

EMILIANO HARRIS

Cornell University
Department of Economics
443 Uris Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853

Phone: +1 (607) 339-5329
E-mail: eh638@cornell.edu
Website: emiliano-harris.info

Education

- 2019-
2025 (expected) **Ph.D. in Economics, Cornell University**
Committee: Michael F. Lovenheim (chair), Stephen Coate (co-chair) and Ivan Rudik
- 2016-2018 **M.A. in Economics, Paris School of Economics**
APE (Analysis and Economic Policy), Thesis supervisor: Laurent Gobillon
- 2014-2017 **Engineering Degree in Economics and Statistics (M.Sc.), ENSAE, Paris**
- 2012-2014 **Lycée Janson de Sailly, Paris**
Classe préparatoire B/L, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Humanities

Research Fields

Public Finance, Urban Economics, Housing Economics

Job Market Paper

“The First Era of American Public Housing (1940-1960) – Effects on Neighborhoods”

This paper examines how early American public housing affected the income and demographic composition of targeted neighborhoods. At its outset in the mid-1930s and roughly until 1960, public housing combined two missions: provide “decent” housing to working-poor families, and help cities curb urban decay through slum clearance. It was the first nationwide attempt to rely on housing policy to limit the extent of urban poverty concentration. To investigate its effects on neighborhoods, I construct a novel data set with development locations and construction dates in 44 cities. Using a shift-share-style instrument framework, I instrument for local public housing construction by exploiting exogenous aggregate fluctuations in the number of federally funded public housing units across regions and over time, interacted with a neighborhood’s likelihood of receiving public housing conditional on its conditional on its start-of-period characteristics. I find that in neighborhoods most likely to be targeted by the policy, public housing construction increased the shares of families in the lower half of the income distribution, with deciles 3 to 5 increasing by 5 to 6 percentage points each. The bottom decile share declined by about 7 percentage points, although this estimate is not statistically significant. I also show that the average family income below the city median increased by about 20 percent in typical recipient neighborhoods. Together, these effects indicate that public housing reduced the concentration of families in the lowest decile by drawing in families with slightly higher incomes. Put differently, targeted neighborhoods became “mixed-income” areas, which differs considerably from the high levels of poverty concentration that were downstream of changes in public housing policy beginning in the

1960s. These results underscore the way housing policy shapes neighborhood residential composition and income segregation.

Work in Progress

“Homeownership Dynamics and the Lock-In Effect – Evidence from the Federal Reserve’s Monetary Policy Tightening,” with Amine Ouazad, Romain Rancière and Qitong Wang

“Human Capital Formation and Neighborhood Spillovers,” with Gautier Lenfant

Teaching experience

Cornell University

Fall 2024 Teaching Assistant for Sharon Tennyson, Economics of Consumer Policy (U and M.A.)

Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant for David Easley and Joe Halpern, Networks (U)

Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant for Jennifer Wissink, Introductory Microeconomics (U)

Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant for David Easley, Microeconomics (Ph.D. Core)

Sciences Po Paris, Reims campus

Spring 2018 Lecturer in Introductory Econometrics (sole instructor, U and M.A.)

Research Experience

2021-2023 Research Assistant for Maria Fitzpatrick, Cornell University

Summer 2017 Research Assistant for Amine Ouazad, HEC Montreal

Summer 2016 Research Assistant for Laura Mayoral, Institute for Economic Analysis (Barcelona)

Conferences and Seminars

2024 Labor Work In Progress Seminar - Cornell University; Public Economics Seminar - Cornell University; APPAM Research Conference - National Harbor, MD

2023 Labor Work In Progress Seminar - Cornell University

2022 Work In Progress Seminar - Cornell University

Grants and Fellowships

2019-2024 Cornell Sage Fellowship

2024 Cornell Research Travel Grant (Graduate school and Economics Department)

2017 ENSAE thesis nominated for best paper

2016 Fonds Sarah Andrieux grant

Service

2015 Founding member of Agora ENSAE, social science association dedicated to encouraging dialogue among the social sciences through the organization of public lectures by experts
2014-2016 Elected student representative to the ENSAE advisory board

Other

Nationalities American and French
Languages English (native), French (native), German (upper-intermediate level: Goethe-Zertifikat B2), Spanish (intermediate), Russian (basic)
Programming R, Julia, GNU Make, \LaTeX , Markdown, Stata

References

MICHAEL F. LOVENHEIM (Chair)
Professor
Cornell University
Email: mfl55@cornell.edu

STEPHEN COATE (Co-chair)
Kiplinger Professor of Public Policy
Cornell University
Email: sc163@cornell.edu

IVAN RUDIK
Associate Professor
Cornell University
Email: irudik@cornell.edu