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Education

Florida State University Tallahassee, Florida
Ph.D. in Economics, expected Spring 2027
Master of Science in Economics, 2023
Master of Science in Applied Economics, 2021

University of Florida Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 2020

Research Interests

Health Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Job Market Paper

Everything's Bigger in Taxas: The Effect of Condom Sales Tax on Sexual Health Outcomes with Evidence from Texas

In 2007, Texas enacted legislation that removed condoms from the list of products exempt from the state sales tax, effectively increasing the price of safe sex. Condoms are commonly used to prevent sexually transmitted infections (STIs), making this policy a useful setting for examining how the cost of protection influences sexual health outcomes. Using a synthetic difference-in-differences approach, this paper examines the effects of the policy on STI rates among young adults in Texas. I find statistically significant increases in gonorrhea rates among individuals aged 20–24, with estimated increases of 20% for women and 26% for men relative to their respective pretreatment means. These findings suggest that increases in the cost of protection can have meaningful consequences for sexual health.

Works in Progress

The Price of Pleasure: The Effects of Decriminalizing and Re-criminalizing Indoor Prostitution in Rhode Island

The Effects of Statewide Comprehensive Sex Education Laws on Risky Sexual Behaviors

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record — Florida State University

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Fall 2026 (ongoing)
Introduction to Econometrics, Summer B 2026 — Evaluation: 4.86/5
Introduction to Econometrics, Summer A 2026 — Evaluation: 5/5
Introduction to Econometrics, Summer 2025 — Evaluation: 4.8/5
Introduction to Econometrics, Summer 2024 — Evaluation: 4.83/5

Teaching Assistant — Florida State University

Principles of Microeconomics (large lecture, 300–500 students)
Principles of Macroeconomics (large lecture, 300–500 students)
Intermediate Microeconomics
Economics of Health
Introduction to Economics
Economics of Population
Analysis of Economic Data

Awards & Achievements

Kaul Fellowship at Florida State University
Bartlett Award for Dedication to the Economics of Education at Florida State University

Conference Presentations

Everything's Bigger in Taxas: The Effect of Condom Sales Tax on Sexual Health Outcomes with Evidence from Texas

Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, 2024, 2025
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, 2024
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Poster 2025, Session 2026
Committee on the Status of LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Economics Profession Mentoring Conference, 2025

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