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Academic employment

Associate Professor on the Clinical Teaching Track, Department of Economics, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*, 2021

Assistant Professor on the Clinical Teaching Track, Department of Economics, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*, 2015 – 2021

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*, 2012–2015

Instructor, Department of Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2012

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2007–2012

Affiliations

Research Fellow, *IZA Institute for Labor Economics*, 2021 – present

Research Affiliate, *IZA Institute for Labor Economics*, 2016 – 2021

Education

Ph.D., Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2012

Supervisors: Peter J. Kuhn (Chair), Kelly Bedard, Olivier Deschenes

M.A., Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2007

B.A., Economics (with High Honors), *University of California Davis*, 2006

B.A., Political Science (with Honors), *University of California Davis*, 2006

Fields of specialization

Labor economics, economics of migration, economics of education, applied econometrics

Academic publications

Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest and Soojae Moon. 2018. "The Role of China's Household Registration System in the Urban-Rural Income Differential", *China Economic Journal*, 11:2

Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest. 2017. "The Heterogeneous impacts of business cycles on educational attainment", *Education Economics*, 25:6

Bean, Hamilton, and Ernest Boffy-Ramirez. 2017. "Comparing Chinese undergraduate students' level of intercultural communication competence: does studying in the USA make a difference?" *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*, 47:7

Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest. 2013. "Minimum wages, earnings, and migration", *IZA Institute of Labor Economics Journal of Migration*, 2:17

Non-academic white papers

Argys, Laura, Ernest Boffy-Ramirez, and Hani Mansour. 2019. "Denver Municipal Minimum Wage Report" prepared for *Denver Economic and Development Opportunity*

Working papers

Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest. 2021. "Push or Pull? Measuring the labor supply response to the minimum wage using an individual-level panel"

Abstract: For individuals in low-wage labor markets, an increase in the minimum wage can theoretically pull individuals into or push them out of the labor force by simultaneously impacting wages and employment. If increases raise expected wages beyond reservation wages, marginal individuals could enter the labor force and begin searching for employment. If increases lower expected wages, marginal individuals already in the labor force could exit. Leveraging revised individual identifiers in the U.S. Current Population Survey, this research estimates the effects of minimum wage increases on labor force participation. The use of within-person variation, short individual panels, and flexible controls for time combine to create an empirical strategy that mitigates potential biases from constant individual-level heterogeneity and unobserved time-varying factors. A key advantage of the empirical strategy is that it allows for the estimation of contemporaneous responses to minimum wage changes by a demographically disaggregated sample. This research finds that the push and pull effect of a minimum wage increase tends to be felt by the youngest individuals, but there is substantial heterogeneity in responses by age, race/ethnicity, and sex. There is strong evidence of pull effects amongst young white men and Latinos, and weaker evidence amongst young Black women and older Latinas. Weak evidence of push effects is observed amongst younger white women, younger Latinos, and older Latinas. There is very little evidence of responses after age 30 and individuals with higher levels of education do not display any minimum wage effect. This research highlights short run heterogeneous labor force participation responses to further inform our understanding of search behavior, labor market churn, and help place the employment literature in greater context.

Previous version: "The Short-Run Effects of the Minimum Wage on Employment and Labor Market Participation: Evidence from an Individual-Level Panel" (2019), IZA DP No. 12137

Research in progress

“Air pollution and productivity at the extensive and intensive margins: Evidence from a natural experiment in South Korea”

“Measuring the return to education amongst the least educated immigrants in the U.S.”

Teaching

Introduction to Econometrics (Instructor, *University of Colorado Denver*)

Statistics with Computer Applications (Instructor, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*)

Introduction to Mathematical Economics (Instructor, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*)

Labor Economics (Instructor, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*)

The Economics of Race & Gender (Instructor, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*)

Game Theory with Economic Applications (Instructor, *University of California Santa Barbara, University of Colorado Denver, & International College Beijing*)

Special Topics in Applied Economics seminar (Instructor, *International College Beijing*)

Introduction to Econometrics (Teaching assistant, *University of California Santa Barbara*)

Personnel economic (Teaching assistant, *University of California Santa Barbara*)

Principles of Microeconomics (Teaching assistant, *University of California Santa Barbara*)

Intermediate Microeconomics (Teaching assistant, *University of California Santa Barbara*)

Academic recognition

CU Denver Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) Teaching Enhancement Grant award, 2020

Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education (ACUE) Certificate in Effective College Instruction, 2020

International College Beijing Professional Development grants, 2015, 2018, 2019

Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop award recipient, 2011

Doctoral Scholar’s Central Fellowship recipient, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2006–2011

Recognition of High Honors for “The industrialization of Mexico’s Northern border and laborer health” thesis research project, *University of California Davis*, 2006

Conference participation

Western Economic Association International, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019

Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession session at *Western Economic Association International*, 2016

Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, 2011

All-UC Labor Conference, 2009, 2010

Southern California Conference for Applied Microeconomics, 2010

Referee service

Journal of Labor Economics, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Applied Economics*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *IZA World of Labor*, *IZA Journal of Migration*, *Journal of Economics*, *Race, and Policy*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Sports Analytics*, *Business and Economics Letters*, *University of California Santa Barbara's Occasional Environmental Workshop*

Professional memberships

Western Economic Association, *American Economic Association*

Consulting

Illuminate Colorado, 2019 – present

Denver Economic Development & Opportunity, 2019

Family Resource Center Association of Colorado, 2017

Miscellanea

Stata, LaTeX, MATLAB (novice), Tableau (novice), EViews (novice)

English, Spanish, Mandarin (beginner)