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Current	Postdoctoral Scholar Stanford University School of Medicine <i>Faculty advisor:</i> David Rehkopf, ScD, MPH	2022–current
Research areas	population health economics; health policy; labor economics; social epidemiology; health disparities	
Education	PhD, Health Policy (Health Economics track) University of California, Berkeley	2017–2022
	MPH, Epidemiology and Biostatistics University of California, Berkeley	2015–2017
	BA, Mathematical Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i> Colorado College	2008–2012
Publications	<p>Weiss, D., Lowenstein, C., Sund, E., Vethe, D., & Krokstad, S. (2024). Diverging mental health trends in the post-pandemic era: results from the HUNT study, Norway. <i>Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health</i>, 79(3), 165-168.</p> <p>Lowenstein, C. (2024). “Deaths of despair” over the business cycle: New estimates from a shift-share instrumental variables approach. <i>Economics & Human Biology</i>, 53, 101374.</p> <p>Innstrand, S. T., Banks, C., Maslach, C., & Lowenstein, C. (2023) Healthy Universities: Exploring the Relationship between Psychosocial Needs and Work-Related Health Among University Employees. <i>Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health</i>, 38(2), 103-126.</p> <p>Dow, W. H., Godøy, A., Lowenstein, C., & Reich, M. (2020). Can Labor Market Policies Reduce Deaths of Despair?. <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 74, 102372.</p> <p>White, J. S., Lowenstein, C., Srivirojana, N., Jampaklay, A., & Dow, W. H. (2020). Incentive-based interventions for smoking cessation: A cluster randomized controlled trial in workplaces in Thailand. <i>BMJ</i> 371.</p> <p>Lowenstein, C., Dow, W. H., & White, J. S. (2020). Peer effects in smoking cessation: An instrumental variables analysis of a worksite intervention in Thailand. <i>SSM-Population Health</i>, 12, 100659.</p> <p>Lowenstein, C., Vasco, K., Sarzosa, S., Salinas, L., Mosco, A. T., ... & Graham, J. P. (2020). Determinants of Childhood Zoonotic Enteric Infections in a Semirural Community of Quito, Ecuador. <i>The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene</i>. 102(6), 1269.</p> <p>Lowenstein, C., Waters, W. F., Roess, A., Leibler, J. H., & Graham, J. P. (2016). Animal husbandry practices and perceptions of zoonotic infectious disease risks among livestock keepers in a rural parish of Quito, Ecuador. <i>The American journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene</i>, 95(6), 1450-1458.</p>	

Selected working papers	Rong, M., Lowenstein, C. , & Rehkopf, D. H. (2024). Effects of the 2015 California EITC Expansion on Colorectal Cancer Risk Factors. Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=4931575 .	
	Lowenstein, C. , Godøy, A., Reich, M., Morin, P., Henk, H., & Dow, W. (2022). Do county-level employment changes affect the demand for prescription opioids? Evidence from a sample of commercially insured adults. Available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=4940683 .	
Selected research reports	Woolf, S. H., Aron L., Chapman, D. A., Dubay, L., Zimmerman, E., Snellings, L. C., Hall, L., Haley, A. D., Holla, N., Ayers, K., Lowenstein, C. , & Waidmann, T. A. (2016) The Health of the States Summary Report: How US States Compare in Health Status and the Factors that Shape Health. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.	
	Simms, M., McDaniel, M., Fyffe, S. D., & Lowenstein, C. (2015). Structural Barriers to Racial Equity in Pittsburgh: Expanding Economic Opportunity for African American Men and Boys. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.	
	Mills, G. B. & C. Lowenstein. (2015). Assessing the Merits of Photo EBT Cards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.	
	Turner, M. A., Edelman, P., Poethig, E. C., Aron, L. Y., Rogers, M., & Lowenstein, C. (2014). Tacking Persistent Poverty in Distressed Urban Neighborhoods. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.	
	Edelstein, S., & Lowenstein, C. (2014). Characteristics and Impacts of Programs for Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care, Issue Brief 2: Financial Literacy and Asset Building Programs. OPRE Report No. 2014-69. Washington, DC: Administration for Children and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services.	
	Edelstein, S., & Lowenstein, C. (2014). Characteristics and Impacts of Programs for Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care, Issue Brief 3: Employment. OPRE Report No. 2014-70. Washington, DC: Administration for Children and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services.	
	Lowenstein, C. , Golden, O., Emam, E., & McDaniel, M. (2013). Linking Depressed Mothers to Effective Services and Supports: A Policy and Systems Agenda for Improving Children’s Development and Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.	
	McDaniel, M., & Lowenstein, C. (2013). Depression in Low-Income Mothers of Young Children: Are they getting the treatment they need? Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.	
Commentaries	Dow, W. H., Godøy, A., Lowenstein, C. , Reich, M. A way out from rock bottom: Economic policies can reduce deaths of despair. VOX CEPR Policy Portal (July 7, 2019)	
	Lowenstein, Christopher. “Adding photos to food stamp cards would not reduce benefit trafficking.” Posted to Urban Institute’s Urban Wire on March 26, 2015.	
	Lowenstein, Christopher. “Major Gaps In Treatment for Low-Income Mothers with Depression Put Kids at Risk.” Posted to Urban Institute’s Urban Wire on April 17, 2013.	
Prior research appointments	Graduate Student Researcher	2018–2022

	Institute for Research on Labor and Employment University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)	
	Graduate Student Researcher Interdisciplinary Center for Healthy Workplaces University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)	2015–2017
	Research Assistant/Research Associate II Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population The Urban Institute (Washington, DC)	2012–2015
Funding and awards	Ethics, Society, and Technology Rolling Grant McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University (with Xuechao Qian and Mathew Kiang)	2023
	Dissertation Fellowship Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley	2021
	Graduate Student Researcher Award Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley	2020
	NIH/NIAAA T32 Predoctoral Fellowship <i>Graduate Research Training in Alcohol-Related Disparities</i> Alcohol Research Group (Emeryville, CA)	2020–2021
	NIH/NICHHD T32 Predoctoral Fellowship <i>Interdisciplinary Training in Demography</i> Department of Demography, UC Berkeley	2017–2019
	David Hoskinson Graduate Scholarship UC Berkeley School of Public Health	2017–2018
	Block Grant Fellowship UC Berkeley School of Public Health	2016–2017
	Public Health Alumni Association Scholarship UC Berkeley School of Public Health	2016–2017
Teaching and mentoring	Stanford Advancing Health Equity and Diversity (AHEaD) <i>Near peer mentor and project lead</i>	Summer 2024
	UC Berkeley Data Discovery Program <i>Project lead for undergraduate data discovery project</i>	Fall 2023/2024
	Health Economics (Masters level) <i>Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Brent Fulton</i> UC Berkeley School of Public Health	Fall 2019
	Economic Demography (Undergraduate level) <i>Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Joshua Goldstein</i> UC Berkeley Department of Demography	Spring 2019
Conference participation	APPAM Fall Research Conference (panel presentation)	November 2024
	ASHEcon Annual Conference (panel organizer/chair, discussant)	June 2024
	CAPS-CPR Conference on State Policies, Population Health, & Aging	May 2024
	APPAM Fall Research Conference (panel presentation, panel chair)	November 2023

ASHEcon Annual Conference (panel presentation)	June 2023
PAA Annual Meeting (poster presentation)	April 2023
APPAM Fall Research Conference (panel discussant)	November 2022
IAPHS Annual Conference (poster presentation)	October 2022
PAA Annual Meeting (panel chair)	April 2022
APPAM Fall Research Conference (panel presentation/discussant)	November 2021
IAPHS Annual Conference (panel presentation*)	October 2021
IHEA Annual Congress (panel presentation*)	July 2021
ASHEcon Annual Conference (panel presentation*)	June 2021
Academy Health Annual Research Meeting (poster presentation*)	June 2021
APPAM Student Online Seminar Series (panel presentation*)	May 2021
Society for Epidemiological Research (panel presentation*)	May 2021
PAA Annual Meeting (poster presentation*)	May 2021
PAA Annual Meeting (panel presentation*)	April 2020
University of California Network on Child Health, Poverty, and Public Policy (poster presentation)	September 2020
* denotes virtual participation due to COVID-19	
IAPHS Annual Conference (invited workshop participant)	October 2019
PAA Annual Meeting (poster presentation)	April 2018

Professional activities

Peer review: *Demography*, *Journal of Demographic Economics*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Social Science and Medicine - Population Health*, *Social Science and Medicine - Mental Health*, *BMJ-Public Health*, *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, *Journal of Applied Life Sciences and Environment*, *Tobacco Induced Diseases*

Abstract review: IAPHS Abstract Review Committee (2022), ASHEcon Scientific Review Committee (2022, 2023)

Grant review: US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (2023)

Membership: Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM); American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon); Population Association of America (PAA).

Service and volunteer roles: Co-instructor and tutor, Mount Tamalpais College (formerly the Prison University Project); Ambassador, UC Berkeley Graduate Recruitment and Diversity Services (GRADS) Program (2020-2021); Member, UC Berkeley Health Policy Admissions Committee (2020-2021)