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Fields of Specialization

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics

Education

Columbia University	Ph.D., Economics	Expected 2023
	M.Phil., Economics	2020
	M.A., Economics	2018
University of Hong Kong	B.Econ. (<i>First Class Honours</i>)	2016

Job Market Paper

Lead Pipe Information and Housing Prices: An Analysis in Washington, DC

Abstract: In 2016, the Water and Sewer Authority of Washington, DC released an online map that contains information on lead service lines (LSLs) for all properties in the district. Using the release as a natural experiment, this paper estimates the effect of the new information on prices of properties with and without LSLs. Neither a difference-in-differences model nor a repeat sales model captures a significant divergence between prices of the two groups after the map's release, implying the housing market response to the information was limited.

Working Paper

Marriage Penalty and the Decision to Marry: Same-Sex Couples After *U.S. v. Windsor*

Abstract: The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on *United States v. Windsor* in June 2013 compelled the federal government to recognize state-sanctioned same-sex marriages, including for tax purposes. The switch in the income tax filing status for same-sex couples implied that the marriage penalty or subsidy that came with joint filing became a legitimate concern for couples making a marriage decision. Using repeated cross-sectional data, I find that lesbian couples who had more to gain (or less to lose) from marriage were more likely to marry after the Supreme Court ruling. No comparable effect is found for gay couples.

Teaching Assistant Experience

Principles of Economics	Fall 2020, 2022
Microeconomic Analysis I (M.A.)	Fall 2017, 2018, 2019
Microeconomic Analysis II (M.A.)	Spring 2020, 2021
Introduction to Econometrics	Spring 2019
Intermediate Microeconomics	Spring 2018
Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate TA)	Fall 2015

Honors and Awards

Teaching Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University	2022
Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University	2021
Wueller Teaching Award (runner-up), Columbia University <i>in the M.A. course category</i>	2021
Dean's Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University	2016–2020
Jao Tao Su Prize in Economics, University of Hong Kong <i>for best overall academic performance in degree curriculum</i>	2016
C.V. Starr Scholarships, University of Hong Kong	2014
CMA and Donors Scholarship, University of Hong Kong	2014
Dean's Honours List, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong	2013–2015
HKU Foundation Scholarships for Outstanding Mainland Students, University of Hong Kong	2012–2015

Miscellaneous

Languages	Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Cantonese (elementary)
Software	Stata, R, MATLAB, SAS
Year of Birth	1994

References

Michael Best	Douglas Almond	Miguel Urquiola
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