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## EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Ph.D. in Economics*

2019 – Present (Expected June 2025)  
Cambridge, MA

Wellesley College  
*B.A. in Economics, summa cum laude*

2013 – 2017  
Wellesley, MA

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

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## PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

Summaries: [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.

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## 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.

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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Hospital Charity Care & The Hill-Burton Act”

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

“Supply-Side Incentives & Interoperability in the EHR Market” with Rebekah Dix and Anh Nguyen

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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Research Assistant to Profs. Joseph Doyle and John Van Reenen <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	2022 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

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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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>

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**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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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
Phi Beta Kappa (as junior)	2016
Wellesley in Washington Fellow	2016

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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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-present)
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**

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ASHEcon (2022)

Federal Reserve Board Applied Microeconomics Seminar (2019)

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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Volunteer, Washington Home and Community Hospices	2018 – 2019
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President and Treasurer, Wellesley College Club Water Polo	2013 – 2017
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Chaser, Wellesley College Quidditch	2013 – 2017
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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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U.S. Citizen

Language: English (native), Spanish (intermediate)

Programming: R, SAS, STATA, Julia

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