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Appointments

Economist, 2016-present, Economic Policy Institute
Research Economist, 2014-2016, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Ph.D., Economics, 2014
University of Georgia, Athens, B.S. *magna cum laude*, Mathematics, 2001

Teaching Interests

Labor economics
Econometrics and statistics
Microeconomics

Teaching Experience

Social policy, inequality, and employment (Pompeu Fabra University)
Macroeconomics (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
RA supervision and data analysis using STATA and R (Washington Center for Equitable Growth; Economic Policy Institute)

Publications

Sylvia Allegretto, Arindrajit Dube, Michael Reich, and Ben Zipperer. 2017. “Credible research designs for minimum wage studies: a response to Neumark, Salas, and Wascher.” *The Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, forthcoming.

Ben Zipperer and Peter Skott. 2012. “An empirical evaluation of three post-Keynesian models.” *European Journal of Economics and Economic Policies: Intervention*. 9(2): 277-307.

Peter Skott and Ben Zipperer. 2011. “Cyclical patterns of employment, utilization and profitability.” *Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics*. 34(1):25-58.

John Schmitt, Margy Waller, Shawn Fremstad, and Ben Zipperer. 2008. “Unions and upward mobility for low-wage workers.” *WorkingUSA*. 11(3): 337-348.

John Schmitt and Ben Zipperer. 2007. “Is the United States a good model for reducing social exclusion in Europe?” *International Journal of Health Services*. 37(1):1-30.

Working papers

Ben Zipperer. 2016. "Did the minimum wage or the Great Recession reduce low-wage employment? Comments on Clemens and Wither (2016)." Working paper.

Ben Zipperer and Kavya Vaghul. 2016. "Historical state and sub-state minimum wage data." Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

Arindrajit Dube and Ben Zipperer. 2015. "Pooled synthetic control estimates for recurring treatments: an application to minimum wage case studies." IZA Discussion Paper No. 8944.

Arindrajit Dube, Ethan Kaplan, and Ben Zipperer. "Economic effects of fiscal stimulus: findings from the ARRA."

Recent talks

"Dynamics of low-wage labor markets," Labor and Employment Relations Association at ASSA, 2017

"Food insecurity among University of California employees," Testimony before the California State Assembly, 2016

"The state of minimum wages," New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute Budget and Policy Conference, 2016

"Pooled synthetic control estimates and minimum wages," William and Mary Economics Department, 2016

"Credible research designs for minimum wage studies," American Economics Association at ASSA, 2016

Selected policy writing

Ben Zipperer. 2016. "Employment fell because of the Great Recession, not the minimum wage." Economic Policy Institute. December.

Ben Zipperer. 2016. "Credible research designs for minimum wage studies." Washington Center for Equitable Growth. August.

Ben Zipperer. 2016. "Why are negative employment effects of the minimum wage hard to find?" Washington Center for Equitable Growth. June.

Ben Zipperer. 2016. "History shows why New Hampshire has room for higher minimum wages." Washington Center for Equitable Growth. April.

Ben Zipperer. 2016. "African American workers are hurt more by the decline in union and manufacturing jobs." Washington Center for Equitable Growth." Washington Center for Equitable Growth. March.

Ben Zipperer. 2015. "Puerto Rico's predicaments: Is its minimum wage the culprit?" Washington Center for Equitable Growth. August.

Ben Zipperer. 2015. "Bolstering the bottom by indexing the minimum wage to the median wage." Washington Center for Equitable Growth. June.

Ben Zipperer. 2015. "How raising the minimum wage ripples through the workforce." Washington Center for Equitable Growth. April.

Ben Zipperer. 2014. "Designing a research agenda to move the minimum wage forward." Washington Center for Equitable Growth. July.

Current research

Ben Zipperer. “Heterogeneous effects of the bite of the minimum wage.”

John Schmitt and Ben Zipperer. *Data Analysis for the Policy Analyst* (book).

Doruk Cengiz, Arindrajit Dube, Attila Lindner, and Ben Zipperer. “The effect of minimum wages on the total number of jobs: Evidence from the U.S. using a bunching estimator.”

Affiliations and honors

Research Associate, Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics at University of California, Berkeley, 2015-present

Senior Research Associate, Center for Economic and Policy Research, 2008-present

Political Economy Research Institute Graduate Fellowship, 2007

Strahan Award for Most Outstanding Junior in Mathematics, 2000

University of Georgia Ramsey Scholarship, 1997-2001

Georgia Governor’s Scholarship and Georgia HOPE Scholarship, 1997-2001

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