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ACADEMIC POSITION

2021- Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), University of Illinois at Chicago
2014-2021 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago

EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
2006 B.A. with Honors, Economics and Latin American Studies, Brown University

AFFILIATIONS AND PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2022- Consultant, Attorney General for the State of Illinois
2020-2021 Consultant, Council on Criminal Justice Task Force on Policing
2018- Consultant, Chicago Public Schools, Office of Social and Emotional Learning
2017- Consultant, Illinois Department of Corrections
2017 Consultant, City of Chicago Mayor's Office
2015- Affiliate, University of Chicago Crime Lab
2015- Consultant, World Bank
2015-2019 Consultant, U.S. Department of Labor
2015 Committee Member, Chicago Design Competition to Reduce Youth Violence
2010-2011 Research Assistant, Professor Esther Duflo, MIT
2009-2010 Research Assistant, Professor Benjamin Olken, MIT
2007-2009 Research Assistant, Professor Rohini Pande, Harvard Kennedy School
2006-2007 Research Assistant, Profs. Kaivan Munshi and Nancy Qian, Brown University

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2022-2024 "Evaluation of a Rehabilitative Facility in Illinois", Arnold Ventures, \$377,647 (co-PI)
2022-2024 "Prisons as Schools for Change: Evidence from Illinois", National Institute of Justice, \$585,726 (co-PI)
2021-2023 "The Rise of Punitive Criminal Justice Policy in the Wake of the Great Migration", Russell Sage Foundation, \$138,171 (co-PI)
2021-2023 "Broadening Women's Job Search to Improve Their Employment", Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, \$95,150 (co-PI)
2021 "Broadening Women's Job Search to Improve Employment: Experimental Evidence from the Middle East and North Africa", Becker Friedman Institute Gender Initiative, \$20,000 (co-PI)
2020-2021 "Projecting Trends in Undocumented and Legal Immigrant Populations in the United States", NBER Retirement and Disability Research Center, \$42,743 (co-PI)
2019-2020 "Causes and Consequences of Changing Immigration Law Enforcement", UIC OSSR Seed Grant Funding, \$2,500 (co-PI)
2019 World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award
2018-2021 "Moving Youth Away from the Market for Crime: The Honduras Safer Municipalities Project Temporary Jobs Program", Unorthodox Philanthropy, \$690,000 (co-PI)
2018 2018 Citibanamex Prize in Economics

- 2017-2019 “Social Network Mapping and Analysis for Youth Living in High-Violence Urban Neighborhoods in Honduras”, World Bank Knowledge for Change Network Analysis Fund, \$130,000 (co-PI)
- 2017-2018 “States Taking the Reins? Employment Verification Requirements and Immigration”, UIC OSSR Research Grant Support, \$9,000 (co-PI)
- 2015-2019 “The Impact of Mentoring and Life Skills on Secondary School Progression and Child Labor among Girls: A Randomized Controlled Trial in Rajasthan”, U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of International Labor Affairs, \$1,304,957 (co-PI)
- 2013-2015 “Estimating Supply and Demand Responses to an Information Intervention in the Chilean Education Sector”, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, \$136,016 (co-PI)
- 2011-2012 Jameel Fellowship, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
- 2009-2011 MIT Presidential Fellowship
- 2009 MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives Award
- 2006 Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 University of Chicago Workshop on Education (Scheduled)
- 2022 NBER Economics of Education, NBER Program on Children, Western Economic Association International
- 2021 AEA/ASSA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting (x2)
- 2020 Economics of Crime Seminar (Hosted by Jennifer Doleac, Texas A&M), NBER SI Labor Studies, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2019 University of Arkansas, Inter-American Development Bank, North East Universities Development Consortium Conference, U.S. Department of Labor, University of Chicago Urban Labs
- 2018 Upjohn Institute, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, America Latina Crime and Policy Network, University of Chicago Development Day
- 2017 Queens College (CUNY), Association for Education Finance and Policy, University of Chicago/Northwestern Development Day, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2016 Dartmouth College, ZEW Workshop on Assimilation and Integration, World Bank Development Impact Evaluation, Michigan State University Development Day
- 2015 DePaul University, International Conference on Migration and Development, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Northwestern University Mini-Conference on Education, Michigan State University, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Centro de Estudios Monetarios Latinoamericanos, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2014 University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Rochester, Pennsylvania State University, University of California at Berkeley, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, World Bank Research Department, World Bank Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean
- 2013 North East Universities Development Consortium Conference, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2022 Economic Development (Undergraduate), UIC
- Spring 2017-2022 Economic Development (Graduate), UIC
- Fall 2014-2022 Microeconomics I (Graduate), UIC
- Spring 2015/16/20, Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate), UIC
- Fall 2017
- Spring 2013/14 Econometrics (Undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, MIT

Spring 2013 Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, MIT
Summer 2012 Applied Economics for Managers (MBA), Teaching Assistant, MIT Sloan
Fellows Program
Summer 2009 Evaluating Social Programs (Executive Education), Teaching Assistant, Abdul
Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (Chennai, India)
2006-2007 Primary/Secondary School Teacher, Liceo Internacional (Quito, Ecuador)

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, AER: Insights, American Educational Research Journal: Social and Institutional Analysis, Crime, Law, and Social Change, Development Innovation Ventures, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, National Science Foundation, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Social Science Quarterly, Southern Economic Journal, The Economic Journal, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

PUBLICATIONS

Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Conrad Miller. 2022. "Would Eliminating Racial Disparities in Motor Vehicle Searches Have Efficiency Costs?" Quarterly Journal of Economics, 137(1): 49-113.

Edmonds, Eric, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Jessica Leight. 2021. "Advancing the Agency of Adolescent Girls." Review of Economics and Statistics, forthcoming.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Conrad Miller. 2021. "Racial Divisions and Criminal Justice: Evidence from Southern State Courts." American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 13(2): 207-240.

Feigenberg, Benjamin. 2021. "Priced Out: Aggregate Income Shocks and School Pricing in the Chilean Voucher Market." Economic Inquiry, 59: 696-721.

Feigenberg, Benjamin. 2020. "Fenced Out: The Impact of Border Construction on U.S.-Mexico Migration." American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 12(3): 106-139.

Dell, Melissa, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Kensuke Teshima. 2019. "The Violent Consequences of Trade-Induced Worker Displacement in Mexico." American Economic Review: Insights, 1(1): 43-58.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Rivkin, Steven, and Rui Yan. 2019. "Illusory Gains from Chile's Targeted School Voucher Experiment." The Economic Journal, 129(623): 2805-2832.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Field, Erica, Pande, Rohini, Rigol, Natalia, and Shayak Sarkar. 2014. "Do Group Dynamics Influence Social Capital Gains among Microfinance Clients? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Urban India." Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 33(4): 932-949.

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Field, Erica, and Rohini Pande. 2013. "The Economic Returns to Social Interaction: Experimental Evidence from Microfinance." Review of Economic Studies, 80(4): 1459-1483.

WORKING PAPERS

Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Conrad Miller. 2022. "Class-Based Disparities and Profiling in Traffic Stops."

Adukia, Anjali, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Fatemeh Momeni. 2022. "From Retributive to Restorative: An Alternative Approach to Justice."

Feigenberg, Benjamin, Ost, Ben, and Javaeria Qureshi. 2022. "Omitted Variable Bias in Interacted Models: A Cautionary Tale." Revision requested, Review of Economics and Statistics.

Ayromloo, Shalise, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Darren Lubotsky. 2020. "Employment Eligibility Verification Requirements and Local Labor Market Outcomes." NBER Working Paper No. 26676.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Ahn, So Yoon, Dizon-Ross, Rebecca, and Benjamin Feigenberg. "Broadening Women's Job Search."

Arora, Ashna, and Benjamin Feigenberg. "The Impact of Rehabilitation- and Treatment-Oriented Service Provision on Inmate Outcomes: A Randomized Evaluation of Illinois' Kewanee Life Skills Reentry Center."

Chioda, Laura, Feigenberg, Benjamin, and Marcus Holmlund. "Moving Youth away from the Market for Crime: Interventions in the Honduras Safer Municipalities Project."

Derenoncourt, Ellora, Feigenberg, Benjamin, Miller, Conrad, and Heather Sarsons. "The Rise of Punitive Criminal Justice Policy in the Wake of the Great Migration."

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (non-native fluent)