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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego La Jolla, CA	PhD Economics - 2023 (expected) MA Economics - 2019
Fordham University New York, NY	BSc Mathematics and Economics (honors), <i>summa cum laude</i> - 2017

REFERENCES

Julie Cullen	UC San Diego	jbcullen@ucsd.edu	(858) 822-2056
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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Law & Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

Fellow in Economics	Harvard University	2021 - 2023
Research Assistant	Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies	2020

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Spousal Visa Policy and Mixed-Citizenship Couples: Evidence from the End of the Defense Of Marriage Act”

***Abstract:** Policy can impact partner choice and match quality. Spousal visa policy permits non-residents to marry citizens, arguably an assimilation capstone. I ask how this policy affects couple rates, marriage rates, and assortative mating by citizenship and birth country. Without immigration policy variation, I identify the effect of spousal visa access by exploiting a change in the federal government’s definition of spouse. When the Supreme Court ended the Defense of Marriage Act in *United States v. Windsor*, same-sex couples gained access to spousal visas for the first time. I estimate the effect of this policy change for mixed-citizenship same-sex couples, accounting for aggregate changes in other same-sex and mixed-citizenship couples, using a triple difference design. Spousal visa access causes a 36% increase in coupling rates and a 72% increase in marriage rates. Transfer benefits, health insurance, roommates, moving, fraud, or state-level heterogeneity do not explain the results. Informal calculations suggest that 1.5 million people currently have partners, directly thanks to spousal visa policy.*

WORKING PAPERS

“Officer Language and Suspect Race: A Text Analysis of Police Reports” (with Romaine Campbell)

Abstract: We ask if police officers use adjectives and adverbs that systematically differ by suspect race (race-predictive language), if race-predictive language use relates to other officer characteristics, and if officers with more race-predictive language have different 911 call dispatch outcomes in Black compared with White neighborhoods. We leverage a novel data set containing police report text from a single large urban police department. We identify race-predictive language using an elastic net with word counts, then use predicted race to construct an officer-level measure of race-predictive language. By exploiting the conditionally random assignment of officers to 911 dispatches, we test whether officers with greater race-predictive language affect suspect outcomes. We find evidence that officers use different adjectives and adverbs in reports for Black versus White suspects and that such language correlates positively with officer inexperience, the number of complaints, the number of instances of use-of-force, and the racial gap in suspect search rates. We do not find a relationship between officer race and race-predictive language. Finally, we find evidence that officers with greater race-predictive language are more likely to assist and less likely to arrest in Black relative to White neighborhoods.

PUBLICATIONS

“Risk Aversion, Offsetting Community Effects, and COVID-19: Evidence from an Indoor Political Rally” *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty* 63, 133167 (2021) (with Dhaval M. Dave, Andrew I. Friedson, Kyutaro Matsuzawa, Drew McNichols, Joseph J. Sabia)

Abstract: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) deem large indoor gatherings without social distancing the “highest risk” activity for COVID-19 contagion. On June 20, 2020, President Donald J. Trump held his first mass campaign rally following the US coronavirus outbreak at the indoor Bank of Oklahoma arena. In the weeks following the event, numerous high-profile national news outlets reported that the Trump rally was “more than likely” the cause of a coronavirus surge in Tulsa County based on time series data. This study is the first to rigorously explore the impacts of this event on social distancing and COVID-19 spread. First, using data from SafeGraph Inc, we show that while non-resident visits to census block groups hosting the Trump event grew by approximately 25 percent, there was no decline in net stay-at-home behavior in Tulsa County, reflecting important offsetting behavioral effects. Then, using data on COVID-19 cases from the CDC and a synthetic control design, we find little evidence that COVID-19 grew more rapidly in Tulsa County, its border counties, or in the state of Oklahoma than each’s estimated counterfactual during the five-week post-treatment period we observe. Difference-in-differences estimates further provide no evidence that COVID-19 rates grew faster in counties that drew relatively larger shares of residents to the event. We conclude that offsetting risk-related behavioral responses to the rally including voluntary closures of restaurants and bars in downtown Tulsa, increases in stay-at-home behavior, displacement of usual activities of weekend inflows, and smaller-than-expected crowd attendance may be important mechanisms.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, San Diego
La Jolla, CA

Instructor of Record

ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Summer 2022
ECON 3	Principles of Macroeconomics	Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant

ECON 172B	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Spring 2022
ECON 120C	Econometrics	Prof Wüthrich	Winter 2022
ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Prof Vogl	Fall 2021
ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Prof Vogl	Spring 2021
ECON 172B	Operations Research	Prof Berg	Winter 2021
ECON 171	Decision Under Uncertainty	Prof Newhouse	Fall 2020
ECON 3	Principles of Macroeconomics	Prof Howden	Summer 2020
ECON 121	Applied Econometrics & Data Analysis	Prof Vogl	Winter 2020
ECON 172A	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Fall 2019
ECON 110A	Macroeconomics	Prof Rondina	Spring 2019
ECON 172A	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Winter 2019
ECON 120A	Econometrics	Prof Candido	Fall 2018

Reader

ECON 120A	Econometrics	Prof Tocoian	Fall 2022
ECON 178	Economics & Business Forecasting	Prof O	Spring 2018
ECON 172A	Operations Research	Prof Newhouse	Winter 2018
ECON 171	Decisions Under Uncertainty	Prof Newhouse	Fall 2017

Fordham University
New York, NY

Grader

MATH 2001	Linear Algebra I		Spring 2017
MATH 1206	Calculus I		Spring 2017
MATH 1109	Business Calculus		Spring 2017
MATH 1100	Finite Math		Fall 2016
MATH 2001	Discreet Math		Fall 2016

Tutor

One-on-one	Calculus, Finite Math		Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
Math Help Room	Real Analysis, Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra, Numerical Analysis, Differential Equations, Discrete Math, Calculus, Finite Math		Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

GRANTS

Travel and Research Grant - \$400	UCSD Econ	Spring 2022
Travel and Research Grant - \$255	UCSD Econ	Winter 2022
Travel and Research Grant - \$500	UCSD Econ	Fall 2021

HONORS & AWARDS

TA Excellence Award	UCSD Econ	2020 - 2021
Graduate Student Research Fellowship - \$4 000	UCSD Econ	2019
Graduate Student Research Fellowship - \$4 000	UCSD Econ	2018
Regents Fellowship - \$13 000	UCSD	2017 - 2018
Charles A O'Neil Award	Fordham	2017
Dean's List	Fordham	2015 - 2017

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Presentations

2022	Vanderbilt Empirical and Applied Microeconomics - VEAM (Nashville)
2020	CSQIEP Seminar Series (virtual)

Conference Presentations

- 2022 WEAI Annual Meeting (Portland)
- PAA Annual Meeting (virtual, poster)
- Economic Demography Workshop (virtual)
- AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2021 Economics Graduate Student Conference (St Louis)
- All-California Labor Economics Conference (virtual, poster)

Conference Discussant

- 2022 WEAI Annual Meeting (Portland)

Referee Service

Review of Economics of the Household, Scientific Reports

Other Service

- Organizer, 3rd Year Applied Group Seminar 2019 - 2020
- Member, Search Committee for the Dean of Rady SOM 2019
- Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Association 2018-2019

OTHER INFORMATION

Citizenship: United States and Canada

Languages: English (Native Speaker), French (Advanced), Lithuanian (Beginner), Russian (Beginner)

Skills: Stata, R (quanteda, spacyr, glmnet, fixest), MATLAB, L^AT_EX, Beamer, Git

Hobbies: Running, Swimming, Cycling, Balletomane

Professional Classical Ballet Dancer:

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| Lietuvos Nacionalinis Operos ir Baletu Teatras | Vilnius, Lithuania | 2013 - 2015 |
| Cincinnati Ballet | Cincinnati, OH | 2012 - 2013 |