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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Public Finance

Secondary: Industrial Organization, Regional Economics

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis, Olin Business School

Ph.D. in Business Economics

Dissertation: *Essays on Local Government Organization*

Committee: Stephen P. Ryan (chair), Barton H. Hamilton, and Brad Larsen

Expected May 2027

The University of Texas at Austin

M.A. in Economics

2021

Lawrence University

B.A. in Economics and Mathematics

2020

RESEARCH

Job Market Paper

Coordination vs. Competition: Local Government Centralization and Metropolitan Growth

This paper examines how local government organization affects metropolitan growth. My focus is on local government centralization, which I measure using the distribution of local government employment across jurisdictions within U.S. metropolitan statistical areas. As local government is only a subset of the larger institutional framework operating in metropolitan areas, the relationship between organization and growth may be endogenous. To address this, I use an instrumental variables strategy based on post office closures following the introduction of Rural Free Delivery in 1902. In both the OLS and IV specifications, I find that more centralized MSAs experience greater population and private employment growth. Examining mechanisms, I find that centralized metros employ more local government workers, collect more revenue, and are less likely to host data centers, a highly tax-sensitive form of mobile capital. The findings suggest that, at the metropolitan scale, internalizing cross-jurisdictional externalities may be more important for growth than increased competition between governments.

Working Paper

The Organization of Local Government and Economic Dynamism, with Avinash Sattiraju

Work in Progress

Local Government Organization and Endogenous Policy Choice in Public Safety

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis, Olin Business School

Teaching Assistant, Econometrics

Instructor: Enrique Luccioni

Fall 2026 (scheduled)

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics

David Ahn (Spring 2025, Spring 2026); Cecilia Diaz Campo (Fall 2024)

Fall 2024-Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant, Health Economics

Instructor: Cecilia Diaz Campo

Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, Competitive Industry Analysis and Strategy Development

Instructor: Stephen P. Ryan

Spring 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Stephen P. Ryan, Washington University in St. Louis

Implemented Java extensions to the discrete-choice moment-inequality estimator in Dickstein and Morales, "What Do Exporters Know?"

Fall 2022-Spring 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: R, Java

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Lawrence University Men's Ice Hockey, NCAA Division III student-athlete, 2016-2020

Three-time Northern Collegiate Hockey Association All-Academic Team honoree, 2018-2020

REFERENCES

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