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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, University of California-Berkeley — 2022 –
Goldman School of Public Policy

Affiliations

NBER Faculty Research Fellow (Aging, Economics of Health) — 2024 –
Invited Researcher, J-PAL North America — 2024 –
TIAA Institute Fellow — 2024 –
Member, G53 Financial Literacy and Personal Finance Research Network — 2024 –
Faculty Affiliate, Berkeley Population Center, UC-Berkeley — 2023 –
Faculty Affiliate, Opportunity Lab, UC-Berkeley — 2022 –
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC-Berkeley — 2022 –

Past Appointments

Assistant Professor of Public Policy & Economics, University of Virginia — 2016 – 2022
Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy

Education

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania — 2016
PhD, Health Economics

University of York, UK — 2007
MSc, Health Economics

Princeton University — 2005
BA, Public Policy

Publications

17. "Links Between Puzzles in Household Finance: Evidence from Employee Benefit Choices"
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy (forthcoming)
(with Leora Friedberg and Brent Davis)

16. "Does Mandatory Retirement Saving Crowd Out Voluntary Retirement Saving?"
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 2024. 225: 20-36.
(with Leora Friedberg and Wenqiang Cai)

15. "On Resource Allocation in Health Care: The Case of Concierge Medicine"
Journal of Health Economics, 2023. 90: 102776.
(with Molly Candon and Guy David)

14. "Employed in a SNAP? The Effect of Work Requirements on Program Participation and Labor Supply"
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 2023. 15(1): 306–341.
(with Colin Gray, Elena Prager, Kelsey Pukelis, and Mary Zaki)

- 2026 Best Paper Award in AEJ: Economic Policy

13. “Health Insurance Design Meets Saving Incentives: Consumer Responses to Complex Contracts”
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 2022. 14(2): 200-227.

- 2022 TIAA Institute Paul A. Samuelson Award for Outstanding Scholarly Writing on Lifelong Financial Security

12. “Education Gradients in Mortality Trends by Gender and Race”
Journal of Human Capital, 2022. 16(1): 47–72.
(with Chris Ruhm)

11. “Has Mortality Risen Disproportionately for the Least Educated?”
Journal of Health Economics, 2021. 79: 102494.
(with Chris Ruhm)

10. “Wage Insurance and Labor Market Trajectories”
American Economic Association: Papers and Proceedings, 2021. 111: 491–95.
(with Ben Hyman, Brian Kovak, and Theo Naff)

9. “Losses (and Gains) from Health Reform for Non-Medicaid Uninsureds”
Journal of Risk and Insurance, 2020. 87(1): 41–66.
(with Scott Harrington and Mark Pauly)

8. “Dying to Win? Olympic Gold Medals and Longevity”
Journal of Health Economics, 2018. 87(1): 193-204.

7. “A Cautionary Tale in Comparative Effectiveness Research: Perils and Pitfalls of Observational Data Analysis” in Measuring and Modeling Health Care Costs.
NBER Book Series Studies in Income and Wealth. University of Chicago Press. 2018.
(with Armando Franco, Dana Goldman, and Daniel McFadden)

6. “Sticker Shock in Individual Insurance under Health Reform”
American Journal of Health Economics, 2015. 1(4): 494–514.
(with Scott Harrington and Mark Pauly)

5. “Do National Cancer Screening Guidelines Reduce Mortality?”
Journal of Population Economics , 2015. 28(4): 1075–1095.
(with Thomas Stratmann)

4. “Plan Selection in Part D: Evidence from Administrative Data”
Journal of Health Economics, 2013. 32(6): 1325–1344.
(with Florian Heiss, Daniel McFadden, and Joachim Winter)

3. “The Unanticipated Consequences of Postponing the Employer Mandate”
New England Journal of Medicine, 2013. 369: 691–693.
(with Mark Pauly)

2. “Coping with Out-of-Pocket Health Payments: Empirical Evidence from 15 African Countries”
Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 2008. 86(11): 849–856.

(with Ke Xu)

1. "Financing Global Health: Mission Unaccomplished"
Health Affairs, 2007. 26(4): 921–934.
(with George Schieber, Pablo Gottret, and Lisa Fleisher)

Work in Progress

"Wage Insurance for Displaced Workers"
(with Ben Hyman and Brian Kovak)
Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Political Economy*

"The Incidence of Adverse Selection: Theory and Evidence from Health Insurance Choices"
(with Mike Geruso and Tim Layton)
Revise & Resubmit at *Economic Journal*

"Health Saving Accounts, Life-Cycle Saving, and Liquidity"
(with Leora Friedberg, Jaeki Jang, and Eric Young)

"Fit to Consume: How Health Shapes Preferences for Consumption"
(with Jessica Ya Sun)

"The Virginia Work Requirements Experiment"
(with Tim Layton and Adrianna McIntyre)

"The Impact of Hospital Mergers and Acquisitions on Consumer Finances"
(with Alexander Adia, Ambar La Forgia, and Elena Prager)

Other Writing

"Wage insurance for Trade-Displaced Workers: A Middle-Ground Alternative to Rising Protectionism"
VoxEU, September 3, 2024.
(with Ben Hyman and Brian Kovak)

"Wage Insurance: A Potential Policy for Displaced Workers"
Liberty Street Economics Blog, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, July 17, 2024.
(with Ben Hyman and Brian Kovak)

"Evidence on the Effects of Work Requirements in Safety Net Programs"
VoxEU, October 4, 2021.
(with Colin Gray, Elena Prager, Kelsey Pukelis, and Mary Zaki)

"The Future of U.S. Health Care: Is Medicare Really Better at 'Saving' Money"
Economists' Voice, 2014. 11(1): 13-20
(with Aaron Edlin and Dana Goldman)

"Why 'Medicare-For-All' is Not the Answer"
Health Affairs Blog, May 14, 2013
(with Dana Goldman)

"Want More Value from Prescription Drugs? We Need to Let Prices Rise and Fall"
Economists' Voice, 2013. 10(1): 39-43
(with Dana Goldman and Darius Lakdawalla)

"Why Private Medicare Plans Don't Cost Less"
New York Times, October 16, 2012
(with Dana Goldman and Daniel McFadden)

Grants

External

National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation ($50,000) 2026 – 2027
The Impact of Hospital Mergers and Acquisitions on Consumer Finances
Role: co-PI (PI: Ambar La Forgia)

Russell Sage Foundation ($200,000) 2026 – 2027
The Virginia Work Requirements Experiment
Role: co-PI (PI: Tim Layton)

TIAA Institute ($70,000) 2024 – 2025
New Evidence on the Relationship Between Consumption, Health, and Utility
Role: PI

TIAA Institute ($70,000) 2020 – 2021
Health Saving Accounts and Life-Cycle Saving: Implications for Retirement Preparedness
Role: PI

R01 NIH-Minority Health & Health Disparities ($1,685,571) 2020 – 2024
Work Requirements and Health Care Disparities in Medicaid: A Randomized Controlled Trial
Role: co-I (PI: Ben Sommers)

J-PAL North America ($394,226) 2019 – 2022
The Virginia Work Requirements Experiment
Role: co-I (PI: Tim Layton)

National Science Foundation ($292,000) 2019 – 2021
Wage Insurance for Displaced Workers
Role: co-PI (PI: Brian Kovak)

TIAA Institute/Pension Research Council ($50,000) 2018 – 2019
Complexity and Mistakes in Retirement Saving and Health Insurance Choices
Role: co-PI (PI: Leora Friedberg)

Internal

3 Cavaliers, UVA ($60,000) 2021 – 2022
Health Saving Accounts and Life-Cycle Saving: Implications for Retirement Preparedness
Role: PI

Bankard Fund for Political Economy, UVA ($29,438) 2020 – 2021
The Effect of Wage Insurance on Wages, Unemployment, and Public Assistance Benefits in Virginia (continuation)
Role: PI

Bankard Fund for Political Economy, UVA ($58,817) 2019 – 2020
Complexity and Mistakes in Retirement Saving and Health Insurance Choices
Role: co-PI (PI: Leora Friedberg)

Bankard Fund for Political Economy, UVA ($29,972) 2018 – 2019
The Effect of Wage Insurance on Wages, Unemployment, and Public Assistance Benefits in Virginia
Role: PI

Pre-doctoral

NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Aging and Health Economics	2015 – 2016
Dissertation Fellowship, Center for Retirement Research	2015 – 2016
Ackoff Fellowship, Wharton School UPENN	2014 – 2016
Leonard Davis Institute Pilot Grant, Wharton School UPENN	2014 – 2015
Larkin Senior Thesis Prize, Princeton University	2005

Presentations

2026–2027: University of Mannheim, Brookings Institution **2025–2026**: Stanford, UC-Irvine, UC-San Diego, Georgia State (Robinson), Federal Reserve Board, FDIC, Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics **2024–2025**: University of Utah (Eccles), UC-Riverside (Public Policy), **2023–2024**: NBER Summer Institute (Aging), American-European Health Economics Study Group, ASHEcon, Annual Health Economics Conference (Stanford), Clemson University, Cherry Blossom Financial Education Institute (Stanford), National Tax Association **2022–2023**: Huazhong University of Science and Technology, University of Wisconsin IRP Summer Research Workshop **2021–2022**: UC-Berkeley-Chicago Behavioral Economics, George Washington University Health Economics, UC-Berkeley Goldman School, National Tax Association, Southeastern Health Economics Study Group **2020–2021**: University of Wisconsin (Risk & Insurance), BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics, Triangle Health Economics Workshop, George Mason University, Columbia University (Health Policy & Management), Western Economic Association, ASHEcon. **2019–2020**: Columbia University Health Policy & Management, Defined Contribution Institutional Investment Association Academic Forum. *canceled due to COVID-19*: NBER Public Economics, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop, ASHEcon **2018–2019**: CEAR/MRIC Behavioral Insurance Workshop, ASHEcon **2017–2018**: NBER Summer Institute (Health Care), Boulder Summer Conference on Consumer Financial Decision Making, ASHEcon, Lab@DC. **2016–2017**: NBER Health Economics, iHEA, APPAM, Southern Economic Association, Annual Health Economics Conference (Vanderbilt). **2015–2016**: ASHEcon, CBO, Johns Hopkins (Carey), Miami Business School, Minnesota (Health Policy), Northwestern (Kellogg), UVA (Batten), Yale (Health Policy).

Teaching

UC-Berkeley: Goldman School of Public Policy

Economics of Public Policy Analysis I (MPP)	2025, 2026
Economics of Public Policy Analysis II (MPP)	2023, 2024
Health Economics and Public Policy (MPP)	2023
Capstone (MPP)	2027

UVA: Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy

Economics of Social Insurance and Means-Tested Programs (MPP)	2020, 2022
Rethinking the Social Safety Net (BA)	2022
Comparative Policy History (BA)	2016, 2017, 2018
Research Methods & Data Analysis I (MPP)	2016, 2017, 2018

Service

Search Committee (Public Policy Tenure-Track Profesor) UC-Berkeley Goldman School	2026–2027
Curriculum Committee, UC-Berkeley Goldman School	2023–2026
MPP Admissions Committee, UC-Berkeley Goldman School	2026
PhD Admissions Committee, UC-Berkeley Goldman School	2024
Smolensky Award Committee, UC-Berkeley Goldman School	2023, 2024
Excellence Review Committee, Lecturer, UC-Berkeley Goldman School	2023
Search Committee (Adjunct Professor), UC-Berkeley Goldman School	2022
Executive Committee, UVA Batten	2020 – 2021
Admissions Committee, UVA Batten	2020 – 2022
Curriculum Committee, UVA Batten	2017 – 2019, 2021 – 2022
Search Committee (Communications Specialist), UVA Batten	2021
Search Committee (Teaching Faculty), UVA Batten	2018
Health and Well-Being Committee, UVA	2017 – 2019

Referee service: *American Economic Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; Review of Economics and Statistics; Management Science; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Health Economics; American Journal of Health Economics; Health Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Risk and Insurance; Journal of Human Capital; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Economics and Human Biology; Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance; Health Affairs; Inquiry; International Journal of Healthcare Finance and Economics; Journal of Financial Literacy and Wellbeing; Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law; JAMA Health Forum*

Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation

Samuelson Award Committee, TIAA Institute	2026
National Tax Association Conference Program Committee, Health & Education	2025
ASHEcon Conference Program Chair for Consumer Decision-Making in Health Care	2022

Pre-PhD Employment

Economist, International Monetary Fund	2008 – 2010
Junior Professional Associate, World Bank	2006 – 2008