

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, John R. Bowblis

- "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

- "Enhancing Healthcare Transparency in Utah: Deriving a Composite Quality Score for Public Use as a Complement to the Total Cost of Care Project."

B.S. IN ECONOMICS, 2017

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

Publications

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

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

Fisher, Megdalynn, John R. Bowblis, Madeline Mustaine, and Kosali Simon. "Racial, Demographic and Health Sorting Among Nursing Home Residents," *submitted*.

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

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

PEER REVIEWED

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

CONFERENCES

2025

- "Racial Equity in Long-Term Care: Disentangling the Effects of Managed Long-Term Services and Supports, Medicaid Expansion, and the Balancing Incentive Program," Annual American Society of Health Economists Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, *expected* June 25, 2025.
- "Medicaid Expansion Meets Balancing Incentives: Reshaping Long-Term Care Populations," Annual American Society of Health Economists Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, *expected* June 23, 2025.

2024

- "Does Public Quality Reporting Improve Quality? The Case of Nursing Home Prescribing of Antipsychotics," Association for Public Policy Analysts and Management Annual Conference, Washington D.C., poster presentation, November 2024.
- "Government Intervention in Nursing Homes: Assessing Ownership Dynamics and Quality of Care Under Non-State Government Owned Supplemental Payment Programs," Oral presentation, Annual American Society of Health Economists Conference, San Diego, California, June 19, 2024.

2023

- "Government Intervention in Nursing Homes: Assessing Ownership Dynamics and Quality of Care Under Non-State Government Owned Supplemental Payment Programs," Oral presentation, Association for Public Policy and Management, 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.

2022

- "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.

2021

- "Tribal Self-Governance and COVID-19 Outcomes," Association of O'Neill Ph.D. Students Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, oral presentation, March 2021.

2020

- "An Advocacy Coalition Framework Approach to Section 340B," Association O'Neill Ph.D. Students Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, oral presentation, 2020.

2017

- "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.

INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINARS

- "Bottleneck Lesson: Addressing Pre-requisite Knowledge Shortfalls." Invited presentation, Seminar in Teaching Public and Environmental Affairs, SPEA-M721, Indiana University, Spring 2025.
- "Government Intervention in Nursing Homes: Assessing Ownership Dynamics and Quality of Care Under Non-State Government Owned Supplemental Payment Programs." Ball State University, November 6, 2024.
- "Hospitals: Market Competition." Invited lecture, Health Economics, SPEA-H 354, Indiana University, Fall 2022.
- "Bottleneck Lesson: Solving Market Demand and Supply Word Problems." Invited presentation, Seminar in Teaching Public and Environmental Affairs, SPEA-721, Indiana University, Spring 2022.

Research Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

9/2017 – PRESENT

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Kosali Simon

2/2022 - PRESENT

- Private equity investments in nursing homes and home health agencies
- 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

Seth Freedman and Victoria Perez

8/2019 – 8/2021

- Hospital advertising
- Market concentration
- End of life care
- Healthcare quality
- Section 340B drug pricing program

Jennifer Silva

2/2022 – 8/2023

- Narrative analysis
- Assembly of qualitative patient interviews with electronic health records

Victoria Perez

8/2019 – 8/2021

- Medicaid Fraud Control Units and job turnover
- COVID-19 and nursing home quality

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Mark Keith and Bill Tayler

9/2017 – 5/2019

- Healthcare Industry Research Center
 - Cost Transparency
 - Healthcare IT Vendors

Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

André Luís Rossi de Oliveira

10/2016 – 3/2017

- Evaluating early grade intervention programs, including mid-term notifications

RESEARCH MENTORING EXPERIENCE

3/2022 - PRESENT

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.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

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%.
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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

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

- Roy W. Shin PhD Fellowship, Indiana University, 2024 – 2025
- Merit-Based Summer Fellowship, Paul H. O'Neill School, 2024
- Robert Agranoff PhD Fellowship, Indiana University, 2023 - 2024
- Irsay Institute Fellowship, Indiana University, 2023 – 2024
- Merit-Based Summer Fellowship, Paul H. O'Neill School, 2023
- 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, Brigham Young University, 2019
- MPA Academic Award, Brigham Young University, 2019
- Healthcare Industry Scholar, Marriott School of Business, 2019
- Mark W. Cannon Scholarship, Brigham Young University, 2019
- Outstanding Student Award, Finance and Economics, Utah Valley University, 2017
- Professional Association of Campus Employees Scholarship, 2017

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.).
- Relunched the organization's website, drafted the organization's charter.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT, PANEL CHAIR 9/30/2021 - PRESENT

- Annual American Society of Health Economists Conference
- Annual Association for Public Policy and Management Conference
- Annual O'Neill PhD Student Association Conference
- Bi-annual O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs Undergraduate Honors Thesis Conference

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.

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 the 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

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)
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