summer Seminar

2020-2021 President, U-M Graduate Economics Society

2019-2021 Coordinator, H2D2 Seminar Series (Health, Human Capital, Development and Demography)

2018-2019 PhD Student Orientation Coordinator, U-M Graduate Economics Society

2016-2017 Federal Reserve Education Outreach (FedEd)

## Additional Information

U.S. citizen

Programming: STATA, Julia, R, Matlab, Unix, Git

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