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Education

2025	Ph.D., Department of Economics, University of Notre Dame <i>Committee:</i> Daniel Hungerman (Chair), Marinho Bertanha, David Phillips, James Sullivan
2020	B.S., Business Economics, University of St Thomas

Research Interests

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics.

Job Market Paper

“Do Firearm Ordinances Save Lives? An Empirical Analysis of U.S. Municipal Gun Laws”

Abstract: In this article, I present a novel dataset of the universe of municipal gun ordinances between 2008 and 2019 to estimate the effects of gun ordinances on firearm fatalities. I implement a 2SLS identification approach using exogenous variation in turnout to the 2018 National School Walkout to isolate exogenous variation at the county level and find no discernible effect of ordinances on firearm deaths at the county level. These estimates are tightly bound to zero, so I can rule out effects larger than a 1 percent change from a county’s mean number of deaths. These results hold for victims’ different demographic characteristics, including race, educational attainment, and age. State preemption prevents most municipalities from passing or enforcing laws, which may be a driving force of the null results. I find evidence that the 2018 National School Walkout increased the number of firearm ordinances. My estimates can explain the change in the number of ordinances between 2016 and 2019.

Works in Progress

“How Do Wrap-Around Anti-Poverty Programs Affect Employment and Individualized Outcomes?” (with Javier Espinosa, William Evans, and David Phillips)

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

Presentations

2024	Southern Economic Association (Scheduled)
2020	American Mathematical Society
2019	Center for Applied Mathematics Student Research Symposium

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

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2024 Game Theory (U)
 Instructor of Record: Kali Rath

Spring 2024 Statistics For Economics (U), Tutorial Instructor
 Instructor of Record: Forrest Spence

Fall 2023 Game Theory (U)
 Instructor of Record: Kali Rath

Service

2022 - 2024 Graduate Student Government Representative

2023 - 2024 Grad Guidance Mentor

Technical Skills

Stata, LaTeX, Matlab, Python, Mathematica

References

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