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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

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: [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”

“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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

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

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

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-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

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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