

# Ben Berger

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## Education

Ph.D. in Public Policy (Economics Track), Harvard University, May 2024 (expected)  
B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, University of Miami, *magna cum laude*, 2016

## Research Interests

Health Economics, Innovation, Industrial Organization

## Research Experience

05/2019 – 08/2019 Graduate Research Assistant to Amitabh Chandra, Harvard Kennedy School  
05/2019 – 08/2019 Graduate Research Assistant to Nicole Maestas, Harvard Medical School  
07/2016 – 08/2018 Full-Time Research Assistant to Amitabh Chandra, National Bureau of Economic Research  
06/2015 – 08/2015 Research Intern, International Council of Shopping Centers  
01/2015 – 06/2015 Undergraduate Research Assistant to Chris Parmeter, University of Miami

## Publications

### Working Papers

“Regulatory Approval and Expanded Market Size.” NBER Working Paper, 2021. (*with Amitabh Chandra and Craig Garthwaite*).

### Book Chapters

“The Link Between Health and Working Longer: Disparities in Work Capacity.” In *Overtime: America’s Aging Workforce and the Future of “Working Longer”*. The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Forthcoming. (*with Nicole Maestas*).

“The Orphan Drug Act at 35: An Outlook for the 21st Century.” In *Innovation Policy and the Economy*, Volume 19. University of Chicago Press, 2018. (*with Nicholas Bagley, Amitabh Chandra, Craig Garthwaite, and Ariel Dora Stern*).

## Teaching Experience

Spring 2021 Empirical Methods II, Master’s Level, Harvard Kennedy School  
Teaching Fellow for Theodore Svoronos  
Overall Effectiveness: 4.61/5 (average among TFs: 4.42)  
Selected feedback: *I can’t believe this is Ben’s first time teaching — he’s incredibly good at it and I hope he continues for a long time!*  
*Ben is wonderful — he is so helpful and takes a lot of time to make sure that you understand difficult concepts and that he answers questions clearly and comprehensively.*

## Fellowships and Scholarships

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Awarded (2019).  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention (2018).  
Dickinson Merit Scholarship, University of Miami, Awarded (2012).

## Personal

United States Citizen