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PRIMARY ACADEMIC POSITION	2020 -	Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
EDUCATION	2019	Ph.D., Economics, University of California at Berkeley <i>Dissertation:</i> "Agency and Market Efficiency in the U.S. Health Care Industry" <i>Advisors:</i> Benjamin Handel & Jonathan Kolstad
	2011	B.Sc., Mathematics and Economics, American University
OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS	2023 -	Faculty Research Fellow (Economics of Health), National Bureau of Economic Research
	2023 -	Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
	2021 -	Faculty Affiliate, Healthcare Markets and Regulation Lab, Harvard University
	2021 -	Faculty Affiliate, Gilbert Center, UC Berkeley
	2020 -	Faculty Affiliate, Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago
	2019 - 2020	Postdoctoral Associate, Tobin Center for Economic Policy, Yale University
PUBLICATIONS		"What Does a Deductible Do? The Impact of Cost-Sharing on Health Care Prices, Quantities, and Spending Dynamics" (with Amitabh Chandra, Benjamin Handel, and Jonathan Kolstad), <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , 2017, 132(3): 1261-1318
		"The Behavioral Foundations of Default Effects: Theory and Evidence from Medicare Part D" (with Timothy Layton, Boris Vabson, and Adelina Yanyue Wang), <i>American Economic Review</i> , 2023, 113(10): 2718-2758
		"Is There Too Little Antitrust Enforcement in the US Hospital Sector?" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, and Lev Klarinet), <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> , 2024, 6(4): 526-542
WORKING PAPERS		"Rationing Medicine Through Bureaucracy: Authorization Restrictions in Medicare" (with Samantha Burn, Timothy Layton and Boris Vabson), conditionally accepted at <i>American Economic Review</i>
		"Who Pays For Rising Health Care Prices? Evidence from Hospital Mergers" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, Lev Klarinet, Ithai Lurie, and Corbin Miller), revision requested at <i>American Economic Review</i>
		"Privatizing Social Health Insurance: Medicare Advantage vs. Traditional Medicare" (with Yalun Su, Boris Vabson, Scott Bilder, Barton Jones, Iman Mohammadi, Zulkarnain Pulungan, and Christie Teigland), <i>under review</i>
		"Intermediation and Vertical Integration in the Market for Surgeons" (with Mathijs de Vaan)
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS		"Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (with Catherine Che and Benjamin Handel)
		"Patience: Queuing in the English National Health Service" (with Samantha Burn and Clara Schreiner)
		"Labor Market Consequences of Hospital Mergers" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, Genna Liu, and Ithai Lurie)
TEACHING	2025 -	Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis II (PhD)
	2025 -	Issues in Health Policy (Undergraduate/Masters)
	2020 - 2023	Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy I (Masters)
GRANTS AWARDED	2024 - 2029	National Institute on Aging P01, "The Health Impact of Administrative Burdens for People with AD/DRD" (Co-Investigator, PIs: Gottlieb/Layton), project within "Healthcare Decision-Making and Outcomes for People Living with Alzheimer's Disease" (PIs: Baicker/Simon)

2023 Washington Center for Equitable Growth, "Tracking Hospital Mergers and Understanding Which Markets are Changing" (Co-Investigator, PI: Cooper)

2022 - 2024 Commonwealth Fund, "Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (Co-Principal Investigator, PIs: Brot-Goldberg/Handel)

2022 - 2024 Arnold Ventures, "Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (Co-Principal Investigator, PIs: Brot-Goldberg/Handel)

2021 Becker-Friedman Institute, "Rationing Medicine Through Bureaucracy: Authorization Restrictions in Medicare" (Principal Investigator)

2020 - 2022 Arnold Ventures, "Key Competition Issues in Health Care Markets: Private Equity Ownership, Vertical Integration, and the Labor Market Effects of Hospital Consolidation" (Co-Investigator, PI: Cooper)

2020 - 2022 Arnold Ventures, "Competition Between Pharmacy Benefit Managers: A Structural Analysis of Two-Sided B2B Markets" (Co-Principal Investigator, PIs: Brot-Goldberg/Handel/Kolstad)

2015 - 2016 Jameel Poverty Action Lab, U.S. Health Care Delivery Initiative, "Mobile-izing Medicine: The Effect of Accessible Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Quality of Hospital Care" (Investigator, PI: Handel)

HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2023 ASHEcon Program Chair Award

2019 Richard Scheffler Health Economics Dissertation Award

2018 - 2019 UC Berkeley Doctoral Completion Fellowship

2018 NIHCM Foundation Health Care Research Award

2015 - 2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2015 UC Berkeley Psychology and Economics Student Prize

2013 - 2015 Departmental Fellowship, UC Berkeley Economics Department

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED*)

2025 NBER (Economics of Health), NBER (Economics of Aging), Toulouse School of Economics*, Imperial College London*, Indiana University*

2024 George Washington (Public Health), Johns Hopkins, UIUC Gies (Finance), Chicago Booth, ASHEcon (1 discussion), Chicago

2023 Penn Wharton (Health Care Management), UCLA Anderson (Strategy), UCLA Public Health (Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy), NBER (Public Economics), BFI Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference, Hal White Antitrust Conference, ASHEcon (1 presentation, 1 discussion), NBER Summer Institute (Aging), Northwestern Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

2022 Chicago Booth, UC Berkeley, APPAM (1 presentation, 1 discussion), CEPRA/NBER Conference on Aging, Cognitive Ability, and Decision-Making (1 presentation, 1 discussion), NYU, Notre Dame, IIOC (1 presentation, 1 discussion), Bates White Life Sciences Symposium, SITE Conference on the IO of Healthcare and Consumer Finance Markets, US Treasury OTA Annual Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

2021 ASSA Meeting (1 presentation), UC Berkeley/Chicago (joint seminar), ASHEcon (2 discussions), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 12th Annual Empirical Health Law Conference, NBER (Public Economics/Insurance)

2020 BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics Seminar, ASHEcon (1 discussion), Georgetown McDonough

2019 Columbia GSB, Duke Fuqua, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Yale SOM, UBC, Federal Trade Commission, Chicago Harris, Becker Friedman Institute Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference, ASHEcon (2 presentations, 1 discussion), NBER Summer Institute (Health Care), Yale Economics, Annual Health Economics Conference, Midwest IO Fest, FTC Microeconomics Conference, Yale Health Policy & Management

2018 ASHEcon (2 discussions), UC Berkeley (IO and Haas EAP)

2016 Nuna Health, ASHEcon (1 presentation, 2 discussions)

PH.D. STUDENTS WITH PLACEMENT * (CO-)PRIMARY ADVISOR	Scott Loring*, Chicago Harris Ph.D., 2023, Cornerstone Research Maya Lozinski*, Chicago Harris Ph.D./MD, 2024/2025, Massachusetts General Hospital, Internal Medicine (Residency) Yalun Su*, Chicago Harris Ph.D., 2025, Analysis Group	
PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (WITH PHD PLACEMENT)	Jon Kroah, 2021, Wisconsin, Economics PhD Lev Klarnet, 2023, Harvard, Business Economics PhD Michelle Gard, 2025, UC Berkeley, Health Policy PhD	
PREDOCTORAL POSITIONS	2017	Research Assistant to Joseph Farrell
	2013 - 2015	Consulting Researcher, Microsoft Research New England
	2014 - 2015	Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
	Sp. 2015	ECON 201B, <i>Economic Theory</i> , Benjamin Hermalin
	Fa. 2014	ECON 191, <i>Topics in Economic Research</i> , Joseph Farrell
	2014	Research Assistant to Benjamin Handel
	2011 - 2013	Research Assistant, Microsoft Research New England
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	2025	Co-organizer, NBER Economics of Health Conference
	2023	Co-organizer, Becker-Friedman Institute IO+ Conference
	2023	Scientific committee, Midwest Health Economics Conference
	2021 - 2024	Co-organizer, UChicago Harris Public Policy and Economics Workshop
	2020 -	Co-organizer, CHeSS Health Economics Workshop
	2020	<i>American Economic Review</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award
	Ad-hoc reviewer for <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> , <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i> , <i>American Economic Review</i> , <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> , <i>American Journal of Health Economics</i> , <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , <i>Econometrica</i> , <i>Health Affairs</i> , <i>Health Economics</i> , <i>Health Services Research</i> , <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> , <i>Journal of Health Economics</i> , <i>Journal of Industrial Economics</i> , <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , <i>Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics</i> , <i>Journal of Public Economics</i> , <i>Journal of Risk and Insurance</i> , <i>Marketing Science</i> , <i>Quantitative Economics</i> , <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , <i>RAND Journal of Economics</i> , <i>Review of Economic Studies</i> , <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i>	