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Education

Vanderbilt University
Ph.D. in Economics, 2021 (*Expected*)
M.A. in Economics, 2018

San Diego State University
M.A. in Economics, 2016
San Diego, CA 92182

Washington and Lee University
B.A. in Economics, 2014
Lexington, VA 24450

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary: Health, Labor
Secondary: Human Migration, Demography

Publications

“The Effects of Minimum Wages on Low-Skilled Immigrants’ Wages, Employment, and Poverty” (with Joseph J. Sabia) *Industrial Relations* 58(2): 275-314.

Working Papers

“E-Verify Mandates and Immigrant Insurance Coverage”

President Trump wants to deny entry to immigrants who cannot prove that they will obtain health insurance within their first 30 days in the US, citing concerns that immigrants are less likely to be insured and, consequently, increase costs for American citizens. At the same time, the administration is exploring policies likely to impede immigrants’ access to health insurance, such as mandating all employers use an electronic work eligibility verification system. In this paper, I show that state E-Verify mandates reduce the probability that likely-unauthorized immigrants have private health insurance by 2 percentage points. Meanwhile, naturalized citizens are shifted from public to private insurance, though only if they do not reside in a mixed-status household. However, imposing additional costs on unauthorized immigration may be seen as a feature and not a bug by those favoring more stringent immigration enforcement, regardless of who ultimately pays the bill.

“The Effect of State E-Verify Mandates on Crime” (with Andrew Dickinson, Taylor Mackay, and Joseph J. Sabia)

With the goals of (i) reducing employment opportunities for and immigration of undocumented immigrants, and (ii) increasing jobs available for low-skilled natives, 23 states have adopted E-Verify laws, which require employers to verify employees’ work eligibility in the United States prior to employment. This study examines the potential spillover effects of E-Verify on crime. Using agency-by-month data from the 2004 to 2015 National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS),

we find that the enactment of E-Verify is associated with a 5 to 10 percent reduction in property crimes involving Hispanic arrestees, an effect driven by universal mandates that extend to private employers. Supplemental analyses from the Current Population Survey (CPS) suggest that E-Verify-induced increases in employment of low-skilled natives of Hispanic descent and outmigration of younger Hispanics may be important channels at work. However, we find no evidence that crime was displaced to nearby jurisdictions without E-Verify or that violent crime was impacted. Moreover, neither arrests of white nor African American adults was impacted by E-Verify laws. The magnitudes of our estimates suggest that E-Verify mandates generated \$491 million in social benefits of reduced crime in the United States.

“Driver’s Licenses, Unauthorized Immigrants, and Auto Insurance” (with Taylor Mackay and Bing Yang Tan)

Work in Progress

“Media Exposure and Weight Loss Behaviors: Evidence from Beauty Pageants” (with Christopher S. Carpenter)

Research Presentations

“E-Verify Mandates and Immigrant Insurance Coverage”
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management California Student Conference, April 2019
Vanderbilt Empirical Applied Microeconomics Group, March 2019
“Driver’s Licenses, Unauthorized Immigrants, and Auto Insurance”
Vanderbilt Empirical Applied Microeconomics Group, October 2019

Honors and Fellowships

Household International Award for Best Research Paper, 2019
Kirk Dornbush Summer Research Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2017
Graduate Student Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2016-2021
Center for Public Economics Scholarship, San Diego State University, 2016
McCuen Endowed Economics Scholarship, San Diego State University, 2014-2016

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt University, Instructor
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 1010): Summer 2019

Vanderbilt University, Teaching Assistant
Poverty and Discrimination (ECON 3110/5240): Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018
Wages, Employment, and Labor Markets (ECON 3100/5100): Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018
Strategic Analysis (ECON 2160): Fall 2019
Economic Statistics (ECON 1500): Spring 2018
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 1010): Spring 2019

San Diego State University, Instructor
Principles of Economics (ECON 101) Fall 2015, Spring 2016

San Diego State University, Teaching Assistant
Labor Economics (ECON 380): Summer 2015
Principles of Economics (ECON 102): Spring 2015, Spring 2016
Principles of Economics (ECON 101): Fall 2014

Other Research Experience and Employment

Vanderbilt University

Research Assistant for Professor Carpenter and Marcus (Economics), 2020

San Diego State University

Research Assistant for Professor Amuedo-Dorantes (Economics), 2014-2016

Research Assistant for Professor Gilles (Math), 2015

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Health Economists

Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies

Southern Economic Association

Referee

Health Economics

Journal of Health Economics

Journal of the Royal Statistical Society-Series A

Conference Attendance

NBER Health Economics Program, May 2019

Southeastern Health Economics Study Group, 2017, 2018, 2019

American Society of Health Economists, 2018, 2019

Vanderbilt Empirical Applied Microeconomics Festival, 2017

Southern Economic Association, 2015, 2016, 2019 (Discussant)