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RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

Ph.D. in Economics, Expected: June 2020

Entering the Job Market: Fall 2019

Advisers: Mireille Jacobson, Jiawei Chen, David Brownstone, Jan Brueckner

California State University, Long Beach

M.A. in Economics, December 2013

University of California, Los Angeles

B.S. in Mathematics/Economics, June 2012

EMPLOYMENT

Health Policy Research Institute, University of California, Irvine

Research Assistant to Mireille Jacobson, 2016-present

Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

Contracted Employee working under Senior Vice President Dr. Christine Cooper at the Institute for Applied Economics, 2012-15

Department of Economics, California State University, Long Beach

Head Teaching Associate, 2013

TEACHING

University of California, Irvine

Teaching Assistant: Probability and Statistics for the Social Sciences (Summer I 2016), Intermediate Macroeconomics (Summer II 2016), Intermediate Microeconomics (Summer II 2015), Basic Economics I (Spring 2015, Fall 2015), Computer Research in Social Science (Winter 2015), Basic Economics II (Fall 2014)

California State University, Long Beach

Instructor: Introduction to Econometrics and Statistical Economics, Lab (Spring 2013)

Tutor: Managerial Economics, 2012-13

WORKING PAPERS

“How Medicare’s Facility Fee Payments Affect the Vertical Integration of Hospitals and Physicians”

Abstract: This paper examines whether hospitals strategically choose to vertically integrate with physicians in order to capture facility fees. To address this question, I match data on hospitals’ ownership of clinical oncologist practices with Medicare payment data disaggregated to the physician and specific service level. I leverage a 2014 policy change that drastically altered the payment structure of Medicare’s facility fees paid to hospitals for evaluation and management services—and yet, it did not alter the direct payments made to physicians. Contrary to popular belief, I find no evidence that the financial incentives of facility fees have an effect on the probability that a hospital and clinical oncologist vertically integrate.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Hospital-Physician Integration: The Role of Academic Medical Centers”

“Hospital-Physician Integration: Physicians’ Referral Restrictions”

“Hospital-Physician Integration: Response to Private Insurance Concentration”

HONORS AND AWARDS

Economics Summer Research Fellowship, UCI, 2017, 2018

Social Science Tuition Fellowship, UCI, 2014-18

Microeconomics Qualifying Exam, Distinctions, UCI, 2015

Merit Fellowship in Economics, UCI, 2014

Graduate Dean’s List, CSULB, 2013

Ray and Marge Lancaster Graduate Scholarship Award Recipient, CSULB, 2013

National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant Recipient, UCLA, 2009-11

Blue and Gold Scholarship Recipient, UCLA, 2009-11

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, 2008-09

ALPFA Scholarship Award Recipient, 2007

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

NBER Summer Institute 2019, Health Care Workshop, Invited Attendee, July 2019

Transportation, Urban, and IO seminar, UCI, May 2019

NBER Health Economics Research Boot Camp, Invited Participant, December 2018

Transportation, Urban, and IO seminar, UCI, May 2018

California State University, Chico, Guest Speaker, April 2018

Workshop in Industrial Organization/Corporate Welfare, UCI, November 2018

Annual Economics Poster Session, UCI, October 2018

Annual Economics Poster Session, UCI, October 2017

COMPUTER SKILLS

Experienced in Stata, MATLAB, R, SAS, C++, EViews, LaTeX

PERSONAL

Languages: English (Native)
United States Citizen

REFERENCES

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