

Megdalynn Fisher

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Education

Ph.D. PUBLIC AFFAIRS, (expected 2025)

O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Dissertation Committee: Kosali Simon, Seth Freedman, Justin Ross, Coady Wing

- "Policy and Unintended Consequences in Healthcare Quality: The Case of Long-Term Care"

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, 2019

Marriott School of Business, Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, UT
Advisors: Rob Christensen, Rex Facer, Andrew Heiss

- "Public reporting of Utah quality measures in collaboration with Total Cost of Care"

B.S. IN ECONOMICS, 2017

Woodbury School of Business, Utah Valley University (UVU), Orem, UT

Work in Progress

Bowblis, John, Megdalynn Fisher, and Kosali Simon. "Nursing Home Use of Antipsychotics: Does Public Reporting Incentivize Gaming?"

Fisher, Megdalynn. "Government Intervention in Nursing Homes: Assessing Ownership Dynamics and Quality of Care Under Non-State Government Owned Supplemental Payment Programs."

Bowblis, John, Megdalynn Fisher, Judith Lucas, and Kosali Simon. "Antipsychotic Medication Use Among Nursing Home Residents with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Ownership Structures."

Bowblis, John, Megdalynn Fisher, Madeline Mustaine, and Kosali Simon. "Racial Sorting Among Nursing Home Residents, 2011-2017."

Fisher, Megdalynn, Seth Freedman, and Victoria Perez. "End of Life Inpatient Spending and Hospital Advertising," *under review*.

Publications

Fisher, Megdalynn. "Rising Food Prices: The Case of Childhood Poverty in a Developed Economy." NCUR Proceedings, 2017.

Fisher, Megdalynn. "The Hope of Mankind." *The Journal of Student Leadership*, 1, no. 1 (2017).

Presentations

- Fisher, Megdalynn "Government Intervention in Nursing Homes: Assessing Ownership Dynamics and Quality of Care Under Non-State Government Owned Supplemental Payment Programs" Oral presentation, ASHEcon, San Diego, California, June 19, 2024.
- Fisher, Megdalynn "Government Intervention in Nursing Homes: Assessing Ownership Dynamics and Quality of Care Under Non-State Government Owned Supplemental Payment Programs" Oral presentation, APPAM, Atlanta, Georgia, November 9, 2023.
- "Racial and Ethnic Segregation in Nursing Homes," Midwest Health Economics Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, oral presentation, September 08, 2023
- "Public Reporting of Nursing Home Antipsychotic Use: Changes in the Reporting of Exclusionary Diagnoses?" O'Neill PhD Student Association Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, oral presentation, February 2023.
- "Hospital Competition, Quality, and Municipal Debt: Do Non-Profit Hospitals Utilize Municipal Market Credit Access to Fund Competition on Quality?" Association for Public Policy Analysts and Management Annual Conference, Washington D.C., poster presentation, November 2022.
- "Public Reporting of Nursing Home Antipsychotic Use: Changes in the Reporting of Exclusionary Diagnoses," O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs Health Policy Workshop, Bloomington, Indiana, oral presentation, June 2022.
- "Tribal Self-Governance and COVID-19 Outcomes," Association of O'Neill Ph.D. Students Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, oral presentation, March 2021.
- "An Advocacy Coalition Framework Approach to Section 340B," Association O'Neill Ph.D. Students Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, oral presentation, 2020.
 - "Rising Food Prices: The Case of Childhood Poverty in a Developed Economy,"
 - Utah's Conference on Undergraduate Research, Orem, Utah, poster presentation, 2017
- National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Memphis, Tennessee, oral presentation, 2017

- “The Hope of Mankind,” The Journal of Student Leadership, Orem, Utah, oral presentation, 2017.

Research Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

8/2019 – PRESENT

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- Research and analysis for Kosali Simon: racial segregation and nursing homes, use of antipsychotic medications in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and serious mental illness, formal disruptions to care in the nursing facility market, hospital price transparency, Medicaid expansion and the Health and Retirement Study, patient sorting and provider characteristics, CARES Act relief funds, etc.
- Research and analysis for Seth Freedman and Victoria Perez: Hospital advertising and market concentration, end of life care, healthcare quality, and the Section 340B drug pricing program.
- Analysis for Jennifer Silva: narrative analysis and assembly of qualitative patient interviews with electronic health records.
- Research and analysis for Victoria Perez: Medicaid Fraud Control Units and job turnover, COVID-19 and nursing home quality.

Work Experience

DATA ANALYST

5/2018 – 8/2019

Comagine Health, Murray, UT

- Cleaned, analyzed, and utilized data to produce actionable reports supporting the Quality Payment Program, Total Cost of Care, and Health Innovation Improvement Network for this Quality Innovation Network/Quality Improvement Organization (QIN/QIO).
- Performed and interpreted statistical analysis, creating data visualizations.
- Researched and proposed analysis techniques for public transparency objectives.
- Designed automated reports using Tableau, Excel, Access, SAS, and R Studio.

BOOKKEEPER

Quickbooks Bookkeeping, Spanish Fork, UT

8/2012 – 8/2017

- Accessed and organized information from various sources to provide monthly and annual financial statements as a self-employed bookkeeper.
- Reduced bookkeeping time by 40% during exceptional company growth (revenues, assets, and cash flows increasing roughly 300%).

OFFICE MANAGER**5/2012 – 8/2013***Anderson Wood Law, Salt Lake City, UT*

- Responsible for creating invoices, billing clients, filing documents, bookkeeping, and providing customer service.

CO-EDITOR, COLUMNIST**1/2008 – 8/2008***Ross University School of Medicine Student Newsletter, Commonwealth of Dominica*

- Published and distributed the school's newsletter as part of a two-person team.
- Increased readership by 24% and advertising accounts by 50%.

Research Interests

- Public policy and health economics
- Public finance and health
- Healthcare labor market
- Healthcare quality and services

Teaching Experience**ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR (INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)****8/2021 – 5/2022***Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*

- Contemporary Economic Issues in Public Affairs, SPEA-V202, 3 cr.
- Designed and taught sophomore level contemporary economics for public affairs to forty undergraduate students per semester.

TEACHING ASSISTANT**7/2021 – 8/2021***Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*

- Healthcare Finance, SPEA-H526, 3 cr.
- Provided grading, advisement, and tutoring services to forty graduate students in Healthcare Finance.

TEACHING ASSISTANT**1/2018 – 5/2019***Brigham Young University, Provo, UT*

- Healthcare Services Dynamics, MPA-590, 2 semesters, 3 cr.
- Economy Society, and Public Policy, MPA-612, 2 semesters, 3 cr.
- Healthcare Executive Lecture Series, MPA-591R, 1 cr.
- Conducted weekly labs for roughly ninety graduate students, providing individual and small group tutoring. Provided visiting arrangements for more than forty guest speakers.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTOR

1/2017 – 5/2017

Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

- Managerial Statistics, ECON 3340, 3 cr.
- Recruited by the Director of Academic Tutoring at UVU to lead three student study sessions per week in managerial statistics for Spring semester 2017.

Teaching Interests

- Health: Health Economics, Healthcare Services Delivery, Healthcare Finance
- Economics: Introduction, Microeconomics, Contemporary Affairs, Public Policy, Principles, History, Labor, Econometrics, Development, and Poverty
- Statistics: Introduction, Managerial, Data Analysis, Quantitative Analysis
- Public Affairs: Program Evaluation, Policy Analysis, Public Finance

Research Mentoring Experience

GRADUATE

1/2024 – PRESENT

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- Project management and research mentoring for a team including three graduate students

UNDERGRADUATE

3/2022 – PRESENT

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- Senior honors thesis advising including research design, technical support, and reviews for fourteen undergraduates.

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

- Roy W. Shin PhD Fellowship, Indiana University, 2024 – 2025
- Robert Agranoff PhD Fellowship, Indiana University, 2023 - 2024
- Irsay Institute Fellowship, Indiana University, 2023 – 2024
- Graduate Fellowship, Rumsfeld Foundation, 2019 - 2021
- Stewart L. Grow Award from the faculty of the Romney Institute of Public Service and Ethics for exemplifying characteristics of public service and excellence (BYU)
- MPA Academic Award (BYU)
- Healthcare Industry Scholar (Marriott School of Business)
- Outstanding Student Award, Finance and Economics (UVU)

Service and Leadership

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS ADVISORY BOARD 8/2021 – PRESENT

Woodbury School of Business, UVU

- Provided consultation services and policy recommendations to strengthen the economics program and enhance student learning opportunities.

O'NEILL PHD STUDENT ASSOCIATION, BOARD MEMBER 5/2020 – PRESENT

O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, IU

- Planned, organized, and conducted the annual student conferences and program social activities.
- Represented student interests while working with program and school administration to revise policies (lab and equipment usage, student fees and disbursements, use of GRE scores in admissions, etc.).
- Relaunched the organization's website, drafted the organization's charter, (expected) draft and present a professional code of ethics to be ratified by the organization's members.

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS ADVISING, PANEL CHAIR 9/30/2021 - PRESENT

O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, IU

- Chaired health policy research panel at O'Neill SPEA undergraduate research conference, 4/29/2022.
- Provided thesis advisement and analytical support to undergraduate students.

HEALTH POLICY WORKSHOP, STUDENT COORDINATOR 8/2020 – 8/2023

O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, IU

- Participated in all phases of workshop preparation and management, including scheduling, promoting, and conducting events and disseminating materials.

BROOKLINE COLLEGE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2/2022 – 1/2024

Business Program, Unitek College

- Provided consultation services regarding MPA course offerings, objectives, and student learning opportunities.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT 9/2017 – 5/2019

Healthcare Industry Research Center, BYU

- Examined factors associated with patient satisfaction and participated in developing research ideas and methods.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE **12/2017 – 5/2019**
Romney Institute of Public Service and Ethics, BYU

- Participated in the development of department diversity and inclusion statement, plan, and evaluation.
- Represented student interests during accreditation process.

MPA VICE PRESIDENT, EVENTS SPECIALIST **9/2017 – 5/2019**
Marriott School of Business' Healthcare Industry Association, BYU

- Represented students in public administration with interests in healthcare, planning and executing events for more than sixty graduate-level BYU students.
- Coordinated and executed event planning for the graduate level association.

STUDENT LIFE REPRESENTATIVE **4/2018 – 5/2019**
Master of Public Administration Association, BYU

- Served on a committee of seven student representatives, planning social, fundraising, leadership, and service events for ninety graduate students, faculty, and staff.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR, CONTRIBUTOR **5/2016 – 5/2017**
The Journal of Student Leadership, UVU

- Assisted in the creation of the inaugural edition, including planning, editing, and writing.

VICE-PRESIDENT **8/2016 – 5/2017**
Economics Club, UVU

- Helped to reinstate the failing club, scheduled and conducted various club meetings, organized and hosted financial literacy service project, began statistical analysis of a UVU program, conducted research, attended the Allied Social Sciences Association national conference in 2017.

PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER **5/2007 – 11/2008**
Ross Spouses' Organization, Ross University, Commonwealth of Dominica

- Restructured the organization, doubling leadership involvement and more than doubling member involvement. Accomplished and exceeded fiscal goals including operations and fundraising divisions.
- Initiated a website and mentoring program to provide support to incoming families, spouses, and significant others. Organized and lead activities/excursions.

CO-EDITOR, COLUMNIST **5/2007 – 8/2008**
Ross University School of Medicine Student Welcome Packet

- Partnered with University staff members and volunteers to create and publish a detailed information booklet, roughly four-times the size of previous versions, complete with images, detailed instructions, and advice.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1/2006 – 8/2007

New Voice Theater, Alamogordo, New Mexico

- Assisted in developing programs to encourage youth involvement in community theater productions and generation of scholarship funds.

Professional Memberships

- American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- Public Management Research Association (PMRA)
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM)
- American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
- American Economics Association (AEA)
- AcademyHealth (AH)