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Education

Yale University

Ph.D., Health Policy and Management (Economics Concentration)	2014-2019
M.Phil., Health Policy and Management (Economics Concentration)	2014-2017
Dissertation: "Efficiency and Equity in the U.S. Health Care Safety Net"	
Committee: Chima Ndumele (Chair), Zack Cooper, Mark Schlesinger	

The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice

M.P.H., Health Policy	2011-2012
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Dartmouth College

A.B., Biology and Government	2006-2010
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Employment

Weill Cornell Medical College

Assistant Professor, Division of Health Policy and Economics, Department of Population Health Sciences	2019-present
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The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice

Health Policy Fellow	2012-2014
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Dartmouth College

Presidential Fellow	2010-2011
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Publications

Peer-Reviewed

Takvorian SU, Guerra CE, **Schpero WL**. [A Hidden Opportunity — Medicaid's Role in Supporting Equitable Access to Clinical Trials](#). *New England Journal of Medicine*. 2021;384(21):1975-1978. [Coverage: [Medscape](#)]

Khullar D, **Schpero WL**, Bond AM, Qian Y, Casalino LP. [Association Between Patient Social Risk and Physician Performance Scores in the First Year of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System](#). *JAMA*. 2020;324(10):975-983. [Coverage: [CMS Proposed Rule](#), [Healthcare Dive](#), *JAMA*, [MedPage Today](#), [Modern Healthcare](#)]

Ndumele CD, **Schpero WL**, Trivedi AN. [Medicaid Expansion and Health Plan Quality in Medicaid Managed Care](#). *Health Services Research*. 2018;53(S1):2821-2838. [Coverage: [Brookings](#)]

Cohen MS, **Schpero WL**. Household Immigration Status Had Differential Impact On Medicaid Enrollment In Expansion And Nonexpansion States. *Health Affairs*. 2018;37(3):394-402. [Coverage: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [Brookings](#), [Health Exec](#)]

Ndumele CD, **Schpero WL**, Schlesinger MJ, Trivedi AN. Association Between Health Plan Exit from Medicaid Managed Care and Quality of Care, 2006-2014. *JAMA*. 2017;317(24):2524-2531. [Coverage: [Kaiser Health News](#)]

Schpero WL, Morden NE, Sequist TD, Rosenthal MB, Gottlieb DJ, Colla CH. For Selected Services, Blacks And Hispanics More Likely To Receive Low-Value Care Than Whites. *Health Affairs*. 2017;36(6):1065-1069. [Coverage: [CNBC](#), [CT Post](#), [Kaiser Health News](#), [Modern Healthcare](#), [Politico](#), [WTOP](#)]

Friedman AS, **Schpero WL**, Busch SH. Evidence Suggests That The ACA's Tobacco Surcharges Reduced Insurance Take-Up And Did Not Increase Smoking Cessation. *Health Affairs*. 2016;35(7):1176-1183. [Coverage: [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Post](#)]

— “Editor’s Picks” Top 10 Article of 2016, *Health Affairs*

Colla CH, Morden NE, Sequist TD, **Schpero WL**, Rosenthal MB. Choosing Wisely: Prevalence and Correlates of Low-Value Health Care Services in the United States. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. 2015;30(2):221-228.

Colla CH, Sequist TD, Rosenthal MB, **Schpero WL**, Gottlieb DJ, Morden NE. Use of Non-Indicated Cardiac Testing in Low-Risk Patients: Choosing Wisely. *BMJ Quality & Safety*. 2015;24:149-153.

Lewis VA, Colla CH, **Schpero WL**, Shortell SM, Fisher ES. ACO Contracting with Private and Public Payers: A Baseline Comparative Analysis. *American Journal of Managed Care*. 2014;20(12):1008-1014.

Colla CH, **Schpero WL**, Gottlieb DJ, McClurg AB, Albert PG, Baum N, Finison K, Franzini L, Kitching G, Knudson S, Parikh R, Symes R, Fisher ES. Tracking Spending Among Commercially Insured Beneficiaries Using a Distributed Data Model. *American Journal of Managed Care*. 2014;20(8):650-657.

Morden NE, **Schpero WL**, Zaha R, Sequist TD, Colla CH. Overuse of Short-Interval Bone Densitometry: Assessing Rates of Low-Value Care. *Osteoporosis International*. 2014;25(9):2307-2311.

Hourdequin KC, **Schpero WL**, McKenna DR, Piazik BL, Larson RJ. Toxic effect of chemotherapy dosing using actual body weight in obese versus normal-weight patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Annals of Oncology*. 2013;24(12):2952-2962.

Wasiuk A, Dalton DK, **Schpero WL**, Stan RV, Conejo-Garcia JR, Noelle RJ. Mast cells impair the development of protective anti-tumor immunity. *Cancer Immunology, Immunotherapy*. 2012;61(12):2273-2282.

Benson MJ, Elgueta R, **Schpero W**, Molloy M, Zhang W, Casola S, Rajewsky K, Usherwood E, Noelle RJ. Distinction of the memory B cell response to cognate antigen versus bystander inflammatory signals. *Journal of Experimental Medicine*. 2009;206(9):2013-2025.

Strid J, Roberts SJ, Filler RB, Lewis JM, Kwong BY, **Schpero W**, Kaplan DH, Hayday AC, Girardi M. Acute upregulation of an NKG2D ligand promotes rapid reorganization of a local immune compartment with pleiotropic effects on carcinogenesis. *Nature Immunology*. 2008;9(2):146-154.

Working Papers

Schpero WL, Ndumele CD. The Long-Run Effect of Medicaid on Receipt of Public Assistance.

— Winner of 2020 Annual Student Prize, International Health Economics Association

Commentary

Schpero WL, Ndumele CD. Medicaid Disenrollment After the COVID-19 Pandemic: Avoiding a New Crisis. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2022;3(2):e214743.

Khullar D, Bond AM, **Schpero WL**. COVID-19 and the Financial Health of U.S. Hospitals. *JAMA*. 2020;323(21):2127-2128.

Schpero WL. Limiting Low-Value Care by “Choosing Wisely.” *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*. 2014;16(2):131-134.

Fisher ES, **Schpero WL**, Corrigan JM. [Measuring What Matters for ACOs](#). *The Commonwealth Fund Blog*. 2014.

Software

Schpero WL. [statastates](#): Stata module to add U.S. state identifiers to dataset. *Statistical Software Components Archive*. 2016.

Schpero WL, Jambulapati V. [statapush](#): Stata module for sending push notifications. *Statistical Software Components Archive*. 2016.

Presentations

Cornell University (Center for Health Equity) (scheduled)	2022
AcademyHealth, ASHEcon, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (Health Policy Program), iHEA	2021
AcademyHealth (canceled due to COVID-19), ASHEcon (canceled due to COVID-19), Hunter College (Health Policy Speaker Series)	2020
APPAM, ASHEcon, Cornell University (Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors, and Disparities), Weill Cornell Medical College (Healthcare Policy and Research)	2019
AcademyHealth	2018
AcademyHealth, APPAM, <i>Health Affairs</i> , iHEA	2017
AcademyHealth, ASHEcon, NRSA	2016
AcademyHealth, NRSA	2015
AcademyHealth, Grafton County (NH) Medical Society	2014
NH House of Representatives (Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee)	2013
NH House of Representatives (Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee), NH Senate (Health and Human Services Committee)	2012

Grants and Fellowships

Laura and John Arnold Foundation	2021-2023
Title: Characterizing the Concentration of Wealth in U.S. Hospitals (21-06179)	
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Paula Chatterjee)	
The Physicians Foundation	2021-2022
Title: Center for the Study of Physician Practice and Leadership	
Role: Project Leader (PI: Lawrence Casalino)	
The Commonwealth Fund and Milbank Memorial Fund (Jointly Funded)	2021-2022
Title: Examining Variation in Medicaid Primary Care Spending and Access (20213316)	
Role: Principal Investigator	
National Institute on Aging / Dartmouth College	2021-2022
Title: Causes and Consequences of Health Care Efficiency (P01 AG019783)	
Role: Sub-Award Principal Investigator (PI: Amber Barnato)	

Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University	2021-2022
Title: Association Between State Medicaid Policies and Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cancer Clinical Trial Enrollment (Ritu Banga Healthcare Disparities Research Award)	
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Samuel Takvorian)	
University of Pennsylvania Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics	2021-2022
Title: Association Between State Medicaid Policies and Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cancer Clinical Trial Enrollment (Health Equity Pilot Grant)	
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Samuel Takvorian)	
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	2020-2022
Title: Evaluating the Comparative Effectiveness of Telemedicine in Primary Care: Learning from the COVID-19 Pandemic (COVID-2020C2-10791)	
Role: Co-Investigator (PIs: Jessica Ancker and Rainu Kaushal)	
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	2020-2022
Title: Using Predictive Models to Improve Care for Hospitalized Patients with Novel Coronavirus Disease (HSD-1604-35187)	
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Rainu Kaushal)	
Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy	2018-2019
Title: Evaluating the Marginal Benefit of Investments in the Health Care Safety Net	
Role: Principal Investigator	
National Institute on Aging / National Bureau of Economic Research	2017-2019
Title: Economics of Aging Training Program (T32 AG000186)	
Role: Trainee (PIs: David Cutler and Amy Finkelstein)	
Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies	2016-2017
Title: Graduate Policy Fellowship	
Role: Principal Investigator	
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality / Yale University	2014-2017
Title: Yale Training Program in Health Services Research (T32 HS017589)	
Role: Trainee (PIs: Elizabeth Bradley and Ingrid Nembhard)	

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Reviewer, <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i>	2017-2018, 2020
Annual Student Prize, International Health Economics Association	2020
Teaching Fellow of the Year Award, Yale School of Public Health	2017
"Editor's Picks" Top 10 Article of 2016, <i>Health Affairs</i>	2017
Top Peer Reviewer, <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i>	2016
Policy Track Thesis Award, The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice	2012
Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy Leadership Fellowship, Dartmouth College	2009-2010
Andrew Warden Edson Memorial Prize in Government, Dartmouth College	2007

Teaching

Instructor

Healthcare Policy and Economics, Cornell S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management and Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Executive M.B.A./M.S.)	2021-present
Independent Study: Medicaid Policy and the Safety Net, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D.)	2021
Independent Study: Maternal Mortality in the United States, Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (M.S.)	2019

Teaching Fellow

Health Politics, Governance, and Policy, Yale School of Public Health (M.P.H.)	2018-2019
Health Economics and U.S. Health Policy, Yale School of Public Health (M.P.H.)	2017-2018
Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems, Yale School of Public Health (M.P.H.)	2015-2017
Microeconomics for Health Policy and Management, Yale School of Public Health (M.P.H.)	2016
Advanced Topics in Modeling Health Care Decisions, Yale School of Public Health (M.P.H.)	2016

Guest Lecturer

Health Policy Clerkship, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D.)	2020-2022
Executive Certificate in Healthcare Management and Policy, Weill Cornell Medicine and HEC Paris	2022
Scientific Evidence, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D.)	2020-2022
Application in Econometrics and Data Analysis, Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (M.S.)	2020-2021
Introduction to U.S. Health Care Policy and Delivery, Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (M.S.)	2019-2020
Learning Table Series, Cornell S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management and Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Executive M.B.A./M.S.)	2020
Healthcare Policy and Economics, Cornell S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management and Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (Executive M.B.A./M.S.)	2020
Pharmaceuticals and Health Policy, The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice (M.P.H.)	2013
Understanding Health Reform, The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice (M.P.H.)	2013

Mentorship

Kristen Riley, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D. expected 2025)	2022-present
Michael Liu, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D. expected 2025)	2021-present
Adam Vohra, Weill Cornell Medicine (Cardiology Fellow)	2021-present
Diksha Brahmabhatt, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D. expected 2024)	2021-present
Erika Glaubitz, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D. expected 2024)	2021-present
Rachel Lisker, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D. expected 2024)	2021-present

Thomas Wiener, Cornell University (B.A. expected 2023)	2021-present
Anita Amin, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D. expected 2023)	2019-present
Pamela Capellàn, Weill Cornell Medical College (M.D. / M.B.A expected 2023)	2019-present
Capstone Projects (Misc.), Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (M.S.)	2019-2021
Fariha Mujeebuddin, Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (M.S. 2021)	2020-2021
Soham Sinha, Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (M.S. 2020)	2019-2021
Kimberly Wong, Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences (M.S. 2020)	2019-2020

Professional Activities

Affiliations

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Social Sciences, Cornell University	2020-present
Academic Member, Center for Health Equity, Cornell University	2019-present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University	2019-present
Member, Center for the Study of Physician Practice and Leadership, Weill Cornell Medical College	2019-present
Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Population Center, Cornell University	2019-present
Faculty Affiliate, Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors, and Disparities, Cornell University	2019-present

Memberships

AcademyHealth, American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), International Health Economics Association (iHEA)

Peer Review

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; *American Journal of Managed Care*; Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists; *Annals of Internal Medicine*; *Demography*; *Health Affairs*; *Healthcare*; *Health Services Research*; *Inquiry*; *JAMA*; *JAMA Health Forum*; *JAMA Internal Medicine*; *JAMA Network Open*; *Journal of General Internal Medicine*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Medical Care*; *Medical Care Research and Review*; *The Milbank Quarterly*; National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Report on “Improving the Representation of Women and Underrepresented Minorities in Clinical Trials and Research”; Young Economists Symposium

Chair, Discussant, or Moderator

AcademyHealth, ASHEcon	2021
AcademyHealth, APPAM	2020
AcademyHealth, ASHEcon, Yale Health Care Conference	2018
ASHEcon	2016

Service to the Institution

Department of Population Health Sciences, Weill Cornell Medical College

Co-Organizer, Population Health Roundtable Series	2021-present
Co-Organizer, Professional Development Series	2021-present
Course Director, Grand Rounds Series	2019-present
Member, Health Informatics Faculty Search Committee	2021-2022
Course Director, Research Seminar Series	2019-2021
Co-Organizer, Division of Health Policy and Economics Work-in-Progress Seminar	2019-2021

National Bureau of Economic Research

Organizer, Trainee Seminar in Aging and Health	2018-2019
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Yale School of Public Health

Member, Education Committee	2015-2017
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Service to the Profession

AcademyHealth

Co-Leader, "Medicaid, Coverage, and Access" Theme, Annual Research Meeting	2022
Chair, Health Economics Interest Group Advisory Committee	2020-2021
Vice Chair, Health Economics Interest Group Advisory Committee	2019-2020
Member-at-Large, Health Economics Interest Group Advisory Committee	2016-2019

International Health Economics Association

Member, Annual Student Prize Committee	2021-present
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Medicaid Insights Colloquium

Co-Organizer	2021-present
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