Tim Spilde

Education

2025 Ph.D., Department of Economics, University of Notre Dame

2020 B.S., Business Economics, University of St Thomas

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Labor Economics.

Job Market Paper

Grassroots to Governance: How School Walkouts Shaped Local Gun Policies

Abstract: I exploit variation in multiple types of adverse weather to investigate if the student-led National School Walkout on March 14, 2018, increased the number of municipal gun ordinances. I construct a novel panel dataset of the universe of municipal gun ordinances from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to measure the strength of gun ordinances at the county level. My results indicate that 1,000 participants led to an additional 2-3 ordinances being passed in the following years. The results hold strongest in states without punitive preemption measures against municipalities that pass gun ordinances.

Works in Progress

The Effect of Holistic, Wrap-Around, Intensive Case Management on Employment: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial (with Javier Espinosa, William Evans, and David Phillips)

Firm Behavior to Dual Minimum Wage Policies (with Ethan Jenkins and Pietro Pellerito)

Research Assistant

University of Notre Dame

2021-2023 Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities

Principal Investigator: David Phillips

University of St Thomas

2018 - 2020 Department of Economics

Principal Investigator: Luz Saavedra

2019 Center for Applied Mathematics

Principal Investigator: Brenda Kroschel

Conference Presentations

2020 American Mathematical Society

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2024 Statistics For Economics (U), Tutorial Instructor

Instructor of Record: Forrest Spence

Fall 2023 Game Theory (U)

Instructor of Record: Kali Rath

Skills

Stata, Overleaf, Matlab, R, Mathematica

Service

2022-2024 Graduate Student Government Representative

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References

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