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WORKING PAPERS *Abstracts provided at the end of this document.*  
“The Effect of Islamic Regulations on Women: Evidence from Indonesia .” (Job Market Paper)  
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### **The Effect of Islamic Regulations on Women: Evidence from Indonesia**

It is commonly believed among westerners that fundamentalist Islam is oppressive towards women and limits their economic opportunities. I use Islamic regulations that were passed between 1999 and 2005 in Indonesia to test this hypothesis. These regulations fall into four different categories- veiling, Islamic knowledge, *zakat* (tithing), and social order. Veiling regulations, which convey a message of traditionalist gender roles, are correlated with lower female employment. When controlling for pre-treatment trends via synthetic control, veiling regulations do not have significant effects on employment. I also test for differences between the matrilineal region of West Sumatra and the rest of Indonesia. I find evidence of an economic downturn in West Sumatra based on decreasing employment rates for both men and women. Fertility rates also increase in West Sumatra. In most of Indonesia districts that pass Islamic regulations have lower rates of female employment prior to treatment, but this pattern does not hold for West Sumatra.

### **Tracking Transition Outcomes of Recent Veterans**

One of the services offered to veterans as they transition to civilian life is an employment workshop sponsored by the Department of Labor (DoL). Attendance at the DoL workshop became mandatory as part of the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011, however little is known about the relationship between program attendance and post-separation outcomes for servicemembers. In this work I use a newly constructed data set to examine the relationship between DoL workshop attendance and employment outcomes for soldiers who transitioned out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord from 2010-2015. While I am not able to establish a causal relationship, I find a strong positive association between DoL workshop attendance and employment rate at 3 months post-separation. I also find that those who attend the DoL workshop have a lower average wage in their first civilian job. Finally, those who attend the DoL workshop greater than 6 months prior to separation experience the largest gains, indicating that much of the gain associated with the DoL workshop may be driven by selection.