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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin - Madison - PhD in Economics (*expected* May 2022)

University of Wisconsin - Madison - MS in Economics (2019)

Tufts University - BA in Quantitative Economics, *summa cum laude*, (2015)

DISSERTATION

“Essays on Labor and Health Economics”

Abstract summary: My dissertation studies the interaction between wages and other, non-wage incentives and outcomes in the labor market. The first chapter examines the potential impact of universal healthcare on the wage distribution. I use a fitted structural model of job search with wage determination and health insurance provision to counterfactually estimate the effect of implementing universal healthcare and simulate the transition to the new labor market equilibrium. I consider two alternative policies public health insurance is funded outside the model, or via a new corporate tax on revenue. In the first, I find a considerable degree of passthrough to wages, roughly 73%, of what is effectively a subsidy to firms that were previously paying insurance premiums. However, it takes almost ten years for these wage gains to fully accrue to workers. In the second policy, average wages are virtually unaffected, but in addition to providing insurance coverage to all individuals, the tax acts as a transfer of wealth from the highest to the lowest earners, and these distributional effects are realized much more rapidly. In both counterfactual regimes, wage inequality decreases by a little more than 2 percentage points, but unemployment, job mobility, and joint productivity are not significantly impacted by universal healthcare. The second chapter develops a simple model of the decision to work a second job in order to identify the proportion of dual job holders who do so for non-pecuniary reasons versus as a means to overcome hours constraints at the primary job. I find that the average dual-job holder derives 13.5% greater disutility from the secondary job compared to the first, but roughly 35% of dual job holders actually prefer their second job to the first.

REFERENCES

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RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Job Search, Wage Dispersion, and Universal Healthcare.” (job market paper)

“Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Engagement among Medicaid Beneficiaries during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” with Alyssa Tilhou, Laura Dague, Brendan Saloner, and Marguerite Burns (in submission)

“Side Hustles: Non-Wage Job Characteristics and Dual Job Holding.” (working paper)
“Employment Shocks and Mental Healthcare Utilization During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” (in progress)
“Household Composition and Wage Response to Universal Healthcare.” (in progress)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Econ 450 - Wages and the Labor Market, Teaching Assistant to Chao Fu, Spring 2019,2020
- Econ 301 - Intermediate Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant to Matt Friedman, Fall 2018
- Econ 455 - Behavioral Economics, Teaching Assistant to Gwynn Pauley, Spring 2018
- Econ 101 - Principles of Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant to Gwyn Pauley, Fall 2017

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

- English Conversation Group Leader, Madrid, Spain, Spring 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty

- Research Assistant to Prof. Marguerite Burns, Sep. 2020-present

Tufts University

- Research Assistant to Prof. Daniel Richards, Aug. 2015 - Aug. 2016
- Research Assistant to Prof. Margaret McMillan, May - July 2015
- Research Assistant to Prof. Gilbert Metcalf, June-Aug 2013

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Wisconsin Department of Economics Teaching Excellence Scholarship, Spring 2020

UW - Madison Graduate School University Fellowship, academic years 2016-17, 2019-20

Tufts University Highest Honors in Thesis, Spring 2015

SKILLS

Programming

- Stata, MATLAB, Julia, LaTeX

Languages

- English (native), Spanish (fluent)