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that may push a person into poverty. The literature to date has not provided conclusive evidence for the long-run impact of CCT programs on beneficiaries' resilience against poverty. To fill this gap, I exploit the age-based eligibility thresholds and regional variation in the proportion of persons receiving benefits from the Jamaican CCT program to identify its long-run impact on resilience against poverty. I find that child beneficiaries of the program are up to 8.4 percentage points more resilient against poverty when they become adults than they would have been in the absence of the program. Furthermore, these benefits are only evident in females, and are realized after beneficiaries are in their early 20's. Overall, this study provides further justification for the expansion of CCTs or similar programs targeting children living in less-developed countries.

Works in Progress

"Can big-push policies increase resilience against poverty? Evidence from a large-scale randomized controlled trial"

"Can cash transfers break the poverty trap?"

"The Agricultural Productivity Gap Revisited"

"Public goods provision in complex contexts. Does inequality matter when contributors are recognized?"

Teaching Experience

**Instructor, College of the Holy Cross (2022{present)**

*Principles of Economics*  
*Intermediate Microeconomics*  
*Development Economics*

**Instructor, The University of Alabama (2019{2022)**

*Intermediate Microeconomics (in-person, online asynchronous, online synchronous)*

**Instructor, The University of the West Indies (2013)**

*Introductory Statistics*

Summer 2013

**Teaching Assistant, The University of Alabama**

*Macroeconomic Theory (Masters)*  
*Managerial Economics (Masters)*  
*International Trade (Undergrad and Masters)*  
*Game Theory*  
*Econometrics*  
*Intermediate Macroeconomics*  
*Principles of Microeconomics*  
*Principles of Macroeconomics*  
*Business Finance*  
*Financial Analysis and Modelling*

Spring 2021  
 Spring 2021  
 Spring 2019 and 2020  
 Spring 2020  
 Fall 2019  
 Spring 2019  
 Fall 2017, 2018 and 2019  
 Spring 2018, 2019  
 Summer 2018  
 Summer 2018

Other Professional Experience

**Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), St Andrew, Jamaica**

*Policy Analyst/Economist in poverty and inequality*

2013 { 2017

Conference Presentations

Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana (Upcoming, 2023).

Southern Economic Association 92nd Annual Meeting. Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2022).

