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Employment

- 2016-Present Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management,
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
- 2014-2015 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research,
Harvard University

Other Affiliations

- 2016-Present Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 2016-Present Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)
- 2017-Present Academic Affiliate, Office of Evaluation Sciences,
U.S. General Services Administration

Education

- 2009-2014 PhD, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dissertation: *Essays in Health Economics and Productivity*
Advisors: Amy Finkelstein, Michael Greenstone, Jonathan Gruber
- 2003-2007 BA, Economics, Columbia University

Publications

Peer Comparison Letters for High Volume Primary Care Prescribers of Quetiapine in Older and Disabled Adults: A Randomized Clinical Trial (with Michael Barnett, Jackson Le, Frank Tetkoski, David Yokum, and Shantanu Agrawal, *JAMA Psychiatry*, October 2018)

Is the U.S. Healthcare System Wasteful and Inefficient? A Review of the Evidence (with Sherry Glied – *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, October 2018)

Technological Diffusion Across Hospitals: The Case of a Revenue-Generating Practice (*Journal of Health Economics*, July 2018)

Government-Academic Partnerships in Randomized Evaluations: The Case of Inappropriate Prescribing (with David Yokum and Shantanu Agrawal – *American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings*, May 2017)

Nudging Leads Consumers In Colorado To Shop But Not Switch ACA Marketplace Plans (corresponding author; with Keith Ericson, Jon Kingsdale, and Tim Layton – *Health Affairs*, February 2017)

Perhaps Market Forces Do Work in Health Care After All (with Amitabh Chandra, Amy Finkelstein, and Chad Syverson – *Harvard Business Review*, December 2016)

Healthcare Exceptionalism? Performance and Allocation in the U.S. Healthcare Sector (with Amitabh Chandra, Amy Finkelstein, and Chad Syverson – *American Economic Review*, August 2016)

Productivity Dispersion in Medicine and Manufacturing (with Amitabh Chandra, Amy Finkelstein, and Chad Syverson – *American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings*, May 2016)

Medicare Letters To Curb Overprescribing Of Controlled Substances Had No Detectable Effect On Providers (corresponding author; with David Yokum, Amy Finkelstein, and Shantanu Agrawal – *Health Affairs*, March 2016)

Working Papers

Healthcare Exceptionalism? Productivity and Allocation in the U.S. Healthcare Sector (with Amitabh Chandra, Amy Finkelstein, and Chad Syverson – NBER Working Paper No. 19200, February 2013)

Grants and Fellowships

- 2018-2019 J-PAL North America - The Effect of Behavioral Interventions on Enrollment and Adverse Selection in Health Insurance Marketplaces (PI: Layton)
- 2017-2022 National Institute on Aging (P01AG005842) - Improving Health Outcomes for an Aging Population, Project: Market Learning and Health Care Disparities (PIs: Chandra and Sacarny)
- 2017-2020 National Institute on Aging (R01AG034151) - What Does Health Insurance Do? Evidence from the Oregon Health Insurance Lottery (PIs: Baicker and Finkelstein)
- 2016-2021 Laura and John Arnold Foundation – Using HCCI Data to Study Issues Relating to the Efficiency of the US Health Care System (PI: Finkelstein)

- 2015-2016 J-PAL North America – Intervening with Consumers to Improve Choices on Health Insurance Marketplaces (PI: Sacarny)
- 2014-2017 J-PAL North America – Reducing Inappropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances in the United States (PI: Sacarny)
- 2012-2014 NBER Health and Aging Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2012 George and Obie Shultz Research Support Grant
- 2009-2011 John Castle Graduate International Fellowship

■ Seminars and Talks

- 2019 Junior Health Economics Summit (Whistler, BC); Hunter College (Scheduled)
- 2018 American Economic Association Meetings (Philadelphia, PA); University of Minnesota School of Public Health; University of Pennsylvania; Junior Health Economics Summit (Whistler, BC); American University; American Society of Health Economists Meeting (Atlanta, GA)
- 2017 American Economic Association Meetings (Chicago, IL); AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference (Washington, DC); Junior Health Economics Summit (Whistler, BC); University at Albany – SUNY; Challenging the Conventional Wisdom Conference (Columbia University); iHEA World Congress (Boston, MA); Advances with Field Experiments Conference (Chicago, IL); Cornell University
- 2016 Junior Health Economics Summit (Whistler, BC); Vanderbilt University; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting (Aspen, CO); American Society of Health Economists Meeting (Philadelphia, PA); AcademyHealth Meeting (Boston, MA); Advances with Field Experiments Conference (Chicago, IL); RAND (Santa Monica, CA); Office of Evaluation Sciences (Washington, DC); APPAM Fall Research Conference (Washington, DC); Hunter College; J-PAL North America Conference (Cambridge, MA); Public-Academic Research Colloquium (Washington, DC)
- 2015 Harvard Medical School; White House Social and Behavioral Sciences Team; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA); iHEA World Congress (Milan, Italy); University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration; University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy Studies

2014 Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; Congressional Budget Office; Stanford University School of Medicine; Yale School of Public Health; University of Minnesota School of Public Health; Johns Hopkins Carey Business School; USC Price School of Public Policy; Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Discussant

2018 American Society of Health Economists Meeting (Atlanta, GA)
2016 American Society of Health Economists Meeting (Philadelphia, PA); Annual Health Economics Conference (Nashville, TN); National Tax Association Meetings (Baltimore, MD)
2015 National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (Boston, MA)

Teaching

2016-Present Research Methods I: Empirical Analysis for Health Policy (P8502)
2016-Present Research Methods III: Analysis of Large Scale Data (P8508)

Previous Relevant Positions

2009-2014 Research Assistant, Professor Amy Finkelstein
2008-2009 Associate Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
2007-2008 Research Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Professional Activities

Referee for: *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Economics*, *INQUIRY*, *J-PAL North America* *State and Local Innovation Initiative*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *The Milbank Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*