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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2019 – Present (Expected June 2025)
Ph.D. in Economics Cambridge, MA

Wellesley College 2013 – 2017
B.A. in Economics, summa cum laude Wellesley, MA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Health Economics, Public Finance, Labor Economics
Secondary: Industrial Organization

PUBLICATIONS

“[Immigrant Labor and the Institutionalization of the U.S.-Born Elderly](#)” (with Kristin Butcher and Tara Watson). *Review of International Economics*, 30(5), *Special Issue on Immigration in OECD Countries*, 2022.

Previous Version: [NBER Working Paper No. 29520](#)

Media Coverage: [AEI](#), [Brookings](#), [Forbes](#), [Niskanen Center](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#)

Summaries: [Cato Institute](#), [Econofact](#), [VoxEU](#)

“[The Evolution of Infant Mortality Inequality in the United States, 1960–2016](#)” (with Nick Turner and Kaveh Danesh). *Science Advances*, 6(29), 2020.

WORKING PAPERS

“Non-Profit Hospital Charity Care & the Public Health Care Safety Net”

Abstract: Medical organizations in the US provide billions of dollars of free and discounted health care to uninsured and low-income patients each year. The two largest providers of this safety net health care are private hospitals and the public sector. In this paper, I use federal tax returns from non-profit hospitals and difference-in-difference estimation strategies to explore the relationship between these two provider channels. I find that a one standard deviation increase in publicly funded health centers per capita is associated with a 9% decrease in non-profit hospital charity care spending from hospitals in the same county as these centers. Further, state-level Medicaid expansions coincide with a 35% decrease in non-profit hospital charity care. Finally, I find that non-profit hospitals do not change their financial assistance policies following these local increases in the public safety net.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Hospital Charity Care & The Hill-Burton Act”

“Interoperability and Competition in Electronic Health Records” with Rebekah Dix and Anh Nguyen

“Monopsony in the Nurse Labor Market: Travel Nurses & the Spread of Information” with Alex Martin

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Profs. Joseph Doyle and John Van Reenen <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	2022, 2023 Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant to Prof. Amy Finkelstein <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	2020, 2021 Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant <i>Federal Reserve Board of Governors (Fiscal Analysis Section)</i>	2017 – 2019 Washington, DC
Research Assistant to Profs. Kristin Butcher and Kartini Shastry <i>Wellesley College</i>	2016 – 2017 Wellesley, MA
Research Intern <i>U.S. Department of the Treasury (Office of Economic Policy)</i>	2016 Washington, DC
Research Assistant to Prof. Robert Schoeni <i>University of Michigan</i>	2015 Ann Arbor, MI

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Economics Research & Communication <i>Teaching Assistant for Profs. Dave Donaldson and Jim Poterba (MIT, Fall 2021)</i>
Undergraduate Econometrics <i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Kristin Butcher (Wellesley, Spring 2017)</i> <i>Teaching Assistant for Prof. Kartini Shastry (Wellesley, Spring 2016)</i>

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Aging and Health Fellowship, National Bureau of Economic Research	2023
Best TA Award from MIT Undergraduate Economics Association	2022
George and Obie Schultz Fund (MIT)	2022
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2019 – 2024
Peggy Howard Fellowship (Wellesley)	2019
Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Applied Economics (Wellesley)	2017
Schiff Fellowship (Wellesley)	2016 – 2017
Case Fellowship (Wellesley)	2016 – 2017
Wellesley in Washington Fellow	2016
Phi Beta Kappa (as junior)	2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for: <i>AEJ: Applied Economics</i> , <i>AER: Insights</i> , <i>American Journal of Health Economics</i>
Organizer for MIT Public Finance Field Lunch (2022-2023)
Organizer for MIT Economics Third-Year Lunch (2021)
Mentor for MIT Econ Application Assistance and Mentoring Program (2021-present)
Treasurer for MIT Graduate Women in Economics (2019-2022)

Volunteer Instructor for Federal Reserve Board's Howard University R Course (2018-2019)

PRESENTATIONS

ASHEcon (2022)

Federal Reserve Board Applied Microeconomics Seminar (2019)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Assistant Coach, Wellesley College Club Water Polo	2022 –
Volunteer, Washington Home and Community Hospices	2018 – 2019
President and Treasurer, Wellesley College Club Water Polo	2013 – 2017
Chaser, Wellesley College Quidditch	2013 – 2017

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

U.S. Citizen

Language: English (native), Spanish (intermediate)

Programming: R, SAS, STATA, Julia

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