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Education

2025 Ph.D., Department of Economics, University of Notre Dame
Committee: 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: I construct 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 to 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 large effects. State preemption prevents most municipalities from passing or enforcing laws, which may be a driving force of the null results. I present suggestive evidence that effects may be stronger in California where local communities actively combat gun violence.

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
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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