

# SARAH ROBINSON

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

North Hall 2015  
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## EDUCATION

### **University of California, Santa Barbara**

Ph.D., Economics Expected 2023

*Dissertation Committee: Heather Royer (advisor),  
Youssef Benzarti, H.E. (Ted) Frech III, Alisa Tazhitdinova*

M.A., Economics 2018

### **Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA**

B.A., Philosophy, Politics & Economics, *magna cum laude* 2013

## WORKING PAPERS

“What Drives Tax Policy? Political, Institutional and Economic Determinants of State Tax Policy in the Past 70 Years” with Alisa Tazhitdinova ([link](#))

“Does Independent Political Spending Affect State Tax Policies, Revenues and Expenditures?” with Alisa Tazhitdinova ([link](#))

“Geographic Variation in C-Sections in the United States: Trends, Correlates and Other Interesting Facts” with Heather Royer and David Silver ([link](#))

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Effect of State Insurance Mandates on Employers’ Choice to Self Insure”

“Employer Choice of Health Insurance Plans and Premium Sharing”  
(*proposal approved by the Census Bureau; pending IRS review*)

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

### External

NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Aging and Health Research, 2021 – 2022

### University of California Santa Barbara

Job Market Fellowship, 2022

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2021, 2019

Research Quarter Fellowship, 2019

Gretler Fellowship, 2019

Mortimer Andron Fellowship, 2018 – 2022

Distinction in Ph.D. Preliminary Exam, Microeconomics, 2018

Regents Fellowship, 2017 – 2018

Claremont McKenna College

Phi Beta Kappa, 2013

Edward J. Sexton PPE Fellow, 2011 – 2013

Dean's List, 2010 – 2013

RESEARCH  
ASSISTANCE

Heather Royer & David Silver, 2020 – 2021

Youssef Benzarti & Alisa Tazhitdinova, 2019

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Ph.D. Math Camp (UCSB)

Head Teaching Assistant, Economics 10A Microeconomic Theory (UCSB)

Teaching Assistant, Economics 10A Microeconomic Theory (UCSB)

Teaching Assistant, Economics 134A Financial Management (UCSB)

Tutor, Economics 120 Statistics (CMC)

PRESENTATIONS

Online Public Finance Seminar Graduate Student Workshop, 2022

UCSB Applied Microeconomics Lunch, 2022, 2021

AEA Annual Meeting (poster session), 2022

MannheimTaxation, 2021

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy

OTHER  
ACTIVITIES

NBER Health Economics Research Bootcamp – *Invited Attendee*

UCSB Health Reading Group – *Organizer*

7<sup>th</sup> Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences – *Invited*

OTHER WORK  
EXPERIENCE

**Deloitte Consulting LLP**, San Francisco, CA

August 2013 – October 2016

**Strategy & Operations**

*Business Analyst, Consultant*

- Worked with private sector clients (healthcare providers, high technology, and pharmaceutical & consumer products companies) as well as social sector clients (foundations and nonprofits)
- Delivered value to clients across a wide range of services including consumer analytics, operational metric improvement, cost reduction, and growth strategy
- Performed data analysis, data visualization, financial modeling, market analysis, and client interviews; developed and presented deliverables; and managed teams, timelines, and client relationships

**The Boeing Company**, Seattle, WA

Su. 2010, Fall 2010, Su. 2012

**Operations, Analysis, Modeling & Simulation**

*Summer Intern, Part-Time Student Engineer*

- Developed simulation models, sensitivity analysis, and policy recommendations on behalf of internal and external clients