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Education

2023 PhD in Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder (expected)
2020 MA in Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder
2016 MS in Economics, Drexel University
2007 BS in Accounting/Economics, James Madison University

Job Market Paper

Can Expanding Contraceptive Access Reduce Adverse Infant Health Outcomes?

- This paper investigates how expanding access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs) leads to positive selection in the health of the cohorts of children being born. I exploit the staggered timing of three privately funded programs which widely distributed LARCs at no cost to mostly lower income women in Colorado, Iowa and St. Louis as a source of plausibly exogenous variation in LARC access. I implement an event-study design which compares trends in treated counties with other U.S. counties which had similar family planning clinics offering LARCs but which did not receive additional funding to widely distribute them at no cost to the patient. I find that expanded LARC access led to reductions of approximately 1.0 ‘extremely preterm’ births and 1.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. I find significant reductions in infant mortalities due to birth defects, maternal pregnancy complications, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and homicide. These effects only appear in counties with Title X clinics through which the programs were implemented, ruling out the possibility that statewide changes in Iowa and Colorado could be behind them. These results suggest that giving lower income women the autonomy to choose when and if to have children has the potential to reduce adverse infant health outcomes and could decrease the infant mortality gap between the US and other leading economies.
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Publications

Salary Disclosure and Individual Effort: Evidence from the National Hockey League. Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization. Volume 202. October 2022. Pages 471-497.

Do Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Taxes Improve Public Health for High School Aged Adolescents? Health Economics.

The Curse Reversed: Resource Dependence and Recessions in the United States. Economics Bulletin. (Forthcoming)

Expanded Contraceptive Access Increased Women’s College Completion in Colorado, with Sara Yeatman, Stefanie Möllborn, Katie R. Genadek, Amanda Stevenson and Jane A. Menken. *Health Affairs.* (Forthcoming)

Working Papers

When Beer is Safer than Water: Beer Availability and Mortality from Water-borne Illnesses in 18th century England. With Francisca Antman.

A Paramaterization to Describe Changes in Modern US Fertility Schedules. With Amanda Stevenson.

Works in Progress

Understanding the Great Resignation - Worker Reallocation following the COVID-19 Pandemic. With Jeronimo Carballo, Anja Gruber and Richard Mansfield.

The Age and Cohort Fertility Effect of the Colorado Family Planning Initiative. With Amanda Stevenson, Sara Yeatman, Stefanie Möllborn, Katie R. Genadek, Amanda Stevenson and Jane A. Menken.

The Effect of Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Taxes on Young Adult Health Outcomes (Recently approved by the NCHS for restricted-access Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey data)

LARC access and Intimate Partner Violence. With Brian Cadena.

Conference and Seminar Presentations (Includes scheduled presentations)

- 2022 Drexel University, Colorado State University, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Population Association of American (PAA), Economic History Association (EHA), Southern Economics Association (SEA), Canadian Economics Associations (CEA), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Midwestern Economic Association (MEA), American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS), CU Applied Microeconomics Seminar, CU Economics Graduate Student Seminar
- 2021 Economics Graduate Student Conference (Washington University in St. Louis), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Student Research Online Seminar Series, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute (RASEI) Virtual Front Range Energy Economics Workshop, CU Applied Microeconomics Seminar (2), CU Economics Graduate Student Seminar (2), CU Environmental Economics Seminar.
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Relevant Experience

- 2021-present Research Assistant - Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Reporting to Dr. Amanda Stevenson and Dr. Katie Genadek
- 2020 Research Assistant - Economics Department, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Reporting to Dr. Francisca Antman, Dr. Richard Mansfield, and Dr. Jeronimo Carballo
- 2018-present PhD student - University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2016-2018 Research Assistant - National Bureau of Economic Research
- Reporting to Dr. Amit Khandelwal and Dr. Pablo Fajgelbaum
- 2015-2018 Director of Research - Condo Insight, LLC
- 2014-2016 Master's student - Drexel University
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Teaching

- Instructor of Record - University of Colorado, Boulder (Avg. student rating: 5.86/6)
- Fall 2021 - Math Tools for Economists II (1 section)
- Summer 2021 - Math Tools for Economists II (1 section)
- Lead Teaching Assistant - University of Colorado, Boulder
- Fall 2020 - Principles of Microeconomics (41 sections)
- Teaching Assistant - University of Colorado, Boulder (2018-2020)
- Principles of Microeconomics (12 sections)

Scholarships, Awards, Grants & Fellowships

2022	Stanford Calderwood Student Teaching Award (\$2,000)
2022	WEAI Graduate Student Workshop Participant
2021	Graduate Award for Public Policy Research, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$2,000)
2021	Continuing Education Teaching Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$2,000)
2020	Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) - Graduate Student Award Grant (\$1,000)
2020	Special Sworn Status - United States Census Bureau
2020	Continuing Education Teaching Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$1,000)
2018	Haller Scholarship, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$5,000)
2014	Drexel Alumni Scholarship (\$7,000)

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists, Society of Labor Economists, Economic History Association, Western Economic Association International

Software

R, Stata, Latex, SAS, Excel, Python

References

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