

Reading List for lecture on the economics of early childhood development

Academic papers:

Attanasio O, Debbie Blair, "Structural Modelling in Policymaking?" CEDIL Inception Paper 9: London, 2018

Attanasio, Orazio, Camila Fernández, Emla OA Fitzsimons, Sally M. Grantham-McGregor, Costas Meghir, and Marta Rubio-Codina. "Using the infrastructure of a conditional cash transfer program to deliver a scalable integrated early child development program in Colombia: cluster randomized controlled trial." *Bmj* 349 (2014): g5785.

Attanasio, Orazio, Sarah Cattan, Emla Fitzsimons, Costas Meghir, and Marta Rubio-Codina. *Estimating the production function for human capital: Results from a randomized control trial in Colombia*. No. w20965. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2015.

Cunha, Flavio, and James Heckman. "The technology of skill formation." *American Economic Review* 97, no. 2 (2007): 31-47.

Cunha, Flavio, James J. Heckman, Lance Lochner, and Dimitriy V. Masterov. "Interpreting the evidence on life cycle skill formation." *Handbook of the Economics of Education* 1 (2006): 697-812.

Gertler, Paul, James Heckman, Rodrigo Pinto, Arianna Zanolini, Christel Vermeersch, Susan Walker, Susan M. Chang, and Sally Grantham-McGregor. "Labor market returns to an early childhood stimulation intervention in Jamaica." *Science* 344, no. 6187 (2014): 998-1001.

General interest readings:

A blog on IFS's work on early childhood development: <https://voxeu.org/article/early-years-child-well-being-and-role-public-policy>

The Economist article on the importance of early childhood:
<https://www.economist.com/international/2016/10/29/give-me-a-child>

Description of the Heckman framework:
<https://heckmanequation.org/assets/2017/01/Heckman20Investing20in20Young20Children.pdf>

Blog for Jamaica intervention: <https://www.povertyactionlab.org/evaluation/20-year-follow-early-childhood-stimulation-program-jamaica>