

Cornell FSRDC Newsletter

A report of activities of the Cornell Federal Statistical Research Data Center

Eye on Researchers: Class of 2020



Jee-Hun Choi

Department: Economics
Institution: Cornell University
Project: Partisanship, Eligibility, and the Consequences of Cost-saving Measures
Data: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey – Household Component
Placement: Assistant Professor at Lehigh University



Sylvérie Herbert

Department: Economics
Institution: Cornell University
Project: LEHD Data Infrastructure Project
Data: Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
Placement: Bank of France



Gary Lin

Department: Applied Economics and Management
Institution: Cornell University
Project: Estimating the Determinants of Private School Enrollment: The Role of School Attendance Zone Racial and Ethnic Composition
Data: American Community Survey
Placement: Postdoctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University



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**David Schwegman**

Department: Public Administration
Institution: Syracuse University
Project: The New York State Homestead Tax Option:
Tax Incidence and Equity
Data: American Housing Survey
Placement: Assistant Professor of Public Administration &
Policy at American University and Associate
Fellow at the GSA Office of Evaluation Sciences

Data Highlight: Studying Impact of COVID-19

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States, the Census Bureau moved quickly to develop and field the Small Business Pulse Survey (Business Pulse) and the Household Pulse Survey. Business Pulse has been surveying small businesses weekly since the end of April and is expected to continue through the end of June. It includes questions about revenue, changes in the number of employees and hours worked, participation in federal programs, and other changes related to the pandemic. We are pleased to share that researchers can write proposals to request access to Business Pulse microdata in the RDC. To learn more about Business Pulse, please visit <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/small-business-pulse-survey.html>. The Household Pulse Survey also began collecting data at the end of April, with the expectation that data collection would last 90 days. It provides information about individuals' employment, housing, food security, health and access to health care, and educational disruption. These data, described in more detail at <https://www.census.gov/householdpulsedata>, are not currently available to RDC researchers, but this may change in the future.

RDC Reflections – Warren Brown

I am retiring this month and observing that the Federal Statistical Research Data Center Program is getting ever closer to becoming what was hoped for in the beginning. It started with a very limited portfolio. It was called the Census Research Data Center and external researchers were permitted to travel to Census Bureau Headquarters to work with the confidential microdata from the Economic Censuses. When John Abowd, now Chief Scientist at the Census Bureau, was Director of CISER, asked me to work as Research Director for the New York Census Research Data Center, a consortium with facilities at Baruch and Cornell, there were a half dozen RDCs scattered about the country. Now we are approaching three dozen RDCs and a vibrant network of research institutions. Virtually every confidential data product of the Census Bureau is now



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available to external researchers, and an increasing number of federal statistical agencies are joining in, hence the name change to Federal Statistical Research Data Center. The Evidence Act is prying open access to confidential federal statistical data—under rigorous safeguards to prevent disclosure of private information—and external researchers are making substantial contributions to policymaking. I am glad to have been a part of this process and am optimistic about the program’s future.

Continuing Active Projects

Cornell University:

“Social Cohesion under Consolidation and Population Mobility”

Filiz Garip and Linda Zhao (Harvard)

“Franchising and Labor Market Outcomes”

Rosemary Batt, Can Ouyang, Tashlin Lakhani (Ohio State; former Ph.D. student), Andrew Green (OECD; former Ph.D. student), and Johannes Schmieder (Boston University)

“The Link Between Education Quality & Access and Mortality” (Internal)

Seth Sanders et al

“Does Access to Health Care Affect Teen Birth Rates and School Dropout Rates? Evidence from School-based Health Centers”

Michael Lovenheim, Randall Reback (Barnard), and Leigh Wedenoja (Rockefeller Institute of Government; former Ph.D. student)

“Government Welfare and Private Provision of Public Goods: Evidence from SNAP”

Nicolas Bottan

“Experimental Estimates of the Long-run Impacts of Welfare Reform on Participants and their Children” (Internal)

Amanda Eng, Pauline Leung, Zhuan Pei, Katherine Wen, et al

“Multigenerational Exposure to Neighborhood Disadvantage and its Effects on Well Being”

Steven Alvarado and Alexandra Cooperstock

“The Heterogeneous Effects of Education on Health and Productivity” (Internal)

Seth Sanders et al

“Developing and Validating New Statistics on Intergenerational Inequality, Poverty, Mobility, and Opportunity” (Internal)

Laura Tach et al

“Human Capital and Corporate Financing, Restructuring, and Governance”

Hyunseob Kim, Warren Bailey, Joao Vitor Costa, Antonio Falato (Fed), Edith Liu (Fed), Song Ma (Yale), David Matsa (Northwestern), Brian Melzer (Dartmouth), and Till von Wachter (UCLA)



“The Role of Educators on Reporting Child Maltreatment”

Maria Fitzpatrick, Cassandra Benson (U.S. Air Force Academy; former Ph.D. student),
Samuel Bondurant (Census), and Christopher Wildeman

**“Immigration Impacts, Immigrant Well-Being, and Geographic Context using the 1996-2008
Survey of Income and Program Participation”**

Matthew Hall and Emily Greenman (Census)

**“How Housing and Labor Market Conditions Influence the Progression of Romantic
Relationships”**

Laura Tach, Sharon Sassler, Mariana Amorim (Washington State; former Ph.D. student),
and Emily Parker

**“The Political Economy of Medicaid: Ideology, Eligibility, and the Consequences of Cost-saving
Measures”**

Jee-Hun Choi and Claire S.H. Lim

**“The Incidence of a Local Labor Demand Shock with One-Sided Migration: American Indian-
Owned Casino Gaming” (Triangle)**

Seth Sanders, Martha Stinson (Census), and Laurel Wheeler (Duke)

**“Effects of Education on Health and Other Outcomes Using Variation in Social Security Benefits
for Children”**

Barton Willage (Louisiana State University; former Ph.D. student)

**“Estimating the Determinants of Private School Enrollment: The Role of School Attendance Zone
Racial and Ethnic Composition”**

Arnab Basu, Chia-Hua Lin, Salvatore Saporito (William & Mary), and Anna Choi
(Pepperdine; former Ph.D. student)

“Effects of DI on Health and Well-being”

Sarah Prenovitz (Abt Associates; former Ph.D. student)

Syracuse University:

“Research and Development Laboratories in the Production Process”

Kristy Buzard, Gerald Carlino (Philadelphia Fed), Robert Hunt (Philadelphia Fed), Tony
Smith (University of Pennsylvania), and Anna Tranfaglia (Philadelphia Fed)

“SNAP and the Human Capital Investments of Young Adults”

Sarah Hamersma, Warren Brown (Cornell), Rhea Acuna, and Elmer Li (Cornell)

“The New York State Homestead Tax Option: Tax Incidence and Equity”

David Schwegman and John Yinger (adviser)

“The Relationship between SNAP and Mortality” (Kentucky)

Colleen Heflin, Samuel Ingram (Kentucky), Chaegyung Jun (Missouri), and James Ziliak
(Kentucky)



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- “A Binational Perspective on Selective Migration among Korean Immigrants” (Missouri)
Colleen Heflin, Claire Altman (Missouri), and Chaegyung Jun (Missouri)
- “Disparities in Healthcare Access and Utilization among Children with and without Special Healthcare Needs, and their Caregivers” (Missouri)
Colleen Heflin, Nancy Cheak-Zamora (Missouri), and Chinedum Ojinnaka (Arizona State)
- “Knowledge of Health Status and the Timing of Retirement and Disability Claims”
Perry Singleton
- “Education, Geography, and U.S. Adult Mortality Risk”
Jennifer Montez, Blakelee Kemp, and Julene Cooney
- “The Effects of Pregnancy-Related Medicaid Expansions on Maternal, Infant, and Child Health”
Sarah Hamersma and Melanie Guldi (University of Central Florida)
- “Occupational Variation in Health Care Coverage” (Wisconsin)
Colleen Heflin, Joan Hermsen (Missouri), and Leslie Hodges (Wisconsin)
- “A Second Look at the Health Effects of Military Service Using the Vietnam-Era Draft Lottery as a Potentially Invalid Instrumental Variable”
Alfonso Flores-Lagunes and Xintong Wang (Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania)

SUNY Albany:

- “Economic Impact of Science and Engineering Workers” (Boston)
Holden Diethorn, Gerald Marschke, Erling Barth (Institute for Social Research), Richard Freeman (Harvard), Kristina Steffenson McElheran (MIT), Andrew Wang (Harvard), Sifan Zhou
- “Productivity and Wage Dispersion in the Great Recession and Beyond” (Boston)
Holden Diethorn, Erling Barth (Institute for Social Research), Wang Jin (MIT), Sari Kerr (Wellesley), Kristina Steffenson McElheran (MIT), Namrata Narain (Harvard), Andrew Wang (Harvard), Xiupeng Wang (MIT)

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