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CURRENT POSITIONS:

James L and Nancy Powell Centennial Professor of American Economic Principles, University of Texas-Austin, Department of Economics, 2016-present
Amazon Scholar/Senior Principle Economist, Amazon.com, 2018-present
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, Health Care and Industrial Organization Programs, Cambridge, MA, 2006-present
Board of Editors, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, 2016-Present
Chair, Board of Directors, Health Care Cost Institute, Washington DC, 2016-present
Faculty Research Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas-Austin, 2016-Present
Co-Founder, Picwell, Inc., 2013

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1990
M.S., Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1987
B.A., Economics (with distinction), University of Washington, 1984

PAST-POSITIONS:

Gilbert and Shelley Harrison Professor of Health Care Management, Health Care Management Department, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, 2015-2016
Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2011-2016
Visiting Professor, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, Rome, Italy, 2015
Associate Professor, Health Care Management Department, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, 2011-2014.
James A. Hamilton Professor of Health Economics, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, 2007-2011
Associate Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, 2005-2011
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA, 2004-2006
Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2007-2011
Director, Master of Science Program, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, 2007-2011

Assistant Professor, Division of Health Services Research and Policy, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, 2001-2005.

Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Management, University of California, Irvine, 1996-2001.

Co-Editor, *International Journal of Health Economics and Management*, 2011-2016.

Visiting Scholar, Boston University, Department of Economics, 2001

Staff Economist, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 1990-1996

Victor Kramer Fellow, Yale University, 1993-1994

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Health Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS:

1. Starc, A. and Town, R. (2020) "Internalizing Behavioral Externalities: Benefit Integration in Health Insurance," *Review of Economic Studies*. forthcoming
2. Gowrisankaran, G., Marsh, T. and Town, R. (2020) "Myopia and Complex Dynamic Incentives: Evidence from Medicare Part D," *Review of Economic Studies*, 87(2): 822-869.
3. Grennan, M. and Town, R. (2020) "Regulating Innovation with Uncertain Quality: Information, Risk, and Access in Medical Devices," *American Economic Review*, 110(1):120-161. (Winner 2018 Public Utility Research Center (PURC) Prize for the best paper in regulatory economics International Industrial Organization Conference.)
4. Gowrisankaran, G., Lucarelli, C., Schmidt-Dengler, P., and Town, R. (2018) "Can Amputation Save the Hospital? The Impact of the Medicare Rural Flexibility Program on Demand and Welfare," *Journal of Health Economics*, 58(1): 110-122.
5. Faherty, L., Wong, C., Feingold, J., Li, J., Town, R., Fieldstone, E., Werner, R. (2017) "Pediatric Price Transparency: Still Opaque with Opportunities for Improvement," *Hospital Pediatrics*, 7(10): 565-571.
6. Bajari, P., Hong, H., Park, M. and Town, R. (2017) "Regression Discontinuity Designs with an Endogenous Forcing Variable and an Application to Contracting in Health Care." *Quantitative Economics*, 8(2):397-433. (Winner of 2018 Willard G. Manning Memorial Award for the Best Research in Health Econometrics.)
7. Karaca-Mandic, P., Wilcock, A., Town, R. (2017) "The Effect of Physician and Hospital Market Structure on Medical Technology Diffusion," *Health Services Research*, 52(2): 579-598.
8. Wong, C., Polsky, D., Jones, A., Weiner, J., Town, R. and Baker, T (2016) "For Third Enrollment Period Marketplaces Expand Decision Support Tools to Assist Consumers," *Health Affairs*, 35(4):680-687.
9. McCullough, J., Parente, S. and Town, R. (2016) "Health Information Technology and Patient Outcomes: The Role of Organizational and Information Complementarities," *RAND Journal of Economics*, 47(1):207-236.
10. Wong, C., Nirenburg, G. Polsky, D. Town, R. and Baker, T. (2015) "Insurance Plan Presentation and Decision Support on [HealthCare.Gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) and State-Based Websites Created for the

- Affordable Care Act,” *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 163(4): 327-328.
11. Wong, C, Asch, D., Ford, C., Baker, T., Town, R and Merchant, R. (2015) “Seeing Health Insurance and Healthcare.gov Through the Eyes of Young Adults,” *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 57(2): 137-143.
 12. Wong, C., Sap, M., Schwartz, M., Town, R., Baker, T. and Unger, L. (2015) “Twitter Sentiment Predicts Affordable Care Act Marketplace Enrollment,” *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 17(2): e51.
 13. Choi, J-Y, Baumgartner J., Alexander, B., Town, R., D’Souza, G., and Ramachandran G. (2015) “Increased Risk of Respiratory Illness Associated with Kerosene Fuel Use Among Women and Children in Urban Bangalore, India,” *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, 72:114-122.
 14. Sojourner, A., Town, R., Grabowski, D., Chen, M. and Frandsen, B. (2015) “Impacts of Unionization on Employment, Product Quality, and Productivity: Regression Discontinuity Evidence From Nursing Homes,” *ILR Review*, 68(4):
 15. Gowrisankaran, G., Nevo, A. and Town, R. (2015) “Estimating the Price Impact of Hospital Mergers: An Analysis of Inova's Proposed Acquisition of Prince William Hospital,” *American Economics Review*, 105(1): 172 -203. (Winner Best Academic Mergers Article - 2016 Antitrust Writing Awards)
 16. Gaynor, M, Ho, K. and Town, R. (2015) “The Industrial Organization of Health Care Markets,” *Journal of Economic Literature*, 53(2): 235-84.
 17. Wong, C., Asch, D, Vinoya, C., Ford, C., Baker, T., Town, R. and Merchant, R. (2014) “The Experience of Young Adults on Healthcare.org: Suggestions for Improvement,” *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 161(3): 231-232.
 18. Lee, J., McCullough, J., and Town, R. (2013) “The Impact of Health Information Technology on Hospital Productivity.” *RAND Journal of Economics*, 44(3): 545-568.
 19. Park, M. and Town, R. (2014) “Industry Shock Expectations, Interindustry Linkages, and Merger Waves: Evidence from the Hospital Industry,” *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, 23(3):548-567.
 20. Spetz, J., Parente, S., Bazarko, D. and Town, R. (2013) “Scope Of Practice Laws For Nurse Practitioners Limit Cost Savings That Can Be Achieved In Retail Clinics,” *Health Affairs*, 32(11): 1977-84.
 21. Herrera, C., Newman, D., Gaynor, M., Parente, S. and Town, R. (2013) “What’s happening to health care costs for the privately insured? Trends in employer-sponsored health insurance (2007–2011),” *Health Affairs*, 32(10):1715-1722.
 22. Pauly, M. and Town, R. (2012) “Counterpoint: Maryland Exceptionalism? All-Payers Regulation and Health Care System Efficiency” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 37(4): 697-707.
 23. Adair, R., Christianson, J., Wholey, D., White, K., Town, R, Lee, S, Britt, H., Lund, P., Lukasewycz, A., and Elumba, D. (2012), “Care Guides: Employing Nonclinical Laypersons to Help Primary Care Teams Manage Chronic Disease,” *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*, 35(1): 27-37.

24. Grabowski, D. and Town, R. (2011) "Does Information Matter? Competition, Quality and the Impact of Nursing Home Report Cards." *Health Services Research*, 46(6): 1689-1719.
25. Feldman, R., Town, R. and Kralewski, J. (2011) "Market Power and Contract Form: Evidence from Physician Practices." *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, 11(2): 327-342.
26. Gowrisankaran, G., Lucarelli, C., Schmidt-Dengler, P. and Town, R. (2011) "The Impact of the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program on Patient Choice." *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 29 (3): 342-344.
27. Town, R. (2011) "The Effects of Consolidations on Hospital Quality: A Comment," *International Journal of the Economics of Business*, 18(1): 127-131.
28. Gowrisankaran, G., Town, R. and Barrette, E. (2011) "Drug Benefits, Managed Care and Mortality: An Analysis of Elderly Mortality," *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 11(2) (Advances), Article 3.
29. Sojourner, A., Grabowski, D., Chen, M. and Town, R. (2010) "Trends in Unionization of Nursing Homes," *Inquiry*, 47: 331-342 (Winter 2010/2011).
30. Chernew, M., DeCicca, P. and Town, R. (2008) "Managed Care and Medical Expenditures of Medicare Beneficiaries," *Journal of Health Economics*, 27: 1451-1461.
31. Hirsch, A., Virnig, B., Hartman, L. and Town, R. (2008) "National Healthcare Cost of Peripheral Arterial Disease in the Medicare Population," *Vascular Medicine*, 13(3): 209-215.
32. Ricciardi, R. Harriman, K., Baxter, N. Hartman, L., Town, R., and Virnig, B. (2008) "Predictors of Clostridium Difficile Colitis Infections in Hospitals," *Epidemiology and Infection*, 136(7): 913-921.
33. Foote, S., Virnig, B., Town, R. and Hartman, L. (2008) "The Impact of Medicare Coverage Policies on Health Care Utilization," *Health Services Research*, 43(4): 1285-1301.
34. Foote, S. and Town, R. (2007) "Managing Technology: Achieving Evidence-Based Medicine through Medicare Coverage Policy Implementation," *Health Affairs*, 26(6): 1634-1642.
35. Town, R., Wholey, D., Feldman, R. and Burns, L.R. (2007) "Hospital Consolidation Increases Racial and Income Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage" *Health Affairs*, 26(4): 1170-1180.
36. Town, R., Wholey, D., Feldman, R. and Burns, L.R. (2007) "Revisiting the Relationship between Managed Care and Hospital Consolidation," *Health Services Research*, 42(1): 219-238.
37. Hayes, J., Shapiro, C. and Town, R. (2007) "Market Definition in Crude Oil: Estimating the Effects of the BP/ARCO Merger," *The Antitrust Bulletin*, 52(2): 179-204.
38. Ho, V., Town, R. and Heslin, M. (2006) "Regionalization versus Competition in Complex Cancer Surgery" *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, 2(1): 51-71.
39. Dowd, B., Feldman, R., Nyman, J. and Town, R. (2006-2007) "Setting Physicians' Prices in Fee-for-Service Medicare" *Health Care Financing Review*, 28(2): 97-111.

40. Ricciardi, R., Town, R., Kellogg, T. and Baxter, N. (2006) "Outcomes after Open versus Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass," *Surgical Laparoscopy Endoscopy and Percutaneous Techniques*, 6(5): 317-20.
41. Town, R., Kane, R., Johnson, P., and Butler, M. (2005) "The Effect of Economic Incentives on Physicians' Preventive Behavior," *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 28(2): 234-240.
42. Town, R., Feldman, R. and Wholey, D. (2004) "The Impact of Ownership Conversions on HMO Performance," *International Journal of Health Finance and Economics*, 4(4): 327-342.
43. Kane, R., Johnson, P., Town, R. and Butler, M. (2004) "A Structured Review of the Effect of Economic Incentives on Consumers' Preventive Behavior," *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 27(4): 327-352.
44. Antonovics, K. and Town, R. (2004) "Are All the Good Men Married: Uncovering the Sources of the Marital Wage Premium" *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May, 94(2): 317-321.
45. Town, R., Wholey, D., Dowd, B. and Kralewski, J. (2004) "Assessing the Influence of Incentives on Physicians and Medical Groups," *Medical Care Research and Review*, 61: 80S - 118S.
46. Town, R. and Liu, S. (2003) "The Welfare Impact of Medicare HMOs," *The RAND Journal of Economics*, 34(4): 719-736.
47. Gowrisankaran, G., and Town, R. (2003) "Competition, Payers and Hospital Quality," *Health Services Research*, 38(6): 1403-1421.
48. Geweke, J, Gowrisankaran, G., and Town, R. (2003) "Inferring Hospital Quality from Patient Discharge Records Using a Bayesian Selection Model," *Econometrica*, 71(4):1215-1238.
49. Town, R. and Currim, I. (2002) "Hospital Advertising in California: 1991-1997" *Inquiry*, 39(3): 298-313.
50. Town, R. (2001) "The Welfare Effects of HMO Mergers," *Journal of Health Economics*, 20(6): 967-90.
51. Elvira, M. and Town, R. (2001) "Employment Outcome Differentials and Performance for Employees in a Racially Diverse U.S. Firm," *Industrial Relations*, 40(4): 571-50.
52. Town, R. and Vistnes, G. (2001) "Hospital Competition in HMO Networks," *Journal of Health Economics*, 20(4): 733-53.
53. Gowrisankaran, G. and Town, R. (1999) "Estimating the Quality of Care in Hospitals Using Instrumental Variables," *Journal of Health Economics*, 18(6): 747-767
54. Gowrisankaran, G. and Town, R. (1997) "Dynamic Equilibrium in the Hospital Industry," *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, 6(1): 45-74
55. Town, R. (1992) "Merger Waves and the Structure of Merger and Acquisition Time Series," *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 7: S83-100, December. Reprinted in *Nonlinear Dynamics, Chaos and Econometrics*, H. Pesaran and S. Potter, ed., Wiley Press, 1993.

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS:

56. Miller, K. Petrin, A., Town, R. and Chernew, M. (2019) "Optimal Managed Care Subsidies." Revision requested at *Econometrica*. NBER Working Paper 25616.

57. Barrette, E., Gowrisankaran, G. and Town, R (2020) “Countervailing Market Power and Hospital Competition,” Under review at *American Economic Review Insights*.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

58. Olley, G. S. and Town, R. (2018) “End of an Era: The American Airlines-US Airways Merger,” in *The Antitrust Revolution: Economics, Competition and Policy*, 7th Edition, Kwoka, J and White, L. editors. New York: Oxford University Press.
59. Gaynor, M and Town, R. (2011) “Provider Competition,” in *Handbook of Health Economics*, Vol 2, Borras, P., McGuire, T. and Pauly, M., eds., Amsterdam: Elsevier.
60. Town, R. and Milliman, S. (1989) “Competition in Deregulated Airlines,” in *Concentration and Price*, Leonard Weiss, ed., MIT Press.

REPORTS AND MONOGRAPHS:

61. Gaynor, M and Town, R. (2012) “The Impact of Hospital Consolidation – Update,” Robert Wood Johnson Synthesis Report.
62. Vogt, William and Town, R. (2006) “How has Hospital Consolidation Affected the Price and Quality of Hospital Care?” Robert Wood Johnson Synthesis Report.
63. Dowd, B. and Town, R. (2002) *Does X Cause Y*, HCFO Monograph.

WORKING PAPERS:

64. Gowrisankaran, G. Ho, V. and Town, R. (2008) “Causality, Learning-by-Doing and Forgetting in Surgery.”*
65. Parente, S. and Town, R. (2010) “The Welfare Impact of Retail Clinics.”*
66. Carlin, C. and R. Town (2010) “Adverse Selection, Welfare and Optimal Pricing of Employer-Sponsored Health Plans.”
67. Leger, P-T., Town, R. and Wu, J. (2020) “A Theory of Geographic Variations in Health Care.”

WORK IN PROGRESS:

1. Barrette, E. and Town, R. “Geographic Variation in Medicare Advantage Expenditures.”
2. Gowrisankaran, G., Nevo, A., and Town, R. “Airline Mergers, Capacity and Price”
3. Grennan, M, Collard-Wexler, A. and Town, R. “Private Incentives for Information Provision”
4. Prager, E., Saeedi, M., and Town, R. “Price Transparency and Negotiated Healthcare Provider Prices”
5. Fleitas, S., Gowrisankaran, G., Starc, A., Swanson, A. and Town, R. “Welfare Impact of Preferred Pharmacy Networks in Medicare Part D.”

SOFTWARE:

1. Gowrisanakran, G., Marquardt, K, and Town, R. (2019) “GGT -- Software to implement Geweke, Gowrisankaran and Town (2003) on STATA.’ <http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/g>. Uploaded December, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS:

Plenary, Keynotes, and Invited Lectures

“The Performance of the US Health Care System: What's Right, What's Wrong and What (If Anything) Can Fix It?”

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Department of Economics, Economic Futures Alumni Symposium, Madison, WI, 10/19

“Private Provision of Public Health Insurance,”

Heller-Hurwicz Lecture, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 11/16

“Regulation, Uncertainty and Risk: Evidence from Medical Devices”

Plenary Lecture, North American Meetings of Econometrics Society, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 7/16

“Product Regulation in Health Care Settings: Evidence and Policy”

Georgia Health Economics Research Day, Emory University, Keynote Address, 12/15

“Policy Analysis of Healthcare Markets: Recent Applications of Structural Approaches,”

Plenary Presentation, North American Meetings of the Econometrics Society, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, 6/08

Seminars and Conference Presentations

“Optimal Managed Competition Subsidies”

Harvard/MIT IO Seminar, 3/20

Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, 2/20

Conference Celebrating the Career of Mark Satterthwaite, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 4/19.

University of Texas-Austin, Department of Economics, 11/17

“Externalities and Benefit Design in Health Insurance,”

University of Chile, Department of Economics, Santiago, Chile, 4/18

University of Chicago, Department of Economics, Chicago, IL, 2/18

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 11/16

Yale University, Department of Economics, 4/16

“Myopia and Complex Dynamic Incentives: Evidence from Medicare Part D”

University of Texas-Austin, Department of Economics, 12/14

“Regulation, Uncertainty and Risk: Evidence from Medical Devices”

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Economics, 10/15
University of Texas-Austin, Department of Economics, 9/15
University of California Los Angeles, Department of Economics, 6/15
University of Washington, Department of Economics, 5/15
Clemson University, Department of Economics, 11/14
Oho State University, Department of Economics, 4/14

“Mergers When Prices are Negotiated: Evidence from the Hospital Industry”

TIGER Conference, Toulouse, France, 6/14
University of Minnesota, Department of Economics, 11/13
University of California-Berkeley, Department of Economics 4/13
Yale University, Department of Economics, 3/13
University of Washington, Department of Economics/Health Services, 5/12
University of Wisconsin, Department of Economics, 4/12

“Health Information Technology and Patient Outcomes: The Role of Organizational and Information Complementarities”

University of Arizona, Department of Economics, 4/13
University of Pennsylvania, 5/12
University of Southern California, Leonard Schaeffer Institute, 11/11
US Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 10/11

“Competition Between Health Care Providers”

Handbook of Health Economics Authors Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, 11/10

“Government Policy and the Dynamics of Market Structure: Evidence from Critical Access Hospitals”

Harvard University, Dept. of Economics, 12/10
American Society of Health Economists Meeting, Ithaca, NY, 6/10
CEPR Conference, Toulouse, France. 5/10
Stanford University, Graduate School of Business, Stanford, CA, 11/09
Indiana University, Carey School of Management, Bloomington, IN, 11/09
NBER Summer Institute, Cambridge MA, 7/08
The Industrial Organization of Health Care Conference, HEC, Montreal, Canada, 11/07
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 12/07

“Estimating the Impact of Hospital Mergers on Prices,”

Charles Rivers and Associates, Washington, DC, 2/10

“The Welfare Impact of Retail Clinics”

National Bureau of Economic Research, Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, 7/10
University of Alabama-Birmingham, School of Public Health, Birmingham, AL, 12/09
American Health Economics Conference, Boston, MA, 10/09

“New Evidence on the Relationship between Managed Care and Hospital Consolidation,”

International Health Economics Conference, Beijing, China, 7/09

“Bundled Payments,”

Conference on Global Healthcare Reform Experiences, Rinmen University, Beijing, China, 7/09

“Provider Agency in Transplants,”

American Society of Health Economists Annual Meetings, Duke University, Durham, NC, 6/08

“Adverse Selection, Welfare and the Optimal Pricing of Health Plans,”

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, 6/09

Annual Allied Social Science Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 01/09

Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 12/08

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 11/08

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 8/08

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 4/08

“Review of ‘The Effect of Direct-to-Consumer Advertising on Prescription Drug Prices’”

Annual Health Economics Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 3/08

“The Welfare Consequences of Hospital Mergers,”

University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, IL, 04/07

American Society of Health Economist Meetings, Madison, WI, 6/06

International Health Economics Association Meetings, Copenhagen, Denmark, 6/07

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, 5/06

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 10/05

“Did The HMO Revolution Cause Hospital Consolidation?”

NBER Health Care Program Fall Meetings, Cambridge, MA, 9/04.

“Causality, Learning by Doing and the Volume Outcome Relationship,”

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 11/06

American Economic Association Meetings, Boston, MA, 1/06

HEC Montreal, Montreal, Canada, 10/03.

AHRQ/FTC Conference on Competition and Quality in Health Care, 5/03.

“Managed Care, Drug Benefits and Mortality: An Analysis of the Elderly,”

Rice University, Houston, TX, 02/07

NBER Summer Institute Healthcare Meetings, Cambridge, MA 7/04

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD, 10/03

“Market Power and Contract Form: Evidence from Minnesota Physician Practices,”

International Economics Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 6/03.

International Health Economics Association Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 7/05.

“Hospitals - Horizontal Networks and Vertical Arrangements,”

Federal Trade Commission/ Department of Justice Hearings on Health Care and Competition Law and Policy, Washington, DC, 4/03

“The Welfare Impact of Medicare HMOs”

13th Annual Health Economics Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, 6/02

Graduate School of Management, Stanford University, 5/02

5th Biennial Industrial Organization of Health Care, Boston University, 9/01

Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 12/02.

“Productivity and the PC Revolution”

University of California-Los Angeles, Department of Economics, 10/00
CRITO, University of California—Irvine, 11/00

“How Vigorous is HMO Competition—Evidence from the California's Small Group Market,”

2nd Annual CEPR Conference on Empirical Industrial Organization, Lisbon, Portugal, 6/00
The Eleventh Annual Health Economics Conference, Washington, DC, 6/00
Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings, Madison, WI, 7/99

“Inferring Hospital Quality from Patient Discharge Records Using a Bayesian Selection Model,”

Boston University, Department of Economics, 3/01
Georgetown University, Department of Economics, 3/01
World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seattle, WA, 8/00
UC-Riverside, Department of Economics, 11/98.

“Estimating Hospital Quality Using Instrumental Variables,”

American Economics Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, 1/97
Annual Meetings of the Health Economics Association, Minneapolis, MN, 7/97.

“Hospital Competition in HMO Networks,”

NBER IO/Health Economics Winter Meetings, 1/98
The Second Industrial Organization of Health Care Conference, Salem, MA, 9/97.

“Dynamic Equilibrium in the Hospital Industry,”

Yale University, Department of Economics, 6/95
New York University, Department of Economics, 10/95.

“Price Rigidity, the Firm, and the Market: Evidence from the Wholesale Gasoline Industry During the Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait,”

American Economics Association Meetings, Anaheim, CA, 1/95.

Discussion of Carla Gomes's “Treatment Effects of Selection Behavior in Managed Care Plans,”

10th Biennial Conference on the Economics of Mental Health, National Institutes of Mental Health, Washington, DC, 9/00

“Vertical Integration by Hospitals,” Annual Meetings of the American College of Emergency Physicians, San Diego, CA, 10/98

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Economics Association
Econometric Society
International Health Economics Association
AcademyHealth
American Society for Health Economists (Member: Scientific Committee: 2007-Present).

REFERRING SERVICE:

Review of Economics and Statistics
American Economic Review
Journal of Political Economy
Review of Economic Studies

RAND Journal of Economics

International Journal of Industrial Organization

Journal of Applied Econometrics

Journal of Economics and Management Science

Medical Care

Journal of Health Economics

Health Services Research

The Economics of Transition
Journal of Industrial Economics

Contemporary Economic Issues

Canadian Economics Review

*Federal Reserve Bank of New York Economic
Policy Review*

Milbank Quarterly

Inquiry

Econometrica

American Journal of Managed Care

*American Economic Journal: Economic
Policy*

COURSES TAUGHT:

PhD Industrial Organization, University of Texas-Austin, Fall 2016-present

PhD Health Economics, University of Texas-Austin, Spring 2017, Fall 2018.

Medical Devices, The Wharton School, MBA Course, Fall 2011-2015.

PhD Industrial Organization/Health Markets, The Wharton School, Fall 2012-2016.

PhD Health Economics, The Wharton School, Spring 2013-2016.

*Health Economics II, (Advanced Ph.D. Health Economics), Division of Health Policy and Management,
University of Minnesota, Spring 2006, 2008, 2010.*

*Topics in Health Economics, (M.H.A. Health Economics), H Division of Health Policy and Management,
University of Minnesota, Fall 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 (2 sections – one on-line).*

*Health Economics I, (Ph.D. Health Economics), Division of Health Policy and Management, University
of Minnesota, Spring 2002-2004*

*Medical Technology Evaluation and Market Research, (MHA/MBA), HSRP/Carlson School of
Management, University of Minnesota, Spring 2004-2010.*

*Microeconomics for Management for Full-time MBA Students, UCI: Fall 1996; Fall 1997 (2 sections);
Fall 1999 (2 sections); Fall 2000 (3 sections), Fall 2001 (3 sections).*

*Microeconomics for Management for Fully Employed, UCI, Executive MBA Students: Winter 1997;
Winter 1998 (2 sections); Winter 1999 (2 sections).*

Economics of Strategy, UCI: Spring 1997; Spring 1999; Spring 2000.

Ph.D. DISSERTATION ADVISING:

- Daria Pus, “Essays on Competition in the Freight Railroad Industry,” Committee Member, University of Texas-Austin, 2019.
- Fang-Chang Kuo, “Essays on Investment in the Hotel Industry,” Committee Member, University of Texas-Austin, 2019.
- Garrett Hagemann, “Essays in Nonlinear Pricing,” Committee Member, University of Texas-Austin, 2018.
- Austin Bean, “Essays in Health Economics,” Committee Member, University of Texas-Austin, 2018.
- Zahra Mohammadi, “Essays in Health Economics” Committee Member, University of Pennsylvania, 2018.
- Yaran Yin, “Essays on Regulations in the Electricity Industry,” Committee Member, University of Texas-Austin, 2017.
- Carlos Herrera, “Counterfactual Analysis of Compulsory Unitization as a Solution to the Common Pool Problem in the Oil and Gas Industry,” Committee Member, University of Texas-Austin, 2017.
- Boris Vabson, “Essays in Health Economics and Public Finance” University of Pennsylvania, Thesis Advisor, 2015.
- Aditi Sen, “The Effects of Physician Organization on the Disadoption of Low-Value Service: Evidence from PSA Testing and Mammography,” University of Pennsylvania, Thesis Advisor, 2015.
- Daniel Sacks, “Physician Agency, Compliance and Patient Welfare: Evidence from Anti-Cholesterol Drugs,” University of Pennsylvania, Committee Member, 2014.
- Eric Barrette, “Impact of Information Technology on Patient Choice,” Thesis Advisor, Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota, 2011.
- Christina Marsh, “Estimating the Elasticity of Medical Care Demand,” Thesis Co-Advisor, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2010.
- Lindsay Bockstedt Santiago, “The Effect of Medicare's New Technology Add-on Payment,” Thesis Advisor, Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota, 2010.
- Ranjan Banerjee, “Three Essays on the Application of Multi-tasking in Marketing Channels,” Committee Member, Department of Marketing, University of Minnesota, 2010
- Julia Thornton Snider “Essays in Pharmaceutical Economics,” Committee Member, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2010

- Connan Snider, “Essays in Industrial Organization,” Committee Member, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2010.
- Daniel Miller, “Subcontracting and Competitive Bidding on Incomplete Procurement Contracts,” Committee Member, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2009.
- Yungwon Yeo, “Two Essays on FCC Spectrum Auctions,” Committee Member, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2009.
- Jia Yuan, “Two Essays on Sponsored Search Auctions,” Committee Member, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, 2009.
- Nathlan Barleen, “The Effect of Health Insurance Coverage on Workers’ Compensation Claim Filing Behavior,” Committee Member, Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota, 2008.
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