

DAVID SIMON

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Connecticut, August 2013 -- present

Professional Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Program on Children, May 2017 – present.

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP), University of Connecticut, 2014-present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Davis, June 2013
M.A., Economics, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, May 2008
B.A., Economics and Religious Studies, Guilford College, May 2003

Areas of Research

Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Children and Families, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Policy and Applied Policy Evaluation

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University of Connecticut, September 2013 – present
Intermediate Microeconomics, Health Economics (undergrad), Health Economics (MA level).

Teaching Assistant, UC Davis, August 2008 – September 2012
Intermediate Microeconomics, Analysis of Economic Data, Intro to Microeconomics, Economic Development, Intro to Macroeconomics

Fellowships and Grants

Innovative Education in Health and Society Fund, \$138,000, 1/2016 – 1/2018

Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience Award (SHARE), \$2000, 1/2015 – 5/2015, University of Connecticut

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$4,500, 7/2011 – 7/2012,

UC Davis
Bilinski Fellowship, \$49,500, 2011 – 2013, UC Davis

Institute of Governmental Affairs and Economics Department Travel Grant, \$1,200, 5/2012,
UC Davis

Published and Forthcoming (linked to either the working paper or online publication version of the article)

- 2019 ["The Effects of Aggregate and Gender-Specific Labor Demand Shocks on Child Health"](#) (with Marianne Page and Jessamyn Schaller). *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol 54, No. 1, pages 37-78.
- 2018 ["The Earned Income Tax Credit, Poverty, And Health"](#) (with Mark McInerney and Sarah Goodell). *Health Affairs, Health Policy Brief*, October 4, 2018.
- 2018 ["Body Weight and Internet Access: Evidence from the Rollout of Broadband Providers"](#) (with Melanie Guldi and Michael DiNardi). *The Journal of Population Economics*. Published online before print.
- 2018 ["The Impact of Stock Market Fluctuations on the Mental and Physical Well-Being of Children"](#) (with Chad Cotti). *Economic Inquiry*, Vol 56, No 2, pages: 1007-1027.
- 2017 ["The Intergenerational Consequences of Tobacco Policy: a Review of Policy's Influence on Maternal Smoking and Child Health."](#) *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol 84, No. 1, pages: 229-274
- 2016 ["Does Early Life Exposure to Cigarette Smoke Permanently Harm Childhood Welfare? Evidence from Cigarette Tax Hikes."](#) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol 8, no. 4, pages: 128-159.
- 2015 ["Income, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and Infant Health."](#)* *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, Vol 7, no. 1, pages: 172-211.
 * Winner, AEJ best paper of the year award for 2018 at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

Working Papers

"Does Pollution Drive Achievement? The Effect of Traffic Pollution on Academic Performance" (with Jenni Heissel and Claudia Persico). *Under Review*

["Sex, Drugs, and Baby Booms: Can Behavior Overcome Biology?"](#) (with Alberto Chong and Michele Baggio). *Under Review*

"Matching on Noise: Bias in the Synthetic Controls Estimator" (with Joseph Cummins, Doug Miller, and Brock Smith).

Other Work in Progress

“Revisiting the Relationship between Local Economic Conditions and Infant Health” (with Marianne Page and Jessamyn Schaller).

“The Long Term Effects of In-Utero Exposure to the Earned Income Tax Credit” (with Hilary Hoynes and Krzysztof Karbownik).

“The Future Labor Market Returns to Childhood Exposure to Unemployment Insurance” (with Danielle Sandler).

“Health Care Reform, Fertility, and Infant Health.” (with Becky Germino).

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles, Abstracts, and Columns

“Expansions to the Earned Income Tax Credit Improved the Health of Children Born to Low Income Mothers.” London School of Economics United States Politics and Policy Blog. June 2015.

“The EITC: Linking Income to Real Health Outcomes” (with Hilary Hoynes and Doug Miller). University of California Davis Center for Poverty Research, Policy Brief. 2013

Professional Activities and Service

Referee: *The American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Health Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *National Tax Journal*, *Health Affairs*, *PLOS one*, *Economics of Human Biology*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *European Journal of Health Economics*, *Research on Aging*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

Work Referenced in Media

“Is the Legalization of Medical Marijuana Linked to Rising Birth Rates?” *News 8, wtnh.com*.

“What Marijuana Does to Your Sex Life” December 2018, *The Verge*

“Medical Marijuana Legalization Leads to Baby Boomlet, Paper Says” November 2018. *The Wall Street Journal*. Blog post.

“Do Minimum-Wage Hikes Mean Healthier Babies?” July 2016, *The Atlantic*.

“Designing Policy Interventions in the Context of Obesity – What We Can Learn From the Effects of Cigarette Taxes on Children’s Health”, Sept. 2014, *Bill of Health*

“GOP Debunked on Food Stamps: Everything they Say About SNAP is Wrong”, December 2013, SALON.

“The Earned Income Tax Credit is a Very Good Investment in Infant Health.” July 2012, *Inequalities*

“Health Effects of Non-Health Programs.” November 2012, *Development Impact*

“Giving Poor People Money is a Great Idea.” August 2012, *Slate*

“Study: EITC Improves Infant Health Outcomes.” July 2012, *National Review Online*

Invited Presentations

2018

University of West Virginia, Department of Economics, November

American Society of Health Economics 2018 meeting, June

University of California Davis Alumni Conference 2018, May

University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural Economics, April
2017
 Association of Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, November
 University of New Hampshire, Economics Department seminar, October
 University of Oregon, Economics Department seminar, October
 IZA Workshop on Welfare Consequences of Unemployment, March
2016
 American Society of Health Economics 2016 meeting, June
 Union College, Economics Department, April
 Population Association of America 2016 annual Meeting, April
2015
 Southern Economic Association 2015 annual meeting, November
 Lafayette College, Economics Department, November
 International Health Economics Association annual meeting, July
 Society of Labor Economics 2015 annual meeting, June
 Montreal Family Economics Workshop 2015, June
 Cornell University, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, April.
 University of Massachusetts Lowell, Economics Department, April.
 Yale University, Yale Health Day, February.
2014
 University of Albany, Economics Department, December.
 University of California Riverside, Economics Department, November.
 Clark University, Economics Department, October.
 6th Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors, IZA conference, May.
 American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, Discussant, January.
2013
 Yale University, Yale Health Day, December
 Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Economics, December
 American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, January
2012
 All California Labor Economics Conference, poster session, September
 University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Department of Economics, March
 Bilinski Fellowship Research Showcase, University of California Davis, May
2011
 NBER Summer Institute, July

Graduate Students Advised, Role, Date of Degree, Current Affiliation.

Wei Zheng, Major adviser, dissertation in progress
 Mark Mcinerney, Dissertation Chair, dissertation in progress
 Becky Germino, Dissertation Chair, May 2018, Novartis pharmaceuticals
 Michael Dinardi, Committee member, May 2018, University of Rhode Island (tenure track).
 Tao Song, Committee member, May 2016, Sewanee: University of the South (tenure track)
 Peijingran Yu, Committee member, July 2016, Stonehill College (tenure track)
 Can Bekaroglu, Committee member, May 2015, University of Connecticut (adjunct)
 Hyunmin Kim, Masters Advisor, May 2015,
 Ryan Todd, Masters Advisor, May 2015
 Joseph Lucibello, Masters Advisor, May 2014.

Honors

American Economic Journal Policy: Best Paper Award 2018, for “Income, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and Infant Health” (co-authored with Hilary Hoynes and Doug Miller).

Grillo Family Award for Excellence in Research, University of Connecticut, 2016

UNCG Bryan School, Medal of Academic Excellence, 2008

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Guilford College, 2003