

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

Economics of Children and Families, Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital, Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Policy and Applied Policy Evaluation

Teaching Experience

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

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

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

- 2020 "[Does Pollution Drive Achievement? The Effect of Traffic Pollution on Academic Performance](#)" (with Jenni Heissel and Claudia Persico). Forthcoming at the *Journal of Human Resources*.

- 2019 "[Sex, Marijuana, and Baby Booms](#)" (with Alberto Chong and Michele Baggio). Published online before print in the *Journal of Health Economics*.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0167629619301882>
- 2019 "[Body Weight and Internet Access: Evidence from the Rollout of Broadband Providers](#)" (with Melanie Guldi and Michael DiNardi). *The Journal of Population Economics*. Vol 32. No 3, pages: 877-913.
- 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 "[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

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

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

Other Work in Progress

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

"The Effect of Social Insurance Across Generations: Evidence from Unemployment Insurance" with Chloe East and Danielle Sandler.

"Financial Incentives for Adoption Out of Foster Care" (with Aaron Sojourner).

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

Fellowships and Grants

“The Impact of Social Insurance across Generations: Evidence from Unemployment Insurance.” W.E Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Early Career Research Grant, \$5000, 5/2019 -

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

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*, *Labour Economics*, *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

“[Legalizing marijuana may lead people to have more sex, says study — but there’s a downside](#)” Jan 9th, 2020. *Yahoo News*

“[That Junk in the Air is Really Bad for You](#).” Nov. 22, 2019. *Bloomberg*.

“[Pollution is bad for your health and environment, it is also bad for schools, two recent studies show](#)” Feb 25th, 2019. *Chalkbeat*.

“[Pollution part 2: Contaminated Research](#)”, Feb 15th, 2019. *Capitalisn’t podcast*, episode 33, *Chicago Booth Review*.

“[How Car Pollution Hurts Kid’s Performance in School](#)” Feb 4th 2019, *City Lab*,

“[Is the Legalization of Medical Marijuana Linked to Rising Birth Rates?](#)” December 2018. *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

2020

American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, January

2019

Association of Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, November
Hamburg Center for Health Economics, Conference for Risky Health Behaviors, October
University of California Davis Alumni Conference, May

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, First permanent Job.

Heli Xu, Dissertation Chair, dissertation in progress
Jingwei Huang, Committee member, dissertation in progress
Wei Zheng, Dissertation Chair, dissertation in progress
Kevin Wood, Committee member, dissertation in progress
Mark Mcinerney, Dissertation Chair, May 2019, Director, Main Center for Workforce Research
and Information – Department of Labor
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 2017, 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 and Awards

Grillo Family Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Connecticut, 2019

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