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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Gies College of Business	<i>2024 –</i>
Assistant Professor of Finance	
Assistant Professor of Economics (by courtesy)	
National Bureau of Economic Research	
Faculty Research Fellow	<i>2025 –</i>
Postdoctoral Fellow in Aging and Health Research	<i>2023 – 2024</i>

EDUCATION

Duke University	<i>May 2023</i>
Ph.D. in Economics	
Duke University	<i>May 2021</i>
Masters of Arts in Economics (en route)	
Davidson College	<i>May 2018</i>
B.A. in Economics, B.A. in Philosophy with High Honors	
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , Valedictorian	

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

“*Patient Heterogeneity and Treatment Choices: Evidence from the Dialysis Industry*”
with P. Eliason, B. Heebsh, R. McDevitt, and J. Roberts (Revise and Resubmit at *American Economic Review*)

“*Shifting Barriers to Health Care Access: From Affordability to Coverage Restrictions*”
with M. Mahmoudi Meymand (Revise and Resubmit at *BMC Health Services Research*)

“*Administrative Burden and Consolidation in Health Care: Evidence from Medicare Contractor Transitions*”
(Working Paper)

“*Regulation and Diffusion of Innovation Under Information Spillovers: The Case of New Medical Procedures*”
(Working Paper)

“*Administrative Fragmentation in Health Care*”
with M. Shi (NBER Working Paper)

“*Gaming and Effort in Performance Pay*”
with L. Bertuzzi, P. Eliason, B. Heebsh, R. McDevitt, and J. Roberts (NBER Working Paper)

“*Competition and Fraud in Health Care*”
with R. Diwan, P. Eliason, J. Leder-Luis, R. McDevitt, and J. Roberts (NBER Working Paper)

“*Equity Crowdfunding ‘Rules’: Compliance with Mandated Ongoing Financial Reporting in an Unenforced Environment*”
with G. Burke (SSRN Working Paper)

“The Cost of Financial Disclosure for Start-Up Firms: An Examination of Regulation Crowdfunding Offering Closures”
with G. Burke (Work in Progress)

PUBLISHED PAPERS

“The Fiscal Impact of the Medicare Secondary Payer Act for End-Stage Renal Disease”
Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, February 2026, 10.1681/ASN.0000001028, with R. McDevitt

“Financial Ties, Market Structure, Commercial Prices, and Medical Director Compensation in Dialysis”

JAMA Health Forum, June 2025, 6(6):e252659-e252659, with X. Xia, W. Deng, P. Eliason, R. McDevitt, J. Roberts, and H. Wong

“Ambulance Taxis: The Impact of Regulation and Litigation on Health Care Fraud”

Journal of Political Economy, May 2025, 133(5):1661-1702, with P. Eliason, J. Leder-Luis, R. McDevitt, and J. Roberts

“Early-Life Shocks and Childhood Social Programs: Evidence of Catch-Up in Brazil”

Journal of Development Studies, 2023, DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2023.2250131, with D. Fitz

“Rogers’ Diffusion Theory of Innovation Applied to the Adoption of Sugammadex in a Nationwide Sample of US Hospitals”

British Journal of Anaesthesia, July 2023, 131(4):e114, with K. Pearson, M. Kent, R. McDevitt, M. Fuller, R. Jiang, S. Melton, V. Krishnamoorthy, T. Ohnuma, R. Bartz, J. Cobert, and K. Raghunathan

“Assessment of Spending for Patients Initiating Dialysis Care”

JAMA Network Open, October 2022, 5(10):e2239131, with P. Eliason, R. McDevitt, J. Roberts, and H. Wong

“Variability of Prices Paid for Hemodialysis by Employer-Sponsored Insurance in the US, 2012-2019”

JAMA Network Open, February 2022, 5(2):e220562, with P. Eliason, R. McDevitt, J. Roberts, and H. Wong

“School, Shocks, and Safety Nets: Can Conditional Cash Transfers Protect Human Capital Investments During Rainfall Shocks?”

Journal of Development Studies, June 2021, 57:12, with D. Fitz

“The Impact of Early-Life Shocks on Adult Welfare in Brazil: Questions of Measurement and Timing”

Economics & Human Biology, May 2020, 37:100843, with D. Fitz

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2026: Chicago Health Economics Workshop, Indiana University (Health Policy), University of Pennsylvania Leonard Davis Institute, Midwest Economic Association Conference (MEA), Ohio State University, University of Notre Dame, Empirical Health Law Conference, University of Iowa (Finance)

2025: Eastern Economic Association Conference, University of Illinois Chicago, MEA, Annual Health Economics Conference (AHEC), National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Economic Analysis of Regulation Meeting, Medtronic, Toulouse Health Economics Conference, American Society of Health Economists Conference (ASHEcon), NBER Summer Institute (Health), Berkshires Health Economics Conference, Northwestern University Kellogg (Strategy), Midwest Econometrics Group Conference

2024: Harvard-MIT-BU (Health Economics), NBER Economic Analysis of Regulation Meeting, International Industrial Organization Conference, University of Washington (Pharmacy), Highland Health Economics Symposium, ASHEcon, Clemson University, Georgetown University (Finance)

2023: University of Toronto Rotman, University of Chicago Booth (Accounting), Mathematica, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Gies (Finance), University of Rochester Simon, University of Michigan Ross, Federal Trade Commission, Louisiana State University, Florida State University, AHEC, Becker Friedman Institute Health Economics Initiative, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, NBER Economics of Health Program Meeting

2022: Association of University Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Triangle Micro Conference, Empirical Health Law Conference, ASHEcon, American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Duke/UVA/Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Research Jamboree, Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day, Cato Junior Academics Health Policy Symposium, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Davidson College

2021: ASHEcon, NBER Health Economics Program Meeting

2020: Midwest International Economic Development Conference

AWARDS AND FUNDING

“Administrative Burdens and Competition in US Health Care”

The Academy Advisors Grant, 2026–2028, with R. McDevitt

“Billing Hassles and ADRD”

NBER EC-READ Fellowship, 2025

“Financial Ties, Market Structure, Commercial Prices, and Medical Director Compensation in the US Dialysis Industry: 2005 - 2019”

ASHEcon Program Chair Award, 2025

“Private Equity in the US Health Care Sector”

American Investment Council Grant, 2025–2028, with A. La Forgia, R. McDevitt, & K. Yang

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2024

“Auctions as Antifraud: Lessons from Durable Medical Equipment”

Arnold Ventures Grant, 2023–2026, with P. Eliason, J. Leder-Luis, R. McDevitt, & J. Roberts

SERVICE

Journal of Industrial Economics

Associate Editor

2025 –