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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Major Field: Labor Economics, GPA: 3.96/4.00

Expected Graduation: May 2010

Dissertation Chair: Charles Baum, Ph.D.

Master of Arts in Economics, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Major Field: Labor Economics, *Degree Conferred:* August 2008, GPA: 3.96/4.00

Bachelor of Business Administration, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee

Major: Corporate Finance, *Degree Conferred:* May 2005, GPA: 3.98/4.00

Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Academic Experience

Instructor of Economics, Middle Tennessee State University, August 2008 – Present

- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics

Consulting Assistant, McGraw-Hill LearnSmart Project, September 2009 – Present

Graduate Research Assistant, Middle Tennessee State University, August 2006 – July 2008

Research and Teaching Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Law and Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of the Family

Forthcoming Publication

“The Effect of Child-Custody Legislation on the Child-Support Receipt of Single Mothers,” (with John Nunley and Alan Seals) *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, forthcoming.

Fellowship

American Institute for Economic Research, June 2009, Great Barrington, Massachusetts

- Student Fellow

Honors and Awards

American Institute for Economic Research, In-Absentia Fellowship Award, 2009

Economics Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2008-2009

College of Business and Technology Honors Program, East Tennessee State University, 2001-2005

Beta Gamma Sigma International Honors Society Member, 2003 - Present

- East Tennessee State University Student Representative, 2005 Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Who's Who among American College Students

- Recipient of East Tennessee State University's Who's Who Award, 2005 (only 10 awarded annually)

Exchange Student, Swedish Language and Cultural Studies, Vasteras, Sweden, 2004

Working Papers

"The Impact of Mandatory Delay Laws on Fertility Outcomes"

(Job Market Paper)

Abstract: This paper analyzes the effects of mandatory delay laws for abortions on the fertility decisions of women in the U.S. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that mandatory delay laws are constitutional, reversing a previous ruling. Consequently, 24 states have adopted laws which require women to wait a specified period of time before obtaining an abortion. States provide counseling to women during the waiting period, and the type of counseling varies across states. Using state-level panel data, I find mandatory delay laws are associated with a five to six percent reduction in abortion rates. The adoption of mandatory delay laws is positively related to births, but has no effect on pregnancy rates. Since pregnancy rates are unaffected, I further test the effect of mandatory delay laws and counseling requirements on the decision to have an abortion or give birth, controlling for pregnancy. My results show that pregnant women are five percent less likely to choose abortion in states with mandatory delay laws and almost twenty percent less likely in states with the most stringent counseling requirements.

"Impact of Victimization on an Individual's Future Economic Welfare, as measured by Educational Attainment," under review at *Youth and Society*.

Research in Progress

"The Effect of Mandatory Delay Laws for Abortion on Women and Children."

"The Long-Run Impact of Parental-Consent Laws on Women's Education and Career Choices," (with John Nunley and Alan Seals).

"The Real Exchange Rate and Income Inequality in the United States," (with John Nunley and Joachim Zietz).

"Do Mandatory and Recommended Arrest Laws Really Protect Women and Children?"

Conference Presentations

Southern Economic Association (upcoming), 2009 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas

- Paper to be presented in Graduate Student Session: *Do Mandatory Delay Laws affect the Fertility Decisions of Women in the US?*

Midwest Economic Association, 2009 Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio

- Paper Presented: *The Effect of Child-Custody Legislation on the Child-Support Receipt of Single Mothers*, with John Nunley and Alan Seals
- Discussant

Southern Economic Association, 2008 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

- Paper Presented: *Impact of Victimization on an Individual's Future Economic Welfare, as measured by Educational Attainment*
- Discussant
- Session Chair

Other Presentations and Seminars

Middle Tennessee State University Seminar Series, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

- Paper Presented: *Do Mandatory Delay Laws affect the Fertility Decisions of Women in the US?*, September 2009
- Paper Presented: *The Effect of Child-Custody Legislation on the Child-Support Receipt of Single Mothers* with John Nunley and Alan Seals, November 2008

Middle Tennessee State University Scholars Week, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

- Paper Presented: *A Comprehensive Analysis of the Effect of Mandatory Waiting Period Restrictions for Abortion*. First Place for College of Business Competition, March 2009.
- Paper Presented: *The Effect of Child-Custody Legislation on the Child-Support Receipt of Single Mothers*, with John Nunley and Alan Seals. Third Place for College of Business Competition, March 2009.
- Paper Presented: *Impact of Victimization on an Individual's Future Economic Welfare, as measured by Educational Attainment*, March 2008.

References

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