

# SARAH ROBINSON

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

“Corporate Political Spending and State Tax Policy: Evidence from Citizens United” with Cailin Slattery and Alisa Tazhitdinova (NBER Working Paper 30352)

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

## 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 and IRS; SSS application pending*)

## 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

Head Teaching Assistant, Economics 10A Microeconomic Theory

Teaching Assistant, Economics 10A Microeconomic Theory

Teaching Assistant, Economics 134A Financial Management

*\* Average rating 1.3 (1 = highest, 5 = lowest)*

PRESENTATIONS

Online Public Finance Seminar Graduate Student Workshop, 2022

UCSB Applied Microeconomics Lunch, 2022, 2021

NBER Spring Public Economics Meeting (*co-author presenting*), 2022

AEA Annual Meeting (*poster session*), 2022

MannheimTaxation, 2021

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy

OTHER  
ACTIVITIES

NBER Health Economics Research Bootcamp – *Invited Attendee*

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

UCSB Health Reading Group – *Organizer*

OTHER WORK  
EXPERIENCE

**Deloitte Consulting LLP**, San Francisco, CA  
**Strategy & Operations**

*Consultant*

2015 – 2016

*Business Analyst*

2013 – 2015