

## TAMAR OOSTROM

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### APPOINTMENTS

- The Ohio State University, Columbus OH  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics *2020 – present*
- National Bureau of Economic Research  
Faculty Research Fellow (Health Economics) *2024 – present*

### EDUCATION

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA *2015 – 2020*  
PhD, Economics, "Essays on Innovation in Health Care Markets"  
Committee: Amy Finkelstein, Heidi Williams, James Poterba
- Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA *2009 – 2013*  
B.S. Mathematics and Biochemistry, *Summa Cum Laude*

### PUBLICATIONS

- Deaths of Despair and the Decline of American Religion (with Daniel Hungerman and Tyler Giles),  
*Forthcoming, Journal of the European Economic Association*
- Funding of Clinical Trials and Reported Drug Efficacy, *Journal of Political Economy*, 132(10),  
October 2024, pp.3298-3333
- Screening and Selection: The Case of Mammograms (with Liran Einav, Amy Finkelstein, Abigail Ostriker,  
and Heidi Williams), *American Economic Review*, 110(12), December 2020, pp.3836-70
- Outpatient Wait Times and Quality of Care for Medicaid Patients (with Amy Finkelstein and Liran Einav),  
*Health Affairs*, 36(5), May 2017, pp. 826-832.

### WORKING PAPERS

- Representation, Innovation, and Product Adoption (with Jennifer  
Kao), *Revise and Resubmit, Management Science*
- Medicaid Rates and Mental Health Treatment (with Alexei Alexandrov, Christophe Combemale, and  
Lindsey Lacey)

### SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- The Earnings Incidence of Employer-Provided Health Insurance (with Jonathan Holmes and Kurt Lavetti)
- Clinical Trials and Real World Effects of Medical Treatments (with David Chan and Matthew Grennan)
- Impact of False Positive Tests on Medical Trust and Preventive Care Utilization (with Alex Hoagland and  
Emily Lawler)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

NIH 3UL1TR002733-03S2 “The OSU Center for Clinical and Translational Science: Advancing Today’s Discoveries to Improve Health,” Co-investigator with Kurt Lavetti, Bruce Weinberg (co-PI) and Rebecca Jackson (PI)	2020-2021
Church Sexual Abuse Crisis Research Grant (with Daniel Hungerman and Tyler Giles)	2019
NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Aging and Health	2017-2019
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2015-2020
MIT Graduate Fellowship	2015-2017
Washington and Lee University	
Phi Beta Kappa (elected junior year)	2012
Lee Scholar (full-ride merit scholarship)	2009-2013

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026: Tulane University, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Junior(ish) Health Economics Summit, American Health Economic Conference (discussant)
- 2024: UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, University of Toulouse, Junior(ish) Health Economics Summit, Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania Wharton
- 2023: Junior(ish) Health Economics Summit, Cornell, University of Kansas, Junior Innovation Economics Conference at Harvard Business School, Johns Hopkins Health Care Markets Conference, Washington State University, University of Toronto
- 2022: Food and Drug Administration, Wayne State University, Notre Dame, BFI Health Economics Initiative, American Society of Health Economists Annual Meeting (*discussant*), BFI Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Annual Health Econometrics Workshop (*discussant*), University of Michigan
- 2021: American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Electronic Health Economics Colloquium, BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics Seminar, Brookings Institute, ICESI University, American Society of Health Economics Annual Meeting (presenter and discussant), Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Indiana University
- 2020: Harvard Business School, University of Illinois at Chicago, UCLA Anderson, Reed College, Cornerstone Research, The Ohio State University, BFI Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference (*cancelled due to COVID-19*), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (*discussant*)
- 2019: MIT, Theory of the Firm Conference on Academic Lobbying at Columbia University

## TEACHING

The Ohio State University	
5860 Health Economics	<i>Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2025</i>
8733 Econometrics III	<i>Spring 2024, Spring 2025</i>

## SERVICE

Referee for: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *The RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Management Science*

Graduate Admissions Committee, The Ohio State University	2024-2026
Junior Recruiting Committee, The Ohio State University	2021-2024
Faculty Advisor, Women in Economics, The Ohio State University	2021-

## **PERSONAL**

Citizenship: United States, Netherlands

Children: 2 (2024, 2026)

Last Updated: February, 2026