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Education

American University, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC

Ph.D in Public Administration and Policy, degree anticipated May 2028

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Master of Arts, Economics, 2022

Universidad Centroamericana, San Salvador, El Salvador

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 2017

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Washington DC, August 2024 - Present

American University

Supported Brandyn F. Churchill and Claudia Persico with data analysis and literature review on different projects related with health economics and education policy.

Senior Research Assistant, Nashville, TN, January 2023 - July 2024

The Kidtalk Lab, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University

Responsible of data analysis for randomized control trials on early childhood education, manage a team of research assistants, and coordinate data collection.

Research Intern, Washington DC, June 2021 - August 2021

The Brookings Institution

Supported Carol Graham research projects by compiling data, writing code and collecting literature in topics related with health economics, theory of well-being and, behavioral economics.

Researcher, San Salvador, El Salvador, September 2017 - December 2020

FUNDAUNGO, Public Policy Studies Program

Led research and consulting on social issues and public policy, focusing on migration, social protection, and pensions. Relevant tasks included proposal writing, budget design, and collaborating with organizations like ILO, IDB, and USAID.

Technical Reports

“Technical Document on Public Policy Proposal: Social Security” with María Elena Rivera (2019). Fundación Dr. Guillermo Manuel Ungo (FUNDAUNGO), Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (UCA), Universidad Don Bosco (UDB), FLACSO Programa El Salvador. ISBN: 9789220316375 (print), 9789220316368 (web PDF). [Original in Spanish]

“Pension System Reform in El Salvador in the Context of International Social Security Standards and Best Practices” with María Elena Rivera, Carlos Eduardo Argueta, Helmut Schwarzer, and José Francisco Ortiz (2020) Organización Internacional del Trabajo (ILO), ISBN: 9789220316375 (print), 9789220316368 (web pdf) [Original in Spanish].

“Returned Migrants: Gender and Access to Social Services in El Salvador” with Carlos Eduardo Argueta, Antonieta Ramírez, Jonathan Canjura, and María Elena Rivera (2018). Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.18235/0001219> [Original in Spanish].

“The Risks and Opportunities for the Effective Reinsertion of ‘TPS’ Recipients in El Salvador with Policy Recommendations” with Lyla Gil, and María Elena Rivera (2019). Prepared for the Wilson Center, Washington D.C. [Original in Spanish]. Available [here](#).

Working Papers

“Health Care Reform and Firm Dynamics: Evidence from Medicare Part D and the Retail Pharmacy Industry” with Brandyn F. Churchill and Kelli Marquardt.

Retail pharmacies fill over 4 billion prescriptions each year and are the most frequent service delivery touchpoint in the U.S. health care system. Despite this important role, relatively little is known about the economic factors driving pharmacy access. We provide new evidence on how Medicare Part D shaped the retail pharmacy industry using 2000-2007 National Establishment Time-Series data and a difference-in-differences identification strategy leveraging variation in the share of the customer base likely comprised of Medicare beneficiaries.

We find that Medicare Part D was associated with a 5 percent reduction in the number of pharmacies due to a reduction in the number of pharmacy openings; we do not detect any change in pharmacy closures. Next, we show that this reduction was most pronounced in racial and ethnic minority communities. Finally, we show that existing pharmacies located in competitive markets benefitted from this reduced market entry.

“SNAP Purchasing Power and Household Time Allocation: Evidence from Geographic Variation in Food Prices”.

SNAP benefits are uniform nationwide, but local food prices vary substantially, implying that otherwise similar households face different real levels of support depending on where they live. This paper shows whether variation in SNAP purchasing power

change how low-income households allocate time across home production, childcare, sleep, and leisure; activities closely linked to time scarcity, stress, and well-being. By merging a measure of SNAP purchase power with the American Time Use Survey time diaries. I estimate effects using a triple-difference framework comparing SNAP-eligible and near-eligible households within markets over time.

I find that a 10 percent increase in SNAP purchasing power increases leisure among SNAP-eligible households by approximately 12 minutes per day relative to near-eligible households, with effects concentrated among non-White households. I find no systematic effects on home production, childcare, or sleep.

Honors/Awards

Fulbright Scholar, Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2021-2022

Professional Memberships

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)