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Academic Positions

Wesleyan University. Visiting Assistant Professor: Economics Department, 2019-present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Connecticut, 2019

Dissertation Title: “Three Essays on the Opioid Epidemic: Insurance, Treatment and Supply Side Policy”

Committee: David Simon (chair), Kenneth A. Couch, Resul Cesur

M.A., Economics, University of Connecticut, 2016

B.A. (Summa Cum Laude), Economics and Political Science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2012

Major Fields of Concentration

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Public Policy

Job Market Paper

“Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Mortality: Evidence from Variation in Services Offered”.

Abstract: In this paper, I estimate the impact of substance abuse treatment facilities on the opioid related death rate and other outcomes that may be impacted by the opioid epidemic. Building on the existing literature, identifying variation comes from the opening and closing of treatment facilities at the county level. I exploit a new source of variation, variation across treatment facilities based on services offered and insurance type accepted. I find significant heterogeneity across treatment facilities. Treatment centers offering Medication Assisted Treatment and accepting Medicaid have a negative impact on the opioid related death rate while facilities not of that type do not have a statistically significant impact.

Published and Forthcoming

“The Earned Income Tax Credit, Poverty, And Health” *Health Affairs* Health Policy Brief. October 4, 2018. with David Simon and Sarah Goodell

Working Papers

“Medicaid Expansion and the Opioid Epidemic: How does increasing health insurance impact the crisis?” *Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

“The Introduction of Abuse-Deterrent Opioids and Rates of Viral Infection”

Work in Progress

“The Impact of Demolition of Vacant Housing on Elevated Blood Lead Levels in Children: Evidence from Detroit”

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2019 Southern Connecticut State University Department of Economics Seminar: “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Mortality”

2019 Wesleyan University Department of Economics Seminar: “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Mortality”

2019 Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Poster Presentation: “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Mortality”

2018 University of Connecticut Department of Economics Labor Health and Development Seminar: “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Mortality”

2018 University of Connecticut Department of Economics Labor Health and Development Seminar: “Medicaid Expansion and the Opioid Epidemic”

Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University

Public Economics (ECON 222), semesters taught:

Fall 2019

Labor Economics (ECON 315), semesters taught:

Fall 2019

Graduate Instructor, University of Connecticut

Labor Economics (ECON 2441W, Online Writing Course), semesters taught:

Summer 2019

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 1201, Honors), semesters taught:

Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018 and Fall 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Connecticut

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 1202), semesters taught:
Spring 2017 and Fall 2016

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 1201), semesters taught:
Spring 2016

Fellowships and Awards

Spring 2019 Albert E. Waugh Scholarship

Fall 2018 Scholarship, provided by Mr. Jeffrey R. Bianchi

Spring 2018 Best Third Year Paper Award

Spring 2017 Abraham Ribicoff Graduate Fellowship Award

Fall 2015-Spring 2016 University of Connecticut Department of Economics Graduate Fellowship

Professional Activities and Service

Referee: *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Treasurer: University of Connecticut Association of Graduate Economics Students (AGES), Fall 2016–Spring 2018

Professional Experience

Research Assistant for David Simon (University of Connecticut), Summer 2019, Fall 2015

Research Assistant and Grader for Delia Furtado (University of Connecticut), Fall 2015

Additional Skills and Certifications

Software: Stata, GIS, LaTeX

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Social/Behavioral Research Certified

References

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