

DAVID SIMON
Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Employment

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Connecticut, 2020 - present
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Connecticut, 2013 – 2020

Professional Affiliations

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Program on Children and Families, September 2023 – present.

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Program on Children, May 2017 – September 2023.

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, Health Economics, Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital, Applied Microeconomics, 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), Advanced Methods in Applied Microeconomics (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)

- 2025 [“Domestic Violence and Income: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit”](#) (With Resul Cesur, Nuria Rodriguez-Planas, and Jennifer Roff). *Journal of Law and Economics* 68.4 (2025): 755-804
- 2024 [“The Safety Net and Job Loss: How Much Insurance do Public Programs Provide?”](#) (with Chloe East). *Journal of Public Economics*. 238, (2024): 105-171.
- “The Impact of the Covid Pandemic on the Health and Wellbeing of Pre-school Aged Children” (with Sirui Qiu). *Handbook of Inequality and COVID-19*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2025. 325-340
- 2023 “Matching on Noise: Bias in the Synthetic Controls Estimator” (with Joseph Cummins, Doug Miller, and Brock Smith). *Journal of Econometric Methods*, Vol 13, No 1, pages: 67-95.
- 2022 [“Does Pollution Drive Achievement? The Effect of Traffic Pollution on Academic Performance”](#) (with Jenni Heissel and Claudia Persico). *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol 57, No 3, pages: 747-776.
- 2020 [“Sex, Marijuana, and Baby Booms”](#) (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”](#) (with Melanie Guldi and Michael DiNardi). *The Journal of Population Economics*. Vol 32. No 3, pages: 877-913.
- [“The Effects of Aggregate and Gender-Specific Labor Demand Shocks on Child Health”](#) (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”](#) (with Mark McInerney and Sarah Goodell). *Health Affairs, Health Policy Brief*, October 4, 2018.
- [“The Impact of Stock Market Fluctuations on the Mental and Physical Well-Being of Children”](#) (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.”](#) *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol 84, No. 1, pages: 229-274.
- 2016 [“Does Early Life Exposure to Cigarette Smoke Permanently Harm Childhood Welfare? Evidence from Cigarette Tax Hikes.”](#) *American Economic*

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

- 2015 "[Income, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and Infant Health](#)."* *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

“Investigations for Child Maltreatment and Family Outcomes” (With Lindsey Lacey and Katherine Rittenhouse). *Revise and Resubmit at American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

“Paying for Permanent Families. Subsidizing Permanency Raises Foster Child Achievement.” (With Aaron Sojourner, Heidi Ombisa Skallet, and Jon Pedersen)

Other Work in Progress

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

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles, Op-eds, Digital Media, and Columns

“[We are in a K-shaped Economy: What are the Implications for the Health Industry?](#)” Health Affairs: Insider, March 2026

“[What Affordability Means for Health Care](#).” Health Affairs: Insider, January 2026

“[At Year’s End Where Are We Now, and Where Are We Going?](#)” Health Affairs: Insider, December 2025.

“[AI, Health Care & Productivity](#).” Health Affairs: Insider, November 2025.

“[What a Recession Would Mean for Health Care](#).” Health Affairs: Insider, September 2025.

“[Medicaid Cuts and Spending: Who Should Pay for the Uninsured](#)” Health Affairs: Insider, July 2025.

“[A Different View of Hospital Price Drivers](#).” Health Affairs: Insider, May 2025.

“[Where Tariffs and Health Care Meet](#).” Podcast: Health Affairs this week, April 2025.

“[Inflation’s Challenge to Health Care Operations: Rising costs, Labor Shortages, and the Road Ahead](#).” Health Affairs: Insider, March 2025.

“[New legislation on the EITC will reduce poverty and promote self sufficiency](#).” The Connecticut Mirror, March 2023.

“[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](#)” The Connecticut Mirror, August 2021.

“[Job Loss and the Safety Net](#)”. 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 Policy Blog. 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*, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The Journal of Political Economy*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *The National Science Foundation*, *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*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *National Tax Journal*, *Health Affairs*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *PLOS one*, *The Milbank Quarterly*, *Review of the Economics of the Household*, *Economics of Human Biology*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *European Journal of Health Economics*, *World Development*, *Research on Aging*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

Work Referenced in Media

- [“Ignore Progressives: Child-welfare Probes Work.”](#) October 19th, 2025. *New York Post*.
- [“A Look at Minnesota Adoption Policy Change. Is it Working?”](#) July 9th, 2024. *MinnPost*.
- [“Now is the Time to Invest in School Infrastructure.”](#) May 19th, 2021. *Brookings Institute*.
- [“Why Investing in Ventilation Could Pay Dividends for Learning”](#) May 4th, 2021. *FutureEd*
- [“As Biden Eyes Infrastructure, Recent Research Suggests Student Environments Affect Academic Success”](#) April 14th, 2021. *Chalkbeat*
- [“Pain, Despair, and Poverty Reach Fever Pitch for Unemployed Workers.”](#) December 19th, 2020. *CNN*
- [“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.”](#) December 15th, 2020. *Denver Business Journal*.
- [“Legalizing marijuana may lead people to have more sex, says study — but there’s a downside”](#) Jan 9th, 2020. *Yahoo News*
- [“That Junk in the Air is Really Bad for You.”](#) Nov. 22, 2019. *Bloomberg*.
- [“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”](#) Feb 25th, 2019. *Chalkbeat*.
- [“Pollution part 2: Contaminated Research”](#), Feb 15th, 2019. *Capitalism’s podcast*, episode 33, *Chicago Booth Review*.
- [“How Car Pollution Hurts Kid’s Performance in School”](#) Feb 4th 2019, *City Lab*,
- [“Is the Legalization of Medical Marijuana Linked to Rising Birth Rates?”](#) December 2018. *News 8, wtnh.com*.
- [“What Marijuana Does to Your Sex Life”](#) December 2018, *The Verge*
- [“Medical Marijuana Legalization Leads to Baby Boomlet, Paper Says”](#) November 2018. *The Wall Street Journal*. Blog post.
- [“Do Minimum-Wage Hikes Mean Healthier Babies?”](#) July 2016, *The Atlantic*.
- [“Designing Policy Interventions in the Context of Obesity – What We Can Learn From the Effects of Cigarette Taxes on Children’s Health”](#), Sept. 2014, *Bill of Health*
- [“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.”](#) July 2012, *Inequalities*
- [“Health Effects of Non-Health Programs.”](#) November 2012, *Development Impact*
- [“Giving Poor People Money is a Great Idea.”](#) August 2012, *Slate*
- [“Study: EITC Improves Infant Health Outcomes.”](#) July 2012, *National Review Online*

Invited Presentations

2026

1st Annual Capital District Applied Microeconomics Workshop, May.

2025

San Diego State University, Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies and The Department of Economics, October.

American University, School of Public Affairs, September.

14th Workshop on the Economics of Risky Behavior, June.

Gray Symposium at Clark University, April.

2024

NBER Spring Meeting of Family and Children's working group, April.

Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Wellbeing, March.

Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Wellbeing, March.

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Resource Economics, March.

2023

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Economics, Department of Economics, October

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.

- Xu Da, Dissertation Chair, dissertation in progress
- Meng Sung, Committee member, dissertation in progress
- Sirui Qiu, Dissertation Chair, dissertation in progress
- Victor Volkman, Committee member, May 2024, Adjunct Faculty at University of Connecticut.
- 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