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Education

Ph.D. University of California - Davis, 2024 (Expected)
Economics

B.A. University of California - Berkeley, 2016
Economics, Honors

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Spatial Economics

Job Market Paper

Spillover Effect of Mass Layoffs on Neighboring Firms

This paper examines the spillover effects of mass layoffs on neighboring establishments. Leveraging comprehensive administrative data encompassing all entities in California, this research examines the indirect effects of mass layoffs on employment, earnings, and the number of nearby establishments. I exploit the geographic coordinates of establishments to define treatment and control areas based on their proximity to instances of mass layoffs. The findings unveil persistent and negative spillover effects on local employment levels within these areas four years after the events, coupled with a net decrease in operating establishments. However, there is no significant change in average earnings. Furthermore, empirical evidence demonstrates a diminishing spillover impact with increasing spatial distance, with the effect fading away after 6km. Ultimately, this paper contributes empirical evidence on the mechanisms of agglomeration economies that underlie the spillover effects, with industries closely interlinked to the event establishment exhibiting more pronounced employment loss.

Publications

Estimating the Disparate Cumulative Impact of the Pandemic in Administrative Unemployment Insurance Data (with Alex Bell, T.J. Hedin, Peter Mannino, Carl Romer, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter)
American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings, 2022

Disparities in Access to Unemployment Insurance during The COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons from U.S. and California Claims Data (with Alex Bell, T.J. Hedin, Peter Mannino, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter)
RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences, 2023

Policy Research

California Unemployment Insurance Claims During the COVID-19 Pandemic (with Alex Bell, T.J. Hedin, Peter Mannino, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter), *California Policy Lab Policy Brief*, 2020-2023

Increasing Equity and Improving Measurement in The U.S. Unemployment System: 10 Key Insights from the COVID-19 Pandemic (with Alex Bell, T.J. Hedin, Peter Mannino, Carl Romer, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter), *California Policy Lab Policy Brief*, issued April 2022

10 Key Trends from the Unemployment Crisis in California and Their Implications for Policy Reform (with Alex Bell, T.J. Hedin, Geoffrey Schnorr, and Till von Wachter), *California Policy Lab Policy Brief*, issued April 2021

Research In Progress

Spillover Effects of Exposure to Work-from-Home on Non-tradable Industries

Frequent Users of Unemployment Insurance (with Peter Mannino and Till von Wachter)

Disparities in Recovery of UI Recipients after the COVID-19 Pandemic (with Gustavo Rodriguez, Kara Segal, and Till von Wachter)

Research Experience

California Policy Lab - UCLA, 2020–Current

Graduate Student Researcher for Prof. Till von Wachter

California Employment Development Department, 2020–Current

Graduate Student Assistant

Teaching Experience

University of California - Davis, 2017–2020

Teaching Assistant

Labor Economics, Intermediate Micro Theory I, Intermediate Micro Theory II, Economic History, Principles of Microeconomics

Presentations

2023: Labor/Public Seminar, UC Davis; Micro Brown Bag, UC Davis; All California Labor Economics Conference, UC Santa Barbara (poster); Economics Alumni Conference, UC Davis (poster)

2022: Micro Brown Bag, UC Davis; Labor Team, California Policy Lab

2021: Micro Brown Bag, UC Davis; Labor Team, California Policy Lab

2020: Labor Team, California Policy Lab

References

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