
Cornell FSRDC Newsletter

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

Dissertation Mentorship Program

David Schwegman, a Ph.D. candidate in public administration at Syracuse University, is the 41st participant in the Center for Economic Studies (CES) Dissertation Mentorship Program. His RDC project uses the American Housing Survey (1984-2005) to analyze the effect of New York's Homestead Tax Option on rental housing costs and property maintenance. His mentor is Matthew Street, who is chief of the AHS branch.

Graduate students who use Census Bureau microdata accessed through the RDC for their dissertations are eligible for this program. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Program participants are assigned at least one CES economist as a mentor, and they visit CES in D.C. to present their research and meet with CES staff. Information on applying for the program can be found at <https://www.census.gov/ces/researchprograms/mentorship.html>.

Data Update:

Social Security Administration data linked to survey data is now available through the RDCs. The following datasets may be requested by researchers:

- Detailed Earnings Record (DER) data matched to the SIPP and CPS
- Summary Earnings Record (SER) data matched to the SIPP and CPS
- Master Beneficiary Record (MBR) data matched to SIPP and CPS
- Payment History Update System (PHUS) data matched to SIPP and CPS
- Supplemental Security Record (SSR) data matched to the SIPP and CPS
- Master Earnings File (MEF) data matched to SIPP

Note that only the linked data are available, not the full administrative records. If you would like to know more about these datasets, please contact the RDC administrator, Nichole Szembrot.

Active Projects

See the NYRDC web site (<https://nyrdc.cornell.edu/>) for information and links for writing proposals. The list below reflects those projects that are currently active.

Cornell University:

“The Role of Educators on Reporting Child Maltreatment”

Maria Fitzpatrick, Cassandra Benson, and Christopher Wildeman



Cornell University



Syracuse University

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- “The Political Economy of Medicaid: Ideology, Eligibility, and the Consequences of Cost-saving Measures”
Jee-Hun Choi and Claire S.H. Lim
- “How Housing and Labor Market Conditions Influence the Progression of Romantic Relationships”
Laura Tach, Sharon Sassler, Mariana Amorim, and Emily Parker
- “Child SSI Caseloads, Take-Up, and Age-for-Grade Effects on Disability”
Cassandra Benson
- “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)
- “Human Capital and Corporate Financing, Restructuring, and Governance”
Hyunseob Kim, Warren Bailey, Dawoon Kim, Saheon Kim, Antonio Falato (Fed), Song Ma (Yale), Edith Liu (Fed), and Till von Wachter (UCLA)
- “Effects of DI on Health and Well-being”
Sarah Prenovitz (Abt Associates; former Ph.D. student)
- “Vietnam Veterans and Obesity”
Daniel Grossman (West Virginia University; former Ph.D. student) and John Cawley
- “Estimating the Determinants of Private School Enrollment: The Role of School Attendance Zone Racial and Ethnic Composition”
Arnab Basu, Chia-Hua Lin, Melissa McInerney (Tufts), Salvatore Saporito (William & Mary), and Anna Choi (Pepperdine; former Ph.D. student)
- “LEHD Demographic Survey Improvement Project” (Internal)
Lars Vilhuber et al
- “LEHD Data Infrastructure Project” (Internal)
Lars Vilhuber, Sylvérie Herbert et al
- “Research Program to Determine the Possibilities from Linking ACS & LEHD Data” (Internal)
Lars Vilhuber et al
- “Organizations in the Digital Economy: Information Technology Use, Complementary Investments, and Impacts on Firm Outcomes” (Boston)
Christopher Forman et al
- “The Impact of Online Retail on the Market Structure of Retail and Service Industries” (Triangle)
Panle Barwick, Flavio Stanchi et al
- “SIPP 2014 Internal Research and Collaboration Project” (Internal)
Lars Vilhuber, Bill Block, Warren Brown et al
- “The LBD Initiative - Collaboration with RDC Researchers” (Internal)
Lars Vilhuber et al

Syracuse University:

- “The New York State Homestead Tax Option: Tax Incidence and Equity”
David Schwegman and John Yinger (adviser)
- “Education, Geography, and U.S. Adult Mortality Risk”
Jennifer Montez, Blakelee Kemp, and Julene Cooney
- “Knowledge of Health Status and the Timing of Retirement and Disability Claims”
Perry Singleton
- “The Effects of Pregnancy-Related Medicaid Expansions on Maternal, Infant, and Child Health”
Sarah Hamersma and Melanie Guldi (University of Central Florida)
- “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 (Louisiana State University)
- “Business Cycles, Business Dynamics and Firm Behavior” (Michigan)
Natarajan Balasubramanian et al
- “Using the National Survey Interview Survey to Identify Disparities in Access and Utilization in Healthcare Services for Children with and without Special Needs and their Caregivers” (Missouri)
Colleen Heflin, Nancy Cheak-Zamora (Missouri), and Chinedum Ojinnaka (Missouri)
- “The Relationship Between SNAP and Mortality”
Colleen Heflin and James Ziliak (University of Kentucky)
- “A Binational Perspective on Selective Migration among Korean Immigrants”
Colleen Heflin and Chaeyung Jun (University of Missouri)

University at Buffalo:

- “Unemployment and Unintended Fertility”
Jessica Su (SUNY Buffalo; former Ph.D. student)

Recent Papers and Publications

Benmelech, Efraim, Nittai Bergman, and **Hyunseob Kim**. 2018. "Strong Employers and Weak Employees: How Does Employer Concentration Affect Wages?" NBER Working Paper No. 24307 <http://www.nber.org/papers/w24307>

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