

Daniel R. Perez

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Education

Ph.D., Economics; University of California, Los Angeles

September 2018 – Expected May 2024

Committee: John Asker (Chair), Michela Giorcelli, Hugo Hopenhayn, Will Rafey

MA, Economics; University of California, Los Angeles

September 2018 – March 2020

Relevant Coursework: Microeconomic Theory, Macroeconomic Theory, Econometrics, Advanced Econometrics, Industrial Organization, Topics in Applied Economics, Labor Economics, Economic History

GPA: 3.5/4.0

Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics & Economics; Occidental College

June 2012 – May 2016

Working Papers

Perez, Daniel. *Understanding the Relationship between Mergers, Product Variety and Consumer Surplus*. (JMP)

Abstract: This paper finds evidence of product variety changes due to a merger and compares the welfare effects of these changes with those of price changes in the context of the MillerCoors merger of 2008. I first test whether the merger had any effect on product variety directly. I find that the merged firm decreased the number of brands offered and offset this by increasing product variety in more successful brands. However, under a difference-and-differences framework, I find that product variety declined relative to that of other top competitors. I then use a random coefficient nested logit model and estimate demand for the MillerCoors merger in the postmerger period, expanding on work from Miller and Weinberg (2017). In a set of two counterfactuals, I test the value of new products created after the merger and the value of discontinued products lost after the merger. I find that the merger increased consumer surplus from changes in product variety: consumer surplus increased by 1.25% from new products created and decreased by 0.14% from the loss of discontinued products after the merger. Benchmarking this to results in the literature, I find that the effects of product addition and discontinuation are approximately 34% and -4%, respectively, of the consumer welfare effects of the postmerger price changes in the presence of coordinated pricing found in prior work.

Works in Progress

Perez, Daniel. *The Effects of Domestic Restrictions in Government Procurement for Transportation Goods*.

Other Publications

Edmiston, Kelly D. and Daniel Perez. *Tenth District LMI Economic Conditions*. Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Published Biannually from October 5, 2016 to March 9, 2018.

Edmiston, Kelly D. and Daniel Perez. *Consumer Credit Report*. Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Published December 1, 2017.

Edmiston, Kelly D. and Daniel Perez. *Community Research – Student Loan Relief Programs*. Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Published March 30, 2017.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Economics Department, UCLA

September 2019 – December 2021

- Designed a survey distributed to over 100 students for an internal department study, analyzed the results of the survey, and wrote a report on experiences of transfer students studying economics.
- Programmed a tool in Python designed to extract information from HTML pages, convert PDFs to CSV files and cleaned geographic and census data in STATA.
- Developed a tool in ArcGIS that matches geographic and census data to shapefiles and calculates distances.
- Wrote appendix chapters detailing the cleaning procedure and all code related to the project.

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Research Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

June 2016 – July 2018

- Prepared literature reviews, organized data and coded economic models for Community Affairs and Economic Department staff.
- Penned internal and external publications for community organizations, academia, and public audiences.
- Performed speaking engagements to roundtables and community groups on economic trends.
- Solo authored two articles focused on mixed-income housing and subprime auto lending. Coauthored six articles describing Low and Middle-Income Survey Results and Consumer Credit Report Analyses.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UCLA

September 2019 – Present

Classes Assisted:

- Econ 1: Introductory Economics
 - Quarters Taught: Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
- Econ 5: Economics for Everyone
 - Quarters Taught: Spring 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2022
- Economics 101: Intermediate Microeconomics
 - Quarters Taught: Fall 2020, Winter 2020, Winter 2022, Fall 2023
- Economics 104: Data Science for Economists
 - Quarters Taught: Summer Session A 2023
- Wrote discussion notes and questions for homework and tests.

Instructor, Department of Economics, UCLA

June 2022 – July 2022

Classes Taught:

- Economics 101: Intermediate Microeconomics
 - Quarters Taught: Summer Session A 2022
- Designed Curriculum, created all class notes, slides, discussion notes, and questions for homework and tests.

Awards

Cota-Robles Fellowship, UCLA

September 2018 and September 2022

Lewis L. Clarke Graduate Fellowship Fund, UCLA

June 2022

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA

June 2021

Service

Graduate Student Association Representative, SSC, UCLA

September 2019 – June 2021

- Advocated for graduate student issues and discussed proposals with other graduate student members.
- Took notes for the meeting and delivered a summary to the Social Sciences Council (SSC) for graduate students from other social sciences.

Treasurer, Graduate Economics Association, UCLA

June 2020 – June 2021

- Managed a budget of approximately \$3000 for Graduate Student Activities during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Suggested and assisted with coordinating remote events that can be done in lieu of in-person activities.
- Documented the role and assisted future Treasurers with Bank Account Transfers, Tax Paperwork, and other general Treasurer Duties.

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References

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- Will Rafey, Assistant Professor, UCLA
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