DAVID SIMON

Curriculum Vitae

**Personal Information**

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**Citizenship:** United States of America

**Employment**

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Connecticut, 2020 - present

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Connecticut, 2013 – 2020

**Professional Affiliations**

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

Affiliate, Scholar Strategy Network, 2021-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 (taught at the undergraduate, MA, and PhD levels), 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)

2022 "[Does Pollution Drive Achievement? The Effect of Traffic Pollution on Academic Performance](http://jhr.uwpress.org/content/57/3/747.short?casa_token=ontZoutLmlwAAAAA:olwwPPLJg3ij6PAcV7dKZy1xNvuW7PYLj0zEHQQLPOPf64GmmZF_Cd5SDqUGbcpYrxamSvIRZdc)" (with Jenni Heissel and Claudia Persico).  *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol 57, No 3, pages: 747-776.

2020 "[Sex, Marijuana, and Baby Booms](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0167629619301882?casa_token=QpdU6cCrbC8AAAAA:9IcehfWHQmNQACsu5Bor-3aTaN3Yyc-ev1aCgNdEcuI7jAZWalXVY4_I8grYTu2K4O4iiRiTntM)” (with Alberto Chong and Michele Baggio). *Journal of Health Economics*. Vol 70. 102283.

2019 "[Body Weight and Internet Access: Evidence from the Rollout of Broadband Providers](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-018-0709-9)"

(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](https://www.nber.org/papers/w22394)"

(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](https://www.healthaffairs.org/do/10.1377/hpb20180817.769687/full/)” (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](http://web2.uconn.edu/economics/working/2016-28.pdf)" (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."](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/soej.12224) *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol 84, No. 1, pages: 229-274.

2016 "[Does Early Life Exposure to Cigarette Smoke Permanently Harm](http://web2.uconn.edu/economics/working/2013-21R.pdf)

[Childhood Welfare? Evidence from Cigarette Tax Hikes."](http://web2.uconn.edu/economics/working/2013-21R.pdf) *American Economic*

*Journal: Applied Economics,* Vol 8, no. 4, pages: 128-159.

2015 "[Income, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and Infant Health](https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/pol.20120179)."\* *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). *Conditionally Accepted: Journal of Econometric Methods.*

“[How Well Insured are Job Losers? Efficacy of the Public Safety Net.”](https://www.nber.org/papers/w28218)  (with Chloe East). *Revise and Resubmit: Journal of Public Economics.*

“[Domestic Violence and Income: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Earned Income](https://www.nber.org/papers/w29930)

[Tax Credit](https://www.nber.org/papers/w29930)” (with (With Resul Cesur, Nuria Rodriguez-Planas, and Jennifer Roff). *submitted*

“Adoption, Financial Incentives, and Child Achievement” (With Aaron Sojourner, Heidi Ombisa Skallet, and Jon Pedersen)

“Investigations for Child Maltreatment and Family Outcomes: Evidence from Human-Algorithm Interactions” (With Lindsey Lacey and Katherine Rittenhouse)

**Other Work in Progress**

“Early Life Interventions, Labor Substitution, and Firms” (With Steve Ross)

“The Impact of the Covid Pandemic on the Health and Wellbeing of Pre-school Aged Children” (with Sirui Qiu)

**Non-Peer Reviewed Articles, Op-eds, and Columns**

“[New legislation on the EITC will reduce poverty and promote self sufficiency.”](https://ctmirror.org/2023/03/08/ct-earned-income-tax-credit-poverty-self-sufficiency/) The Connecticut Mirror, March 2023.

“[The EITC is an investment in workers: Make the expansion last](https://ctmirror.org/2022/03/11/the-eitc-is-an-investment-in-workers-make-the-expansion-last/)” The Connecticut Mirror, March 2022.

“[No, generous unemployment benefits are not driving the labor shortage](https://ctmirror.org/2021/08/31/no-generous-unemployment-benefits-are-not-driving-the-labor-shortage/)” The Connecticut Mirror, August 2021.

“[Job Loss and the Safety Ne](https://econofact.org/job-loss-and-the-safety-net)t”. Econofact, December 2020.

“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 PolicyBlog**.** 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 – 9/2020

Innovative Education in Health and Society Fund, $138,000, 1/2016 – 8/2022

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**

MSQE Women and Minorities in Economics Grant: Reviewed applications for and awarded

a tuition grant for the Uconn Masters in Quantitative Economics program for a women or under-represented minority scholar. 2020-*present*

Referee: *The American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, American Journal of Health Economics, Labour Economics, Economics of Education Review, Economic Inquiry, Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, National Tax Journal, Health Affairs, PLOS one, The Milbank Quarterly, 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**

**“**[Now is the Time to Invest in School Infrastructure](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2021/05/19/now-is-the-time-to-invest-in-school-infrastructure/).” May 19th, 2021. *Brookings*

*Institute.*

*“*[Why Investing in Ventilation Could Pay Dividends for Learning](https://www.future-ed.org/why-investing-in-ventilation-could-pay-dividends-for-learning/?fbclid=IwAR31_iD4XpkKm8szFfhTddCaVAt1htbp4UPtZ_5l0MpfV6spUEi5ALKw684)” May 4th, 2021. *FutureEd*

*“*[As Biden Eyes Infrastructure, Recent Research Suggests Student Environments Affect](https://www.chalkbeat.org/2021/4/14/22384257/biden-schools-infrastructure-research-environment?fbclid=IwAR0EiKtqunsrJ87watVcRdN_-Sfvc0WLO6u3-wh93J_DAlIDqjPV84SkgMQ)

[Academic Success](https://www.chalkbeat.org/2021/4/14/22384257/biden-schools-infrastructure-research-environment?fbclid=IwAR0EiKtqunsrJ87watVcRdN_-Sfvc0WLO6u3-wh93J_DAlIDqjPV84SkgMQ)” April 14th, 2021. *Chalkbeat*

**“**[Pain, Despair, and Poverty Reach Fever Pitch for Unemployed Workers](https://www.cnbc.com/2020/12/19/how-unemployment-pushes-workers-to-edge-amid-coronavirus-pandemic.html).” December 19th, 2020. *CNN*

“[New research reveals the importance of Unemployment Insurance for displaced workers.”](https://www.niskanencenter.org/new-research-reveals-the-importance-of-unemployment-insurance-for-displaced-workers/) December 18th, 2020. Niskanen Center.

“[Unemployment benefits are more generous to higher earners, CU Denver research suggests.”](https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2020/12/15/cu-denver-research-unemployment-higher-earners.html?ana=TRUEANTHEMTWT_DE&csrc=6398&taid=5fd93721a006fc0001de34d3&utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+New+Content+%28Feed%29&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=twitter) December 15th, 2020. *Denver Business Journal.*

# “[Legalizing marijuana may lead people to have more sex, says study — but there’s a downside](https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/legalizing-marijuana-may-lead-people-to-have-more-sex-says-study-but-theres-a-downside-222814230.html)” Jan 9th,2020. *Yahoo News*

“[That Junk in the Air is Really Bad for You.](https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-11-22/pm2-5-air-pollution-harms-human-health-reduces-iq-in-children)” Nov. 22, 2019*. Bloomberg*.

“[How Exposure to Pollution Affects Educational Outcomes and Inequality](https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2019/11/20/how-exposure-to-pollution-affects-educational-outcomes-and-inequality/).” November 20th, 2019. *Brookings Institute*

[“Pollution is bad for your health and environment, it is also bad for schools, two recent studies show](https://chalkbeat.org/posts/us/2019/02/25/pollution-harm-schools-research/)” Feb 25th, 2019*. Chalkbeat.*

“[Pollution part 2: Contaminated Research](http://review.chicagobooth.edu/economics/2019/article/capitalisn-t-contaminated-research?fbclid=IwAR2jfkDKVO0ElXLW4WBfe2t-9eX9Ck4SqWcLwLRRSnI2sbNzj6TU_MG9ROY)”, *Feb 15th, 2019. Capitalisn’t podcast, episode 33, Chicago Booth Review.*

“[How Car Pollution Hurts Kid’s Performance in School](https://www.citylab.com/environment/2019/02/air-pollution-kids-health-data-school-academic-test-scores/581929/)” Feb 4th 2019, *City Lab,*

“[Is the Legalization of Medical Marijuana Linked to Rising Birth Rates](https://www.wtnh.com/news/unusual-stories/is-the-legalization-of-medical-marijuana-linked-to-rising-birth-rates-/1659280283)?” December 2018. *News 8, wtnh.com.*

“[What Marijuana Does to Your Sex Life](https://www.theverge.com/2018/12/4/18123773/marijuana-sex-fertility-cannabis-lubricant-economics-policy)” December 2018, *The Verge*

“[Medical Marijuana Legalization Leads to Baby Boomlet, Paper Says](https://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2018/11/15/medical-marijuana-legalization-leads-to-baby-boomlet-paper-says/)” November 2018. *The Wall Street Journal.* Blog post.

“[Do Minimum-Wage Hikes Mean Healthier Babies](https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/07/do-minimum-wage-hikes-mean-healthier-babies/491228/)?” July 2016, *The Atlantic.*

“[Designing Policy Interventions in the Context of Obesity – What We Can Learn From the](http://blog.petrieflom.law.harvard.edu/2014/09/04/designing-policy-interventions-in-the-context-of-obesity-what-we-can-learn-from-the-effects-of-cigarette-taxes-on-childrens-health/)

[Effects of Cigarette Taxes on Children’s Health](http://blog.petrieflom.law.harvard.edu/2014/09/04/designing-policy-interventions-in-the-context-of-obesity-what-we-can-learn-from-the-effects-of-cigarette-taxes-on-childrens-health/)”, Sept. 2014, *Bill of Health*

“[GOP Debunked on Food Stamps: Everything they Say About SNAP is Wrong](https://www.salon.com/2013/12/04/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](https://inequalitiesblog.wordpress.com/2012/07/16/the-earned-income-tax-credit-is-a-very-good-investment-in-infant-health/).” July 2012, *Inequalities*

“[Health Effects of Non-Health Programs.”](https://blogs.worldbank.org/impactevaluations/health-effects-of-non-health-programs) November 2012, *Development Impact*

“[Giving Poor People Money is a Great Idea.](https://slate.com/business/2012/08/eitc-works-higher-benefits-lead-to-better-outcomes-for-kids.html)” August 2012, *Slate*

“[Study: EITC Improves Infant Health Outcomes.](https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/study-eitc-improves-infant-health-outcomes-patrick-brennan/)” July 2012, *National Review Online*

**Invited Presentations**

2023

Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Wellbeing, March.

Eastern Economic Association, Annual Meeting, February.

*2022*

NBER SI Children’s Meeting, presenting: “Time in Foster Care, Incentives to Adopt, and Child Outcomes.”, July

Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meetings, May

2021

Oberlin College, Department of Economics, December

*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.**

* Victor Volkman, Committee member, dissertation in progress
* Lindsey Buck, Dissertation Chair, May 2023, Allegheny County Department of Human Services.
* Jingwei Huang, Committee member, May 2021, Wuhan University
* Heli Xu, Dissertation Chair, August 2022, South China University of Technology (Postdoc).
* Xiaohan Sun, Committee member, June 2021, Postdoc, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University
* Mahdi Fallahi, Committee member, June 2021, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy (Postdoc).
* Wei Zheng, Dissertation Chair, July 2021, Southwest University of Finance and Economics (tenure track).
* Kevin Wood, Committee member, June 2020, FDA staff economist
* 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