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RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Urban Economics, Economics of Crime

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN

Ph.D. in Economics

May 2025

M.A. in Economics

2020

Wheaton College – Wheaton, IL

2018

B.S. in Economics and Mathematics

WORKING PAPERS

Does Unemployment Insurance Reduce Crime? (*Job Market Paper*)

Does unemployment insurance (UI) reduce criminal behavior among low-wage displaced workers? To answer this question, I examine the effect of UI eligibility on subsequent criminal justice system involvement using linked UI and jail bookings administrative data. I estimate this effect using a regression discontinuity design that exploits the minimum earnings requirements for UI. I provide evidence indicating that being barely eligible for UI decreases arrest probability in the short run, with the overall reduction being driven by a reduction in arrests for assaults and drug crimes. The effects are large, although somewhat imprecisely estimated—within one year, access to UI leads to a 49 percent decrease in arrest probability, a 77 percent decrease in assault arrest probability, and a 71 percent decrease in drug crime arrest probability. Moreover, I consistently find a negative relationship between UI eligibility and arrests across many different specifications, and I can generally rule out large positive effects, which might be a concern if UI benefits prolong spells of nonemployment. A back-of-the-envelope calculation suggests that this crime reduction generates large public benefits approximately equal to the fiscal cost of loosening monetary eligibility requirements.

The Effects of Unemployment Insurance on Housing-Insecure Families

with Robert Collinson

Dynamic Individuals, Static Neighborhoods: Migration, Earnings Changes, and Concentrated Poverty

with Andrew Garin, Evan Mast, and Bryan Stuart [\[PDF\]](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Firm Behavior to Dual Minimum Wage Policies

with Pietro Pellerito and Tim Spilde

The Impact of Childhood and Prenatal Medicaid on Future Criminal Involvement

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

2024: Midwestern Economics Association Annual Conference, Western Economics Association Annual Conference, W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Wheaton College, APPAM Fall Research Conference (presenter x 2), Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting (presenter x 2)

2023: APPAM Fall Research Conference (discussant)

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant with the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research [\$10,000] (2023-2025)

TEACHING

University of Notre Dame

Instructor	Statistics for Economics	2022
TA	Statistics for Economists	2022
TA	Principles of Microeconomics (x3)	2020-2022
TA	Principles of Macroeconomics	2021

Wheaton College (IL)

TA	International Economics	2018
TA	Calculus I	2018
TA	Abstract Algebra	2018
TA	Calculus II	2017

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

University of Notre Dame

Department of Economics, Evan Mast	2022-2025
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Wheaton College (IL)

Wheaton Center for Faith, Politics, and Economics	2018
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, R, Matlab, LaTeX

PERSONAL

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau

REFERENCES

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