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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics   2024 (expected)
M.A. in Economics   2019
University of California, Santa Barbara   Santa Barbara, CA

B.S. in Joint Mathematics-Economics, Minor in Accounting, *magna cum laude*   2018
University of California, San Diego   La Jolla, CA

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Applied Econometrics, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

REFERENCES

Kelly Bedard (chair)	UC Santa Barbara	kelly.bedard@ucsb.edu
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WORKING PAPERS

"Female Officers and the Discovery of Domestic Violence" (Job Market Paper)
Abstract: Domestic violence (DV) is a crime that usually has female victims and is often under-reported. This paper studies the effect of having a female officer dispatched in the primary unit on the discovery of DV in physical abuse incidents in Milwaukee and Chicago. Using three-year calls for service data and conditional random assignment of officers in the dispatch process, the paper finds that the existence of a female officer in the primary unit scales up the likelihood of discovering DV in physical abuse incidents by 10% in Milwaukee. Analysis of data from Chicago indicates a similar effect. These results indicate that female officers play an important role in discovering DV.

"College Basketball Game Day and Sexual Assault" (joint with Dingyue Liu)
Abstract: Basketball games are an important part of college identity and social activities. This paper studies the effect of college basketball game days on the probability of having local sexual assault reports. Using crime data from universities with top basketball programs and local law enforcement agencies, this paper shows that home game days have little effect on the probability of sexual assault reports, while away game days scale up the probability by 14%. This finding is different from those found for football, which likely reflects differences in viewing and partying behavior across the two sports.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"School Lunch and Nutrition"
Abstract: School lunch is an important channel of students' nutrition intake. This paper studies the mechanism of effects by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act through metabolism analysis. Preliminary results show that the policy significantly decreases the likelihood of having high cholesterol levels among students who usually eat school lunch.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Individualized Professional Skills Grant, UC Santa Barbara	2023
International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara	2019-2022
Phi Beta Kappa, UC San Diego	2018
Magna Cum Laude (top 2%-6% in the graduating class of 7,445), UC San Diego	2018
Thurgood Marshall College Honors Program, UC San Diego	2017-2018
Provost's Honors, UC San Diego	2014-2018

PRESENTATIONS

UCSB Applied Microeconomics Lunch Seminar	2023
UCSB Job Market Practice Talk	2023
All-California Labor Economics Conference (poster)	2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, UC Santa Barbara

Principles of Microeconomics	Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I	Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory II	Winter 2022, Spring 2022
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	Winter 2023, Spring 2023, Winter 2024
Introduction to Econometrics I	Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Candidate for the Uniform CPA Exam, California Board of Accountancy	2023

SERVICE

Leadership Team of We are Economics at Santa Barbara, UC Santa Barbara	2023-Present
Phi Beta Kappa Election Committee, UC Santa Barbara	2020-2023

OTHER INFORMATION

Programming: Stata, Matlab, LaTeX, Python, R
Language: English (Proficient), Chinese (Native)