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Education

University of Chicago , <i>Harris School of Public Policy</i> , Ph.D. in Public Policy	2017 – 2024
Harvard University , <i>Harvard Kennedy School of Government</i> , Master in Public Policy	2010 – 2012
University of Michigan , <i>Ford School of Public Policy</i> , B.A. in Public Policy	2006 – 2010

References

Bruce D. Meyer (chair) University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy bdmeyer@uchicago.edu	Dan Black University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy danblack@uchicago.edu	Dmitri Koustas University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy dkoustas@uchicago.edu
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Research and Teaching Fields

Primary: Labor
Secondary: Public, Urban, Health

Job Market Paper

Saved by Medicaid: New Evidence on Health Insurance and Mortality from the Universe of Low-Income Adults (with Bruce Meyer)

Abstract: We examine the causal effect of health insurance on mortality using the universe of low-income adults, a dataset of 37 million individuals identified by linking the 2010 Census to administrative tax data. Our methodology leverages state-level variation in the timing and adoption of Medicaid expansions under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and earlier waivers and adheres to a pre-registered analysis plan, a novel approach in nonexperimental studies. We find that expansions increased Medicaid enrollment by 12 percentage points and reduced mortality of the low-income adult population by 2.5 percent, translating to a 21 percent reduction in the mortality hazard of new enrollees. We find that expansions' life-saving benefits accrue not only to older age cohorts, but also to younger adults, who account for nearly half of life-years saved due to their longer lifespans and large share of the low-income adult population. Medicaid expansions also appear to be a cost-effective means of saving lives, with direct budgetary costs of \$5.4 million per life saved and \$179,000 per life-year saved, well below valuations commonly found in the literature. Our findings suggest that universal Medicaid enrollment would reduce the mortality gap between high- and low-income groups by about five to twenty percent. We contribute to a growing body of work showing that health insurance improves health and demonstrate that Medicaid's life-saving effects extend across a much broader swath of the low-income population than previously understood.

Publications

"The Size and Census Coverage of the U.S. Homeless Population" (with Bruce Meyer and Kevin Corinth), *Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 136, July 2023.

Working Papers

"Life and Death at the Margins of Society: The Mortality of the U.S. Homeless Population" (with Bruce Meyer and Iliana Logani), March 2023. *BFI Working Paper No. 2023-41*.

"The Income and Safety Net Participation of the U.S. Homeless Population" (with Bruce Meyer, Derek Wu, Gillian Meyer, and Alexa Grunwaldt), May 2022. *Unpublished working paper*.

"Learning about Homelessness using Linked Survey and Administrative Data" (with Bruce Meyer, Carla Medalia, Derek Wu, and Alexa Grunwaldt), May 2021. *NBER Working Paper No. 28861*.

Pre-Doctoral Research

"Social Impact Bonds: Lessons Learned So Far" (with Hannah Azemati, Michael Belinsky, Ryan Gillette, Jeffrey Liebman, and Alina Sellman), 2013. *Community Development Investment Review, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*.

Presentations

- 2024:** Allied Social Science Associations/American Economic Association (ASSA/AEA) (planned)
- 2023:** ASSA/AEA (poster), Census-IRS Income Measurement Workshop, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Becker Friedman Institute (BFI) Health Economics Initiative, NBER Summer Institute (Aging), National Tax Association (NTA), Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM), Southern Economic Association (SEA)
- 2022:** APPAM 2021 (postponed to March 2022), SOLE, NBER Summer Institute Urban Economics, Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Women in Statistics and Data Science (WSDS), APPAM 2022
- 2021:** WSDS, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Symposium on Data Science and Statistics, Population Association of American (PAA) (poster), U.S. Census Bureau
- 2020:** American Statistical Association Practicum on Blended Data

Awards, Scholarships, and Grants

National Institute for Aging T32 Predoctoral Fellowship	2022 – 2023
APPAM Equity and Inclusion Fellowship	2022
University of Chicago Urban Doctoral Fellowship	2022 – 2023
Kreisman Graduate Fellowship	2022 – 2023
Distinction on Econometrics Qualifying Exam	2018
University of Chicago International House Graduate Fellow	2018 – 2023
Meritorious Honor Award (U.S. Department of State)	2014
Harvard Kennedy School Policy Analysis Award (Honorable Mention)	2012
George M. Lands Prize for Technical Communication	2010
Best Paper Written in a Slavic Language	2008
Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship	2008 – 2012
University Honors	2006 – 2009
William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize	2007

Teaching Experience

University of Chicago

Head Program TA for Executive Program (Saudi Arabia)	2022
Advanced Stats for Data Analysis II (MPP), Head TA for Bruce Meyer	2021 – 2023
Advanced Stats for Data Analysis I (MPP), Head TA for Dan Black	2020 – 2022
Quantitative Methods for Public Policy (MPP), TA for Anthony Fowler	2019
Econometrics I (Ph.D.), TA for Jeffrey Grogger	2019
Program Evaluation (MPP), TA for Jeffrey Grogger	2019

Harvard University

Ec 10 (Undergraduate), Teaching Fellow for Gregory Mankiw	2011 – 2012
Economic Analysis of Public Policy (MPP), TA for Jeffrey Liebman	2012

Other Employment

Foreign Service Officer , U.S. Department of State <i>Postings in Casablanca, Morocco and Karachi, Pakistan</i>	2012 – 2017
Government Performance Lab , Harvard Kennedy School	2011 – 2012

Media

Wall Street Journal (“Fentanyl Fuels Surge in Deaths Among Those Who Are Homeless,” March 2023), VoxEU (July 2021 and August 2022), WBBM Radio (April 2022)

Additional Information

Citizenship: United States of America

Languages: English (native), Urdu (proficient), Hindi (conversational), French (proficient), Spanish (proficient), Russian (proficient)