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Education

University of South Florida – Ph.D. in Economics, 2025
University of South Florida – B.S. in Quantitative Economics & Econometrics, 2018

Research Interests: Economic Development, Health Economics, Behavioral Economics

References

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Works in Progress

Health at Birth and Child Development: *In this study, I examine the causal effect of birth weight on cognitive and non-cognitive outcomes in children aged eight, using longitudinal data from the Young Lives survey in Ethiopia, India, Peru, and Vietnam. Employing an Instrumental Variables (IV) approach to address potential endogeneity, I find that a 1% increase in birth weight—a proxy for improved health at birth—is associated with a 0.71% increase in Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT) scores, underscoring the importance of early health in shaping cognitive skills. However, I find limited evidence that birth weight significantly influences non-cognitive outcomes, such as self-esteem, which appear more strongly shaped by socio-cultural and familial factors. Additionally, the analysis highlights the significant role of socio-economic variables, particularly parental education and household wealth, in determining cognitive outcomes. These findings suggest that policies to improve early health should be complemented by broader socio-economic interventions to support comprehensive child development.*

Environmental Shocks and Noncognitive Development in Adolescents: *In this study, I examine the impact of environmental shocks, such as droughts, floods, and crop failures, on the self-esteem of children and adolescents in rural areas of India, Vietnam, Ethiopia, and Peru, using panel data from two rounds of the Young Lives survey. By employing a fixed effects econometric model, I control for unobserved heterogeneity to provide robust insights into these relationships. My findings reveal significant cross-country differences: in Ethiopia and Peru, self-esteem increases following shocks, likely due to stronger communal support systems, whereas in India and Vietnam, self-esteem declines, reflecting the more severe impacts of these shocks or weaker economic resilience. These results emphasize the critical role of cultural, institutional, and socio-economic factors in shaping responses to environmental challenges and highlight the need for context-sensitive policy interventions.*

Teaching Experience

Intermediate Macro	Instructor	Spring 2025
Industrial Organization	Instructor	Fall 2024
Principles of Macro	TA for Prof. Lugo	Summer 2024
Intro to Econometrics	TA for Prof. Yang	Spring 2024
Intro to Econometrics	TA for Prof. Yang	Fall 2023
Principle of Macro	Instructor	Summer 2023
Economics of Education	TA for Prof. Whaley	Spring 2023
Public Finance	TA for Prof. Whaley	Spring 2023
Principles of Micro	Instructor	Fall 2022
Principles of Micro	Instructor	Summer 2022
Principles of Macro	Instructor	Spring 2022
Principles of Macro	Instructor	Fall 2021
Analytical Tools	TA for Prof. Sandberg	Summer 2021
Principles of Macro	TA for Prof. Sandberg	Summer 2021
Advanced Price Theory	TA for Prof. Martinez	Spring 2021
Advanced Price Theory	TA for Prof. Martinez	Fall 2020
American Economic History	Grader for Prof. Loewy	Fall 2020
Principle of Macro	TA for Prof. Criss	Fall 2019

Other Experience

Financial Analyst, New York Life Insurance Company – New York, NY (2018 – 2019)
 Financial Analyst Intern, Christian Tyler Properties – Tampa, FL (2017 – 2018)
 Up to Us Team Leader, Net Impact – Washington, D.C. (2017 – 2018)
 Tutor, USF Lee Roy Selmon Athletics Center – Tampa, FL (2016 – 2017)

Additional Information

Citizenship: Russia
 Programming Skills: Stata, R, MATLAB
 Languages: Russian (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Novice)