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Contact Information

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Education

- 2018-present Ph.D. candidate at the Eitan Berglas School of Economics, Tel Aviv University
Advisor: Dr. Analia Schlosser. Thesis title: “Childbearing and Parents’ Labor Supply”
- 2014-2016 M.A. in Economics, Ben-Gurion University, *cum laude*. With an average of 94.92, Class Rank 4 out of 25. Advisor: Professor Oscar Volij. Thesis title: “Human capital investment in a general equilibrium model with collateral”
- 2011-2014 B.A. in Economics and Psychology, Ben-Gurion University, *summa cum laude*. with an average of 93.98, Class Rank 1 out of 88 (department of Economics)

Fields of interest

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Family Economics, Gender Economics

Research Papers

The Differential Effect of Childbirth on Men’s and Women’s Careers, [Submitted]

This paper studies the impact of first childbirth on parents’ labor supply and life satisfaction as a function of their pre-birth earnings. My contribution is to examine how childbearing differentially affects men and women according to their relative role within the household before childbirth. Using data from Germany and a quasi-experimental approach based on event studies around the first childbirth, I find that children’s negative impact on women’s labor market outcomes is significant and persistent, regardless of their relative earnings before childbirth. In contrast, men tend to increase their earnings and employment rates following childbirth, but only in households where women used to be the primary breadwinner before childbirth. I also find that in these households, men report a decrease in their life and work satisfaction while women become dissatisfied with the increase in their burden of housework.

Work in progress

Information Barriers and the Income Tax Credit

This paper examines whether it is possible to enhance the employment rate of individuals with low earnings potential by overcoming information barriers regarding the EITC benefits in a regression discontinuity difference-in-differences (DID-fRD) framework. I use the EITC implementation in Israel that providing low-income parents financial incentives to work and that individuals with no children are ineligible for the EITC in Israel. Thus, the newborn's birth year induces variation between the groups regarding grant eligibility, awareness, and understanding. I find a positive impact of information shock on the individual's employment rate and Earnings. This evidence supports the hypothesis that the lack of effect on the overall employment rate and annual earnings of the EITC in Israel is due partly to information barriers.

Public preschool, the next birth and child penalty: Evidence from a natural experiment [working title]
(with Analia Schlosser)

Teaching experience

2020-present	Introductory Econometrics (B.A.), Tel Aviv University (lecturer)
2017-2019	Introductory Econometrics (B.A.), Tel Aviv University (T.A.)
2016-2017	Introductory Econometrics (B.A.), Achva Academic College (lecturer)
2015-2016	Econometrics A and B (M.A.), Ben-Gurion University (T.A.)
2015-2016	Game Theory (B.A.), Ben Gurion-University (T.A.)
2013-2016	Microeconomics A and B (B.A.), Ben-Gurion University (T.A.)

Work experience

2017-2018	Research Assistant to Dr. Analia Schlosser and Dr. Sarit Weisburd, Tel Aviv University
2012-2014	Research Assistant to Professor David Leiser, Ben-Gurion University
2011-2013	Psychometric instructor, Kidum Group, leading instructor, responsible for teaching systems, developing new learning materials and mentoring new instructors
2006-2008	Military service, instructor for the general population in a time of emergency, I.D.F.

Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes

2021	The Regional Science Association International Israeli Section – Best paper award (2021)
2018-present	Merit-based scholarship for the Ph.D. program. The Fishman Doctoral Fellowship, Tel Aviv University
2014-2016	Merit-based masters scholarship, the Honors Research Program at the Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University
2014-2015	Great honor award for achievement in studies
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- 2013 The President's Fund Scholarship for Excellence in studies
2012-2013 Highest honor award for achievement in studies

Conference presentations

- 2021 The Differential Effect of Childbirth on Men's and Women's Careers. The *Regional Science Association International Israeli Section*, online (February 2021)*
***Best paper award.**

Participation in workshops

- 2020 Doctoral student colloquium "Information Barriers and the Income Tax Credit", Tel Aviv
2019 Doctoral student colloquium "Career and Labor supply of women after giving birth", Tel Aviv
2018 Doctoral student colloquium "Behavioral Intervention in the service of labor Economics", Tel Aviv

Presentations at Universities and Institutions

Topics in Empirical Tax Research, invited lecture in "EITC in Israel", presented to students of The Bogen Family Department of Economics the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, online (November 2020)

Personal

Citizenship: Israeli
Languages: English, Hebrew