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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Department of Economics, Lehigh University  
Assistant Professor, 2023–Present

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research  
Faculty Research Fellow, 2026–present  
Programs: Economics of Health, Economics of Aging

## EDUCATION

Columbia University, Ph.D. Economics, 2023  
Fields: health economics, industrial organization

George Washington University, B.S. Economics, 2015 *summa cum laude*

## WORKING PAPERS

1. “Tunneling and Hidden Profits in Health Care” (with Ashvin Gandhi). NBER Working Paper No. 32258. Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Finance*.
2. “Predictably Unpredictable Inspections” (with Ashvin Gandhi and Maggie Shi). Conditionally accepted, *American Economic Review*.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### Economics Publications

1. “Disruption and Displacement in Health Care: Evidence from Nursing Home Closures.” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. Forthcoming.
2. “Alleviating Worker Shortages Through Targeted Subsidies: Evidence from Incentive Payments in Healthcare” (with Ashvin Gandhi, Karen Shen, and Krista Ruffini). *Review of Economics and Statistics*. Forthcoming.
3. “Estimating Nursing Home Quality with Selection” (with Szymon Sacher). *Review of Economics and Statistics*. Forthcoming.
4. “Common Practice: Spillovers from Medicare on Private Health Care” (with Michael Barnett and Adam Sacarny). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 15(3): 65-88, 2023.

### Health Policy & Medical Publications

1. Werner RM, Chen X, Coe N, **Olenski A**. “State Nursing Home Minimum Staffing Mandates: Increased Staff Levels, Minimal Impact on Finances and Closures, 2010-23,” *Health Affairs* 45(3), pp. 269-277, 2026.
2. Brown EF, Gandhi A, **Olenski A**. “Pleading Poverty: How Related-Party Payments Distort Providers’ Financial Health,” *New England Journal of Medicine*, 394:4, 317-319, 2026.

3. **Olenski A**, Shen K, Ruffini K, Gandhi A. “Health Impacts of Nursing Home Staffing,” *JAMA Health Forum*, 7(1):e256272, 2026.
4. Ly D, Essien U, **Olenski A**, Jena AB. “Affirmative Action Bans and Enrollment of Students from Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Groups in U.S. Public Medical Schools,” *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 2022.
5. **Olenski A**, Coussens S, Zimmerman A, Jena AB. “Behavioral Heuristics in Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery,” *New England Journal of Medicine* 382:8, 2020.
6. Sacarny A, **Olenski A**, Barnett M. “Association of Quetiapine Overuse Letters With Prescribing by Physician Peers of Targeted Recipients,” *JAMA Psychiatry* 76(6), pp. E1-2, 2019.
7. Barnett M, **Olenski A**, Thygeson M, Ishisaka D, Wong S, Jena AB, Mehrotra A. “A Health Plan’s Formulary Led to Reduced Use of Extended-Release Opioids, But Did Not Lower Overall Opioid Use,” *Health Affairs* 37(9), pp. 1509-1516, 2018.
8. Jena AB, **Olenski A**, Khullar D, Bonica A, Rosenthal H. “Physicians’ political preferences and the delivery of end of life care in the United States,” *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* 361:k1161, 2018.
9. Jena AB, **Olenski A**, Blumenthal DM, Yeh RW, Goldman DP, Romley J. “Acute myocardial infarction mortality during dates of national interventional cardiology meetings,” *Journal of the American Heart Association* 117:e008230, 2018.
10. Jena AB, **Olenski A**. “Reductions in firearm injuries during NRA annual conventions,” *New England Journal of Medicine* 378:866-867, 2018.
11. Blumenthal D, **Olenski A**, Yeh R, DeFaria-Yeh D, Sarma A, Stefanescu-Schmidt A, Wood M, Jena AB. “Sex differences in academic rank among cardiologists at U.S. medical schools in 2014,” *Circulation* 135(6), pp. 506-517, 2017.
12. Jena AB, **Olenski A**, Molitor D, Miller N. “Association between rainfall and diagnoses of joint or back pain: retrospective claims analysis,” *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* 359:j5326, 2017.
13. Blumenthal DM, **Olenski A**, Tsugawa Y, Jena AB. “Association between treatment by locum tenens internal medicine physicians and 30-day mortality among hospitalized Medicare beneficiaries,” *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* 318(21), pp. 2119-2129, 2017.
14. Khullar D, Blumenthal D, **Olenski A**, Jena AB. “U.S. immigration policy and American medical research - the scientific contributions of foreign medical graduates,” *Annals of Internal Medicine* 167(7), pp. 584-586, 2017.
15. Jena AB, Mann NC, Wedlund LN, **Olenski A**. “Delays in emergency care and mortality during major U.S. marathons,” *New England Journal of Medicine* 376(15), pp. 1441-1450, 2017.
16. Barnett M, **Olenski A**, Jena AB. “Patient mortality during unannounced accreditation surveys at US hospitals,” *JAMA: Internal Medicine* 177(5), pp. 1-9, 2017.
17. Barnett M, **Olenski A**, Jena AB. “Opioid-prescribing patterns of emergency physicians and risk of long-term use,” *New England Journal of Medicine* 376(7), pp. 663-673, 2017.  
– Best Published Research Paper of the Year Award, *Society of General Internal Medicine*, 2018
18. Jena AB, **Olenski A**, Blumenthal D. “Sex differences in physician salary in U.S. public medical schools,” *JAMA: Internal Medicine* 176(9), pp. 1294-1304, 2016.
19. **Olenski A**, Abola M, Jena AB. “Do heads of government age more quickly? An observational study comparing mortality between elected leaders and runners-up in national elections of 17 countries,” *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* 351:h6424, 2015.
20. Jena AB, Khullar D, Ho O, **Olenski A**, Blumenthal D. “Sex differences in academic rank in U.S. medical schools in 2014,” *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* 314(11), pp. 1149-1158, 2015.

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

National Science Foundation Grant SES 2519966, 2026 (with Ashley Swanson and Matthew Backus)  
 – “The Measurement and Production of Quality in Long-Term Care Facilities in the U.S.”

Arnold Ventures, LLC, 2025 (with Ashvin Gandhi)  
 – “Incentivizing Quality Nursing Home Care Through Inspections and Payment Policies”

Arnold Ventures, LLC, 2023 (with Ashvin Gandhi)  
 – “Hidden Profits in the U.S. Nursing Home Industry”

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2018-2021

**HONORS, AND AWARDS**

*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2026

Best Abstract Award, Health Economics Group, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting 2022  
 – For *Reallocation and the (In)efficiency of Exit in the U.S. Nursing Home Industry*

Vickrey Prize for Best Third Year Paper, Runner-up, 2020

Harriss Prize for Best Second Year Paper, Runner-up, 2019

NBER Health Economics Bootcamp, 2019

*Annals of Internal Medicine* Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2018 & 2019

Dean’s Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University, 2017

Special Honors in Economics, Department of Economics, George Washington University, 2015

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2026: ASSA Annual Meeting, Yale School of Public Health, NBER New York, NBER Aging Spring Meeting (discussant), Indiana University, International Industrial Organization Conference<sup>†</sup>, NYC Health Economics Day\*

2025: Hoover Institution Conference on Collaborative State & Local Policy Research, Utah Winter Business Economics Conference at Snowbird, NBER Economics of Health Winter Meeting<sup>†</sup>, Annual Health Economics Conference (discussant), Forensic Finance Conference<sup>†</sup>, NYC Health Economics Day (discussant), ASHEcon, NBER Economics of Health Summer Institute, Berkshires Health Economics Conference

2024: Harvard-MIT-BU Health Economics Seminar, NBER Aging Spring Meeting, Becker Friedman Institute Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference, NYC Health Economics Day<sup>†</sup>, NBER Summer Institute<sup>†</sup>, Brookings Institution, Caribbean Health Economics Symposium

2023: Lehigh University, Stanford Health Policy, Washington University in St. Louis, Baruch College, Federal Trade Commission, RAND Corporation, American Society of Health Economists, Stanford SITE Conference (IO of Healthcare and Credit Markets)

2022: American Society of Health Economists, UC Berkeley (virtual)

\* signifies scheduled, † signifies co-author conference presentation

**TEACHING AND ADVISING****Courses Taught**

Quantitative Market Analysis, Lehigh University

Statistical Methods, Lehigh University

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Health Economics*, *Health Affairs*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Academic Emergency Medicine*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Labour Economics*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Innovation in Aging*

## NON PEER-REVIEWED WRITING

1. “Trump’s immigration order could make it harder to find a psychiatrist or pediatrician” *FiveThirtyEight*, 02/03/2017.
2. “When clinicians know they’re being watched, patients fare better” *Harvard Business Review*, 03/24/2017.
3. “When roads are closed for marathons, more elderly people die of heart attacks” *Harvard Business Review*, 04/12/2017.
4. “Substitute doctors are becoming more common. What do we know about their quality of care?” *Harvard Business Review*, 12/11/2017.
5. “How common mental shortcuts can cause major physician errors” *The New York Times*, 02/20/2020.

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

1. Do heads of government age more quickly? Observational study comparing mortality between elected leaders and runners-up in national elections of 17 countries, *The BMJ* 2015. Reported by New York Times, Washington Post, STAT, Reuters, Associated Press, The Atlantic, NPR, Vox.
2. Sex differences in academic rank in US medical schools in 2014, *JAMA* 2015. Reported by NPR, Reuters, US News and World Report.
3. Sex differences in physician salary in U.S. public medical schools, *JAMA: Internal Medicine* 2016. Reported by New York Times, Washington Post, Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Reuters, TIME.
4. Opioid-Prescribing Patterns of Emergency Physicians and Risk of Long-Term Use, *New England Journal of Medicine* 2017. Reported by New York Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, Associated Press, Reuters, NPR, STAT, Vox, TIME.
5. Patient mortality during unannounced accreditation surveys at US hospitals, *JAMA: Internal Medicine* 2017. Reported by New York Times, Reuters, NPR, STAT.
6. Delays in emergency care and mortality during major U.S. marathons, *New England Journal of Medicine* 2017. Reported by New York Times, Wall Street Journal, CNN, Reuters, Associated Press, The Atlantic, NPR, STAT, Boston Globe, Philadelphia Inquirer, NBC, USA Today, TIME.
7. Association Between Treatment by Locum Tenens Internal Medicine Physicians and 30-Day Mortality Among Hospitalized Medicare Beneficiaries, *JAMA* 2017. Reported by U.S. News and World Report, Reuters, STAT News.
8. Reductions in firearm injuries during NRA annual conventions, *New England Journal of Medicine* 2018. Reported by Scientific American, TIME, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Vox, ABC, New York Magazine, Gizmodo, CNN, Philadelphia Inquirer, Bloomberg Business, US News and World Report, Reuters.

9. Behavioral heuristics in coronary artery bypass graft surgery, *New England Journal of Medicine* 2020. Reported by New York Times, STAT, Forbes, Associated Press.
10. Affirmative action bans and enrollment of students from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups in U.S. public medical schools. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 2022. Reported by Philadelphia Inquirer, Yahoo News, MedPage Today.
11. Tunneling and Hidden Profits in Health Care. Reported by New York Times, STAT, McKnights, LA Times, Becker's Hospital Review, Forbes, The Lever, Kaiser Health News, UCLA Anderson Review, Des Moines Register, Iowa Capital Dispatch.
12. Predictably Unpredictable Inspections. Reported by McKnights, Boston Globe, WGN-9 Chicago News.
13. Health Impacts of Nursing Home Staffing. Reported by McKnights.