

Education

PhD Candidate, UCSD Economics, Sept 2020-Present

Advisors: Sam Bazzi, Sara Lowes

B.S. Economics/Mathematics (*summa cum laude*), University of Southern California, 2017

Publications

Samek, Anya, Arie Kapteyn, and Andre Gray. "Using vignettes to improve understanding of Social Security and annuities." *Journal of Pension Economics & Finance* (2019): 1-18.

Samek, Anya, Andre Gray, Ashlesha Datar, and Nancy Nicosia. "Adolescent time and risk preferences: Measurement, determinants and field consequences." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 184 (2021): 460-488.

Conference Presentations

North American Economic Science Association (ESA) Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Oct 2019.

Roybal Center for Health Decision Making and Financial Independence in Old Age Meeting, Washington DC, Feb 2019

Working Papers

Diversity, Conflict and Agglomeration in African Cities

Historical Immigration and the Market for Schooling in American Cities

Honors and Awards

Ben Horne Memorial Prize, UCSD Economics 2023

USC Mork Scholar, Full Tuition Academic Scholarship, 2013-2017

USC Summer Undergraduate Research Stipend, 2015

USC Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) Grant, 2016

Grants

International Travel Grant, UCSD Economics 2023

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics 2023

School of Social Science Research Grant 2023

Academic Work Experience

Research Assistant

March 2022-June 2022

UCSD Economics

- Worked on data analysis for Dr. Katherine Meckel and Jessie Handbury:
 - (1) Use NORC data to study the effect of SNAP adoption on consumer welfare

Research Assistant

May 2021-Jan 2022

UCSD Economics

- Worked on data analysis for Dr. Sara Lowes on two projects:
 - (1) a lab-in-the-field study measuring the effect of conflict on prosociality in the Democratic Republic of Congo
 - (2) a large-scale RD-design combining DHS and experimental data on the role of cultural factors on the economic decision making of women across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Research Specialist

May 2017-June 2020

University of Southern California (USC) Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR)

- Data analysis and management for field and lab-in-the-field experiments in behavioral, health and education economics, including a longitudinal study of children randomized to

preschool at the University of Chicago and a series of behavioral public health interventions in Los Angeles.

- Collaborated on grants, papers and experiment design with Dr. Anya Samek and coauthors.
- Managed a lab of 10-15 undergraduate and graduate researchers carrying out data collection at both USC CESR and UChicago's Becker Friedman Institute.

Skills

Stata, R, LaTeX, QGIS, Spanish (fluent)