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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, SME, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Fall 2017–Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Texas A&M University, August 2017

B.S., Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, June 2012

RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

PUBLICATION

“Can Technology Really Help to Reduce Underage Drinking? New Evidence on the Effects of False ID Laws with Scanner Provisions” (forthcoming at *Journal of Health Economics*)

Abstract: In Volume 36 of this journal, Yoruk (2014) uses data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 and finds that false ID laws with scanner provisions have large impacts on binge drinking participation, frequency of alcohol consumption and binge drinking frequency among minors. This paper reexamines how false ID laws with scanner provisions affect underage drinking. I first demonstrate that analyses based on NLSY97 data fail falsification exercises testing for significant pre-intervention effects, and that the estimated effects based on these data are highly sensitive to the inclusion of a lead term and to sample selection, which weakens confidence in the large estimated effects reported in Yoruk (2014). I then use data from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System to show that false ID laws with scanner provisions have no effect on underage drinking behavior.

WORKING PAPERS

“New Evidence on the Local Fiscal Multiplier and Employment from Military Construction Spending”

Abstract: This paper takes advantage of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process to analyze the effect of government spending on local economic conditions. Exploiting variation in the timing and amount of construction funding provided across counties, my analyses yield an estimated cost per job of \$60,000 per year and a local fiscal multiplier of 1.21. The effects are larger for counties with higher unemployment rates, consistent with Keynesian prediction. Analyses of neighboring counties show little evidence of spillover effects. To further explore the mechanisms underlying these results, I investigate the effects of government spending on migration and show that the funding has positive effects on in-migration, but these effects are too small to explain the main results.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Better Economy, More Babies? New Evidence on the Effects of Economic Conditions on Child-bearing” with Jason Lindo

“Saving Our Future? Regression Discontinuity Estimates on the Intergenerational Effects of Medicaid Expansions”

“The Health Returns to Higher Education: Evidence from the Post-9/11 GI Bill” with Andrew Barr and Alexander Smith

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

ECO4091 – Guided Study in Current Economic Problems, Spring 2018

ECO4121 – Intermediate Econometrics, Fall 2017

Texas A&M University

ECMT 463 – Introduction to Econometrics, Summer 2014

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations

STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference (2015), Dallas, TX.

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2015), New Orleans, LA.

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2016), Washington, D.C.

Texas A&M University Applied Micro Brownbag, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Professional Conferences

Advanced Causal Inference Workshop, Duke University School of Law, Durham, 2014

Professional Services

Referee: *Journal of Health Economics*, *Economics Bulletin*

HONORS AND AWARDS

SEA Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association, 2016

Summertime for Advancement in Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, TAMU, Summer 2016

S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, TAMU, 2016

Best Fourth Year Presentation Award, Department of Economics, TAMU, 2016

Best Third Year Presentation Award, Department of Economics, TAMU, 2015

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Economics, TAMU, 2012–present

Professional Development Support Award, College of Liberal Arts, TAMU, Summer 2014

Outstanding Student, SUFE, 2011

Bao Steel Scholarship, Bao Steel Educational Foundation, 2011

Shenyinwanguo Scholarship, Shanghai Educational Development Foundation, 2010

People's Scholarship, SUFE, 2008–2012