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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current positions and affiliations

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 9/2020-present
Coeditor, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 6/2022-present
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 9/2020-present
Faculty Research Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, 8/2011-present
Associate Editor, Journal of Health Economics, 2020-present

Past positions and affiliations

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 8/2011-8/2020
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 5/2013-9/2020
Editorial Board, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 1/2021-12/2022
Adjunct Affiliate, RAND, 7/2015-8/2022
Visiting Researcher, Paris School of Economics, 1/2023-7/2023
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, 7/2018-6/2019
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of California Berkeley, Spring 2015

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Stanford University, 2006-2011
BA in Economics and BA in Applied Mathematics, University of California San Diego, 2002-2006

PUBLICATIONS

Partial Outsourcing of Public Programs: Evidence on Determinants of Choice in Medicare. Forthcoming in the Review of Economics and Statistics (with Colleen Carey and Jinyeong Son).

Trauma at School: The Impacts of Shootings on Students' Human Capital and Economic Outcomes. The Review of Economic Studies, 93(1), January 2026, 327-365. (with Bokyoung Kim, Maya Rossin-Slater, Molly Schnell, and Hannes Schwandt)

The Impact of Provider Payments on Health Care Utilization of Low-Income Individuals: Evidence from Medicare and Medicaid. American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 17(1), February 2025, 106-43. (with Colleen Carey and Sarah Miller)

- Finalist for the 2025 annual NIHCM Foundation Research Award

The Impact of Benefit Generosity on Workers' Compensation Claims: Evidence and Implications. American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 16(3), July 2024, 436-81. (with Marcus Dillender)

Gender Differences in Medical Evaluations: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Doctors. American Economic Review, 114(2), February 2024, 462-99. (with Marcus Dillender)

The Demand for Insurance and Rationale for a Mandate: Evidence from Workers' Compensation Insurance. American Economic Review, 112, May 2022, 1621-68. (with Can Cui and Michael Dworsky)

Disparities in Health Care and Medical Evaluations by Gender: A Review of Evidence and Mechanisms. AEA Papers and Proceedings, 111, May 2021, 159-163. (with Marcus Dillender)

Estimating the Value of Public Insurance Using Complementary Private Insurance. American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 11(3), August 2019, 88-129. (with Mark Cullen)

Externalities and Taxation of Supplemental Insurance: A Study of Medicare and Medigap. American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 11(2), April 2019, 37-73. (with Neale Mahoney)

Do Larger Health Insurance Subsidies Benefit Patients or Producers? Evidence from Medicare Advantage. American Economic Review 108(8), August 2018, 2048-87. (with Michael Geruso and Neale Mahoney)

The Effect of Insurance Coverage on Preventive Care. Economic Inquiry, 55(3), July 2017, 1452-1467. (with Mark Cullen)

Claim Timing and Ex Post Adverse Selection. The Review of Economic Studies, 84(1), January 2017, 1-44.

- Awarded the 2018 annual iHEA Arrow Award for "best health economics paper published in 2017"

WORKING PAPERS

Doctors as Gatekeepers in Social Insurance: Evidence from Workers' Compensation Insurance. (with Marcus Dillender). NBER working paper #33988.

Choice Between Public and Private Health Care Systems: Evidence from Veterans. (with David Chan and Seth Neller). NBER working paper #35440.

Air Pollution, Wildfire Smoke, and Worker Health. (with Marcus Dillender). NBER working paper #32232. [revise and resubmit: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy]

The Hated Property Tax: Salience, Tax Rates and Tax Revolts. (with Caroline Hoxby). NBER working paper #18514. [revise and resubmit: Journal of Political Economy].

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2025-2029 NIH Grant R01 HD114558, "Understanding the Short- and Long-Term Impacts of School-Based Health Centers" with Molly Schnell, Bokyoung Kim, Maya Rossin-Slater, Adrienne Sabety, Hannes Schwandt, and Erin Rodriguez.
- 2025 NIHCM Foundation Research Award Finalist, National Institute for Health Care Management
- 2024 ASHEcon Medal awarded to "an early career economist who has made the most significant contributions to the field of health economics," American Society of Health Economists
- 2021 Social Security Administration NBER Disability Research Center grant "Gender Differences in Disability Evaluations: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Workers' Compensation Doctors" with Marcus Dillender
- 2021 NIH pilot grant, UT Austin Center on Aging and Population Sciences (NIA P30AG066614), "Decomposing place- and person-based sources of variation in private insurance coverage among Medicare beneficiaries"

2020-2024 NIH Grant R01 HD102378, “Understanding the Short- and Long-Term Impacts of Childhood Exposure to Violence: Evidence from School Shootings” with Maya Rossin-Slater, Molly Schnell, Hannes Schwandt, and Victor Carrion

2019-2026 National Science Foundation CAREER Award 1845190, “Empirical Studies on the Impact of Public Policy and Incentive Design in Insurance for Health-Related Risks”

2018-2019 Visiting Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)

2018 Arrow Award for Best Paper in Health Economics, International Health Economics Association

2017-2022 NIH Grant R01 AG026291, “Disease, Disability and Death in an Aging Workforce” with Mark Cullen (PI) and Alcoa Research Consortium

2012 Summer Research Assignment Grant, UT Austin

2011 National Tax Association Dissertation Award

2011 Robert Wood Johnson Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Policy (declined)

2008-2011 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2006-2008 Economics Department Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

2026 (including scheduled) Wharton, Imperial College London Business School, NBER Summer Institute Public Economics

2025 (*indicates virtual) Applied Economics Workshop— joint across UTokyo, NTU Taiwan, NUS, HKUST, Academia Sinica, HKU, Hitotsubashi, and NTU Singapore* (keynote), BFI Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference at University of Chicago, Federal Reserve Board*, NBER Aging Meeting (discussant), Nebraska Labor Summit (keynote), NYU Stern School of Business, University of Virginia Batten School

2024 (*indicates virtual) BU-Harvard-MIT Health Economics, Duke University, Northwestern Kellogg, ITAM Business School*, UC Santa Barbara, UNC Chapel Hill*, University of Chicago, University of Rochester, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*, University of Zurich, Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference (discussant)

2023 Center for Research in Economics and Statistics, Georgetown McDonough, Mannheim University, Paris School of Economics, UC San Diego, University of Munich, University of Toronto Frontiers in Applied Microeconomics Conference, WashU Olin School of Business, Wharton

2022 Columbia University Economics, Monash University Business School, NBER Summer Institute Economics of Social Security, Society of Cost Benefit Analysis Annual Conference, University of Chicago Harris School, Yale University Economics

2021 AEA meetings, Baylor University, Florida Applied Microeconomics (joint seminar series for several Florida universities), ITAM Center for Economic Research, NBER Summer Institute Health Care

2020 AEA meetings, Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business, Chicago Booth Junior Health Economics Summit, John Hopkins University Economics, NBER Labor Studies Meeting, University of Michigan Economics

2019 AEA meetings (discussant), BU-Harvard-MIT Health Economics, Northwestern Kellogg Annual Healthcare Markets Conference, NYU-Columbia University, UC Davis Economics, University of Wisconsin Madison Economics

2018 AEA meetings, American Society of Health Economists Conference, Austin-Bergen Labor Workshop, Cornell Economics, National Tax Association Annual Conference, NBER Summer Institute Household Finance (discussant), Ohio State University Economics, Stanford Economics, UCLA Economics, UC San Diego Economics, University of Michigan Economics, University of Wisconsin Madison Economics

2017 NBER/CEPRA Workshop on Aging and Health, UT Austin Economics

2016 AEA meetings (discussant), Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College, Chicago Booth Junior Health Economics Summit, Cornell Economics and Policy Analysis and Management, IFN Stockholm Conference 2016, Indiana University Kelley School of Business, NBER Insurance Meeting (discussant), NBER Summer Institute Public Economics, STATA Texas Empirical Micro Conference, University of Virginia Economics

2015 AEA meetings, Harvard Economics, National Tax Association Annual Conference, Princeton Economics, RAND, UIUC Center for Business and Public Policy, UC Berkeley Economics, UC Santa Cruz Economics, Wharton, Yale Economics

2014 Annual Health Economics Conference, NBER Health Care/Insurance Meeting, NBER Public Economics Meeting, University of Chicago Harris School, University of Maryland Economics, US Bureau of Economic Analysis

2013 Annual Health Economics Conference, Austin-Bergen Labor Workshop, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Public Finance Conference, National Tax Association Annual Conference, Stanford Economics, Texas A&M University Economics, University of Chicago Harris School, University of Houston/Rice University Economics, UT Austin Economics

2012 American Society of Health Economists Conference, National Tax Association Annual Conference, Toulouse School of Economics

2011 Brown Economics, Columbia Economics, National Tax Association Annual Conference, RAND, STATA Texas Empirical Micro Conference, UBC Economics, UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, UC Irvine Economics, University of Pittsburgh Economics, University of Rochester Simon School of Business, USC Economics, UT Austin Economics, Wharton, Yale School of Management

TEACHING

Graduate Public Finance, UT Austin (2011-2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025)
Undergraduate Public Finance, UT Austin (2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *BE Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Econometrica*, *Health Economics*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of the European Economics Association*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *National Tax Journal*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*

Ad hoc grant reviewer for: National Science Foundation, J-PAL North America

Program Committee Member, AEA Annual Meeting (2027)

Co-organizer of NBER Economics of Health Summer Institute Program (2026)

Co-organizer of NBER Public Economics Fall Program Meeting (2024)

Co-organizer of Mentoring Workshop for 3rd+ Year Women & Non-Binary PhD Students Working in Health Economics (2021, 2023)

Co-organizer of NBER Health Care Program Meeting (2023)

Arrow Award Committee Member, International Health Economics Association (2020-2025)

Wisconsin School of Business Risk and Insurance Expert Panel Member (2020-present)

CSWEP/AEA CeMent Workshop Mentor (2021)

National Tax Association Annual Conference Program Committee (2012, 2013, 2015, 2018)

Department Executive Committee, UT Austin Department of Economics (2020/2021, 2021/2022)

PhD Admissions Committee, UT Austin Department of Economics (2016, 2018, 2020)

Applied Microeconomics Seminar Organizer, UT Austin Department of Economics (2013/2014, 2016/2017, 2017/2018)

PHD ADVISING

Completed (with PhD year and initial placement):

Primary Advisor:

Jinyeong Son: 2024 (Harvard University Postdoctoral Fellow; Louisiana State University, Assistant Professor)

Bokyoung Kim: 2023 (SIEPR Postdoctoral Fellow; University of Connecticut, Assistant Professor)
Seth Neller: 2022 (University of Tennessee Knoxville, Assistant Professor)
David Beheshti: 2020 (University of Texas San Antonio, Assistant Professor)
Can Cui: 2016 (Amazon)

Committee Member:

Ziyue Xu: 2024 (Boston University School of Public Health, Research Scientist)
Sam Stripling: 2022 (Integra)
Ryan Hess: 2021 (Stanford Postdoctoral Fellow; Oklahoma State Spears School of Business, Assistant Professor)
Alina Kovalenko: 2020 (Brattle Group)
Luke Rodgers: 2017 (Florida State University, Assistant Professor)
Gabriel Salinas: 2017 (Teacher Retirement System of Texas)
Yun Zhou: 2017 (Capital One)
Megan Deepti Thomas: 2016 (Amazon)
Ruoyu Shao: 2015 (JP Morgan Chase)
George Shoukry: 2014 (FDIC)
Jocelyn Wikle: 2013 (Brigham Young University, Visiting Assistant Professor)
Jorge Barro: 2012 (Louisiana State University, Assistant Professor)

In progress:

Kai Wu
Philip Valtadoros

OTHER

Citizenship: USA
Date of Birth: 1984
Gender: Female