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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
Ph.D., Economics

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Northwestern University
B.A., Economics, Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences

06/2016

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Primary: Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Media Economics
Secondary: Political Economy, Public Economics

REFERENCES

Alexander Frankel
Professor of Economics
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Eric Zwick
Associate Professor of Finance
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Devin Pope
Rothmeier Professor of Behavioral Science
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WORKING PAPERS

Judicial Scarring [\[pdf\]](#)

- I document that experienced decision makers can be influenced by irrelevant events in a high stakes setting, felony sentencing in Cook County. Using a stacked difference-in-differences design, I estimate that judges hand down sentences that are 13% longer after sentencing a first degree murder. The effect is twice as large for defendants who resemble the murderer along the dimensions of race and charge severity. The bias affects 6% of defendants on an ongoing basis and temporarily increases the Black sentencing penalty by 91%.

Presentations: Harris American Politics Conference (2022), Booth Student Research in Economics Seminar (2022), Behavioral Economics Working Group (2022)

Do Journalists Drive Media Slant? [\[pdf\]](#)

- When firms and workers have misaligned preferences, how do firms exert control? I explore this question in the context of online news production, where journalists and firm managers may want to produce content with different degrees of partisan slant. I construct a new dataset that links 2,700 journalists to firms, news articles, and Twitter profiles. I measure article slant with a machine learning algorithm that I train to identify partisan phrases. Using a within-journalist design, I find that writing for more right or left leaning firms does not change the slant of a journalist's writing. Journalist ideology, as measured by following decisions of Twitter users, is strongly correlated with article slant. I interpret these findings as evidence that firms exert little direct control over the slant of journalists' writing.

Presentations: Booth Student Research in Economics Seminar (2021)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Math Camp

Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Instructor

- Developed curriculum, lecture notes and problem sets with co-instructor Walter Zhang
- Course consisted of 36 hours of lecture covering one quarter's worth of material

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Eric Zwick, Owen Zidar

2016-2018

- Contributed to *Tax Cuts for Whom?*, *Capitalists in the Twenty-First Century*, *Who Profits from Patents?*

MISCELLANEOUS

Citizenship: United States of America

Programming Languages: Python, R

Hobbies: Chess, Guitar, Wheel Throwing

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