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## EDUCATION

- 2022                      PhD in Health Policy  
                              *Secondary Field:* Computational Science and Engineering  
                              *Committee:* Sherri Rose, Timothy Layton, Michael McWilliams  
                              Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2011                      BA in Mathematics  
                              Carleton College, Northfield, MN
- Fall 2009                Independent Studies in Chaotic Dynamics and Discrete Mathematics  
                              Oxford University, Oxford, England

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2022 – present        Principal Researcher, Center for Applied AI, Chicago, IL
- 2015 – 2017           Senior Data Engineer, athenahealth, Watertown, MA
- 2013 – 2015           SAS Programmer II, Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research, Boston, MA
- 2011 – 2013           Research and Policy Analyst, Acumen LLC, Burlingame, CA

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2019 – 2022           NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

## WORKING PAPERS

**Zink A.** Smart Defaults for Low-Income Subsidy Recipients in Medicare Part D.

## PUBLICATIONS

Neprash HT, **Zink A**, Sheridan B, Hempstead K (2021). The Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Medicaid Participation, Payer Mix, and Labor Supply in Primary Care. *Journal of Health Economics* 80: 102541.

**Zink A** and Rose S (2021). Identifying Undercompensated Groups Defined by Multiple Attributes in Risk Adjustment. *BMJ Health & Care Informatics* 28(1).

McGuire T, **Zink A**, Rose S (2021). Improving the Performance of Risk Adjustment Systems: Constrained Regressions, Reinsurance, and Variable Selection. Forthcoming in *American Journal of Health Economics*.

**Zink A** and Rose S (2020). Fair Regression for Health Care Spending. *Biometrics* 76(3): 973-982.

Neprash HT, **Zink A**, Gray J, Hempstead K (2018). Physicians' Participation in Medicaid Increased Only Slightly Following Expansion. *Health Affairs* 37:1087-91.

Barnett ML, Gray J, **Zink A** and Jena AB (2017). Coupling Policymaking with Evaluation — The Case of the Opioid Crisis. *New England Journal of Medicine* 377: 2306-2309.

Hempstead K, Gray J, **Zink A** (2017). Reframing the Unaffordability Debate: Patient Responsibility for Physician Care. *American Journal of Managed Care* 23(11).

Santillana M, Nguyen AT, Louie T, **Zink A**, Gray J, Sung I (2016). Cloud-based Electronic Health Records for Real-time, Region-specific Influenza Surveillance. *Scientific Reports* 6, 25732.

## WHITE PAPERS

Gray J, **Zink A**, Dreyfus T. Effects of the Affordable Care Act through 2015 (2016). Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and athenahealth.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 No Longer Asking Permission: Medicaid Prior Authorization Policy and Physician Prescribing Behavior  
ASHEcon, Austin, TX
- 2021 New Advances for Fairness in Plan Payment Risk Adjustment  
Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM), Virtual
- 2021 What Does a Formulary Do? Evidence from Drug Plan Assignment in Medicare Part D  
ASHEcon, Virtual
- 2020 Identifying Undercompensated Groups Defined by Multiple Attributes in Risk Adjustment  
International Risk Adjustment Network Meeting, Virtual
- 2020 Identifying Undercompensated Groups Defined by Multiple Attributes in Risk Adjustment  
Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM), Virtual
- 2019 Fair Regression for Health Care Spending  
International Risk Adjustment Network Meeting, Portland, ME
- 2019 Fair Regression for Health Care Spending  
INFORMS Healthcare Conference, Boston, MA
- 2019 Fair Regression for Health Care Spending  
ASHEcon, Washington, DC

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Teaching Assistant*

- 2021 Econometric Methods in Impact Evaluation, Harvard School of Public Health
- 2019, 2020 The Quality of the U.S. Health Care System, Harvard College

### *Other Teaching*

- 2019 - 2021 Lecturer, Math Camp for incoming Health Policy PhD
- 2019 Tutor, Statistical Sleuthing through Linear Models, Harvard College

## SERVICE

- 2022 Adhoc Reviewer for Journal of Health Economics and Health Affairs
- 2021-2022 Program Committee, ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency
- 2022 Ethical Reviewer for NeurIPS

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Society of Health Economists, *Member*  
American Statistical Association, *Member*