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Employment

New York University, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service	
Associate Professor of Economics and Public Service	2023 – Present
Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Service	2020 – 2023
Executive Office of the President, Council of Economic Advisers	
Senior Economist, Health Care	2024 – 2025
University of California, Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine	
Assistant Professor in Residence of Medicine	2014 – 2020
Faculty Affiliate, California Center for Population Research	
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, School of Public Health	
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar	2012 – 2014

Professional Appointments

Board of Editors, <i>American Economic Review</i>	2026 – Present
Co-Editor, <i>American Journal of Health Economics</i>	2025 – Present
Editorial Board, <i>American Journal of Health Economics</i>	2021 – 2025
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research	2024 – Present
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research	2020 – 2024

Education

Ph.D., Public Policy, University of Chicago Harris School, 2012
B.A., Economics, William & Mary, 2003, James Monroe Scholar, *magna cum laude*

Working Papers

Miller, Sarah, Laura R. Wherry, and Gloria Aldana. Covering the Undocumented: The Effects of a Large-Scale Prenatal Intervention. NBER Working Paper No. 30299. Revise and resubmit at the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

Miller, Sarah, Petra Persson, Maya Rossin-Slater, and Laura R. Wherry. The Labor Market and Health Impacts of Reducing Cesarean Deliveries. NBER Working Paper No. 34556. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Human Resources*.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Bellerose, Meghan, Linqing Zheng, Arielle Desir, Rachel E. Fabi, Laura R. Wherry, and Maria W. Steenland. State Public Coverage of Pregnant Undocumented Immigrants and Prenatal Insurance Uptake. 2025. *The Milbank Quarterly* 103(3):831-856.

Hawkins, Amelia A., Christopher A. Hollrah, Sarah Miller, Laura R. Wherry, Gloria Aldana, and Mitchell D. Wong. The Long-Term Effects of Income for At-Risk Infants: Evidence from Supplemental Security Income. 2025. *American Economic Review* 115(9): 3081-3129.

Kennedy-Moulton, Kate, Sarah Miller, Petra Persson, Maya Rossin-Slater, Laura R. Wherry, and Gloria Aldana. Maternal and Infant Health Inequality: New Evidence from Linked Administrative Data. Forthcoming at *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Lleras-Muney, Adriana, Hannes Schwandt, and Laura R. Wherry. 2025. Poverty and Health. *Annual Review of Economics* 17: 31-56.

Fabi, Rachel, Katherine Narváez Mena, Arielle Desir, Margaret White, Laura Wherry, and Maria Steenland. 2025. Public Coverage of Postpartum Services for Immigrants. *JAMA Health Forum* 6(4):e250702.

Wherry, Laura R., Maria W. Steenland, and Rachel E. Fabi. 2025. Medicaid/CHIP Coverage for Immigrants During Pregnancy, Childhood, and Adulthood: A Discussion of Relevant Policies and Evidence. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, Special Issue: Medicaid at 60, 50(2): 283-306.

Alalouf, Mattan, Sarah Miller, and Laura R. Wherry. 2024. What Difference Does a Diagnosis Make? Evidence from Marginal Patients. *American Journal of Health Economics* 10(1): 97-131.

Steenland, Maria W., Rachel E. Fabi, Meghan Bellerose, Arielle Desir, Maggie S. White, and Laura R. Wherry. 2023. "State Public Insurance Coverage Policies and Postpartum Care Among Immigrants. *JAMA* 330(3):238-246.

Steenland, Maria W. and Laura R. Wherry. 2023. Medicaid Expansion Led to Reductions in Postpartum Hospitalizations. *Health Affairs* 42(1): 18-25.

East, Chloe N., Sarah Miller, Marianne Page, and Laura R. Wherry. 2023. Multigenerational Impacts of Childhood Access to the Safety Net: Early Life Exposure to Medicaid and the Next Generation's Health. *American Economic Review* 113(1): 98-135.

Miller, Sarah, Laura R. Wherry, Diana Greene Foster. 2023. The Economic Consequences of Being Denied an Abortion. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 15(1): 394-437.

Miller, Sarah, Laura R. Wherry, and Bhashkar Mazumder. 2021. Estimated Mortality Increases During the COVID-19 Pandemic by Socioeconomic Status, Race, and Ethnicity. *Health Affairs* 40(8): 1252-1260.

Miller, Sarah, Norman Johnson, and Laura R. Wherry. 2021. Medicaid and Mortality: New Evidence from Linked Survey and Administrative Data. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 136(3): 1783-1829.

Myerson, Rebecca, Samuel Crawford, and Laura R. Wherry. 2020. ACA Medicaid Expansions Increased Preconception Health Counseling, Folic Acid Intake, and Postpartum Contraception. *Health Affairs* 39(11): 1883-1890.

Carey, Colleen M., Sarah Miller, and Laura R. Wherry. 2020. The Impact of Insurance Expansions on the Already Insured: The Affordable Care Act and Medicare. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 12(4): 288-318.

Soni, Aparna, Laura R. Wherry, and Kosali I. Simon. 2020. How Have ACA Insurance Expansions Affected Health Outcomes? Findings from the Literature. *Health Affairs* 39(3): 371-378.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2019. The Long-Term Effects of Early Life Medicaid Coverage. *Journal of Human Resources* 54: 785-824.

Wherry, Laura R., Sarah Miller, Robert Kaestner, and Bruce D. Meyer. 2018. Childhood Medicaid Coverage and Later Life Health Care Utilization. *Review of Economics and Statistics* 100(2): 287-302.

Wherry, Laura R. 2018. State Medicaid Expansions for Parents Led to Increased Coverage and Prenatal Care Utilization Among Pregnant Mothers. *Health Services Research* 53(5): 3569-3591.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2017. Health and Access to Care during the First 2 Years of the ACA Medicaid Expansions. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 376: 947-56.

Wherry, Laura R., Rachel Fabi, Adam Schickedanz, and Brendan Saloner. 2017. State and Federal Coverage for Pregnant Immigrants: Prenatal Care Increased, No Change Detected for Infant Health. *Health Affairs* 36(4): 607-615.

Wherry, Laura R. and Bruce D. Meyer. 2016. Saving Teens: Using a Policy Discontinuity to Estimate the Effects of Medicaid Eligibility. *Journal of Human Resources* 51(3): 556-588.

Wherry, Laura R. and Sarah Miller. 2016. Early Coverage, Access, Utilization, and Health Effects of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions: A Quasi-Experimental Study. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 164(12): 795-803.

Lipton, Brandy, Laura R. Wherry, Sarah Miller, Sandra Decker, and Genevieve Kenney. 2016. Previous Medicaid Expansion May Have Had Lasting Positive Effects on Oral Health of Non-Hispanic Black Children. *Health Affairs* 35(12): 2249-2258.

Wherry, Laura R., Genevieve M. Kenney, and Benjamin D. Sommers. 2016. The Role of Public Health Insurance in Reducing Child Poverty. *Academic Pediatrics* 16(3, Supplement): S98-S104.

Leininger, Lindsey Jeanne, Brendan Saloner, and Laura R. Wherry. 2015. Predicting High Cost Pediatric Patients: Derivation and Validation of a Population-Based Model. *Medical Care* 53(8): 729-735.

Wherry, Laura R., Marguerite E. Burns, and Lindsey Jeanne Leininger. 2014. Using Self-Reported Health Measures to Predict High-Need Cases among Medicaid-Eligible Adults. *Health Services Research* 49(S2): 2147-2172.

Wherry, Laura R. 2013. Medicaid Family Planning and Related Preventive Care. *American Journal of Public Health* 103(9): 1577-1578.

Rodgers, Yana van der Meulen, Joseph E. Zveglich, Jr., and Laura Wherry. 2006. Gender Differences in Vocational School Training and Earnings Premiums in Taiwan. *Feminist Economics* 12(4): 527-560.

Other Publications

Chapter 4, “Expanding and Strengthening U.S. Health Insurance,” [The 2025 Economic Report of the President](#), White House Council of Economic Advisers, with Ted Figginski, Asha Patt, and Zaria Roller, January 10.

Steenland, Maria W., Rachel E. Fabi, and Laura R. Wherry. 2023. [Many Immigrants Are Ineligible for Important US Maternal Health Initiatives](#). *STAT News*, July 28.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2021. Response to “Mortality and Science: A Comment on Two Articles on the Effects of Health Insurance on Mortality.” *Econ Journal Watch* 18(2): 220-229.

Miller, Sarah, Laura R. Wherry, Diana Greene Foster. 2020. What Happens After an Abortion Denial? Evidence from the Turnaway Study. *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 110: 226-230.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2019. Four Years Later: Insurance Coverage and Access Continue to Diverge Between ACA Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States. *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 109: 327-333.

Additional policy briefs and discussion papers here: <https://www.urban.org/author/laura-wherry>

Awards and Honors

- 2025 Best Paper Award for 2024, *American Journal of Health Economics*
- 2024 NYU-Wagner Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Research Prize
- 2024 *Health Affairs* Top Ten Articles of 2023
- 2022 Finalist, NIHCM Research Award
- 2022 Runner-Up, *Financial Times* Responsible Business Education Awards
- 2018 HCUP Outstanding Article of the Year, AHRQ-AcademyHealth
- 2017 Article of the Year, AcademyHealth
- 2015 Best Abstract, Maternal and Child Health, AcademyHealth

Grants

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, Co-Investigator (PI: Maya Rossin-Slater), R01HD115606, 2025-2030, How Do Policies Pre-Conception, at Delivery, and Postpartum Shape Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes and Disparities?

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, Co-Investigator (PI: Maria Steenland), R01HD115930, 2025-2030, State Factors and Maternal Health Among Immigrants

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, Co-Investigator (PI: Maria Steenland), R21HD103943, 2022-2024, Postpartum Health Care Receipt Among Immigrant Women in the United States

HUD's Randomized Data Evaluation Competition, Principal Investigator (with co-PI Sarah Miller, in-kind services), 2019, Family Options Study: New Evidence from Linked Administrative Data

UC Office of the President, UCLA Site Leader (PI: Marianne Page), 2019-2020, UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Principal Investigator (\$250,000), 2018-2020, Understanding the Effects of Expanded Health Coverage for Low-Income Women on Maternal and Newborn Health

National Institute on Aging, Principal Investigator (\$1,468,494), R01AG059731, 2018-2023, Health at Birth and Later Life Outcomes: Evaluating the Returns to Policy-Driven Early Health Investments, with Sarah Miller

Chapin Hall and U.S. Census Bureau, Using Linked Data to Advance Evidence-Based Policymaking, funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Principal Investigator (with co-PI Sarah Miller, in-kind services), 2016-2019, Health at Birth and Later Life Outcomes: Evaluating the Returns to Policy-Driven Early Health Investments

Research Supervision

Primary Research Mentor: Chris Scannell (2022), UCLA National Clinician Scholar Program

Doctoral Committee Member: Kim Narain (2016), UCLA Department of Health Policy &

Management; Jacob Berman (2021), UCLA Department of Economics; Eric Zhou (2024), NYU Wagner

Invited Conferences, Seminars, and Speaking Engagements

2025-2026 (including scheduled): American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Child Health Financing, Lehigh University, University of Pittsburgh

2024-2025: 2025 Economic Report of the President at Brookings Institution, Harvard Department of Health Care Policy

2023-2024: ASPE Health Policy Brown Bag Briefing; Brown University Population Studies and Training Center; Imperial College London; Johns Hopkins University SPH; King's College London; Medicaid at 60: From Welfare Medicine to America's Most Important Healthcare Program; Moms First Summit; NYU School of Global Health; Stanford University Health Economics; University of Chicago Public Health Sciences

2022-2023: Brookings Institution; Columbia University School of Public Health; George Washington University; *Health Affairs* Journal Watch; Institute for Research on Poverty;

NBER New York; NYU Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Grand Rounds; Oregon Health & Science University Medicaid Insights Colloquium; SSRC Centennial Lecture; Smith College; University of Colorado Denver; University of Connecticut; University of Illinois Center for Business and Public Policy; USC Center for Economic and Social Research; Weill Cornell

2021-2022: APPAM; ASSA; Cornell University Health Economics Seminar; Columbia University Population Research Center; NBER Health Care; NBER Summer Institute Health Economics; NYU Applied Microeconomics; NYU Stern IO seminar; Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile; University of Maryland School of Public Health; University of Pennsylvania Leonard Davis Institute; U.S. Census Bureau Center for Economic Studies; William & Mary

2020-2021: American University; APPAM; Ohio State University; University of New Hampshire; Leonard Davis Institute: The Promise of Health Reform and a Public Option in a Biden Administration; Princeton University Center for Health and Wellbeing; University of Chicago Health Economics Workshop; University of Michigan Population Studies Center; UVA Batten; University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Demography and Ecology

2019-2020: APPAM; BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics; NYU Wagner; UC Davis Health Services Seminar; UC Riverside Applied Economics; UC Santa Barbara Labor Lunch; Yale SPH Health Policy

2018-2019: ASHEcon; APPAM; ASSA; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; iHEA Early Career Researcher Pre-Congress Session; O'Neill SPEA at Indiana University Bloomington; UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development

2017-2018: AcademyHealth (poster); All-California Labor Economics Conference; APPAM; Federal Statistical Research Data Centers Conference; UC Davis: Unintended Effects of the Safety Net; UCLA Extension; USC School of Pharmacy; VIVE-USC Schaeffer Center Workshop on Health Economics

2016-2017: AcademyHealth; APPAM

2015-2016: APPAM; RAND Health; UC Berkeley Health Services and Policy Analysis Colloquium; UCLA Department of Medicine Grand Rounds; UC Irvine Applied Microeconomics Seminar; U.S. Council of Economic Advisers

2014-2015: AcademyHealth; AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group; APPAM; NBER Cohort Studies; Population Association of America; UCLA Luskin/Law School Workshop; UCLA Pediatrics Health Services Research Workshop; USC Center for Economic and Social Research

2013-2014: Abt Associates; Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research; American Society for Health Economists; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; Congressional Budget Office; George Washington University School of Nursing; Mathematica Policy Research; RTI International; RWJF Health and Society Scholars Annual Meeting; Tufts University School of Medicine; UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research; University of Maryland School of Public Health; Urban Institute

2012-2013: AcademyHealth; APPAM; Cornell University Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities; RWJF Health and Society Scholars Annual Meeting; University of Michigan Public Finance Free Lunch Seminar

2011-2012: APPAM; Analysis Group; Census Bureau; Congressional Budget Office; Department of Veteran's Affairs (Menlo Park); Georgia Health Policy Center; Mathematica

Policy Research; Midwest Health Economics Conference; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research; Yale School of Public Health
2010-2011: AcademyHealth (poster); University of Chicago Center for Human Potential and Public Policy Workshop; University of Chicago Health Economics Workshop
2009-2010: University of Chicago Health Economics Workshop
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Service Activities

NYU: University IT Research Technology Faculty Advisory Board (2023-2024);
Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council (TFS-C) (2023-2024); TFS-C Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (2023-2024); TFS-C Faculty Benefits and Housing Committee (2023-2024); Wagner Faculty Advisory Committee (2023-2024, 2025-2026); Wagner Ad-Hoc Committee on By-Laws and Promotion and Tenure (2023-2024); Wagner AI Committee (2025-2026); Wagner Core Coordinating and Learning Assessment Committee (2025-2026); Wagner Search Committee, Clinical Faculty in Healthcare Finance (2021-2022, 2022-2023); Wagner Strategic Planning Research Assessment Team (2026); NYU Reproductive Health Action Network Faculty Advisor (2023-2024, 2025-2026)
UCLA: Co-Lead, Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research Noon Seminar Series, UCLA Department of Medicine (2018-2020)
Mentor: ASHEcon Conference Mentoring Session (2019); ASHEcon Virtual Mentoring Program (2020); CSWEP CeMENT Workshop (2024); "Successfully Navigating Your Economics PhD" Virtual Mentoring Workshop (2020, 2022); "Successfully Navigating Your PhD Workshop: Health Econ/Policy Edition" Virtual Mentoring Workshop (2021); APPAM Mentor Matching Program (2021-2022, 2022-2023)
Conference planning: Society of Labor Economics Program Committee (2025), Co-Chair APPAM Program Health Policy Subcommittee (2024), Co-Organizer NYC Health Economics Conference (2024), Co-Lead AcademyHealth ARM Coverage and Access Program (2019); Abstract Reviewer APPAM Annual Research Meeting Health Policy Program (2019)
Conference discussant: Annual Health Economics Conference (2017), APPAM (2012, 2014-2016, 2018-2020, 2021, 2024), ASHEcon (2019), ASSA (2019), Eastern Economics Association (2023), Essen Economics of Mental Health Workshop (2021), NBER Inequalities in Mortality in the US and Beyond (2022), PAA (2015), UC Davis: Unintended Effects of the Safety Net (2017)
Grant reviewer: National Science Foundation (2018), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2016, 2024), Russell Sage Foundation (2025)
Other: APPAM Kershaw Award Nominating Committee (2024, 2025); APPAM Poster Judge (2019); JPAM Raymond Vernon Award Selection Committee (2019); Tradeoffs Podcast Advisory Board Member (2023-2024, 2025-2026); New Jersey Integrated Population Health Data Project Research Advisory Committee Member (2023-2025)

Refereeing Activities

Academic Pediatrics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Public Health, Annals of Internal Medicine, BMC Health Services Research, Forum for Health Economics & Policy, Health

Affairs, Health Economics, Health Services Research, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, JAMA, JAMA Health Forum, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Medical Care, Medical Care Research & Review, New England Journal of Medicine, PLOS ONE, Population Research and Policy Review, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Social Science & Medicine, Women's Health Issues

Teaching

New York University, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service:

- Statistical Methods, Course #: CORE-GP 1011, Fall 2023, Fall 2025
- Health Economics: Principles, Course #: HPAM-GP 4830, Spring 2022
- Introduction to Health Economics, Course #: MHA-GP 1853, Spring 2021-2022, Fall 2022

Additional Experience

2007-2009 Research Assistant, Bruce Meyer and Tony Lo Sasso, Harris School

2003-2006 Research Assistant (2003-05), Research Associate (2006), Urban Institute