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Academic Appointments

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Assistant Professor of Health Care Management, July 2021 — Present

Lecturer of Health Care Management, July 2020 — June 2021

Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2021

Committee: Michael D. Whinston, Nikhil Agarwal, Amy Finkelstein

B.Ec. (Hons), Australian National University, 2010

B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Victoria University of Wellington, 2009

Research Fields

Health Economics, Industrial Organization

Working Papers

“Drug Rebates and Formulary Design: Evidence from Statins in Medicare Part D” (w Mert Demirer; Submitted)

Work in Progress

1. “The Effect of Loyalty Discounts on Endogenous Product Design: Evidence from Medicare Part D”
2. “A Nash-in-Nash Bargaining Model Over Multiple Prices” (with Mert Demirer)
3. “Medical Innovation with Competing Risks” (with Charu Gupta)
4. “Economies of Scope in Prescription Drug Development” (with Mert Demirer)
5. “Dynamics of Drug Pricing After Loss of Exclusivity” (with Mert Demirer)

Awards and Fellowships

Health Systems Initiative (MIT Sloan), 2022

Dean’s Fund (Wharton), 2021

Mack Institute Research Fellowship (Wharton), 2021

George P and Obie B. Shultz Grant (MIT), 2019

James W. Berkovec (1997) Memorial Fund Fellowship (MIT), 2015

James A. Lash (1966) Presidential Fellowship (MIT), 2014

Jan Whitwell Prize (New Zealand Association of Economists), 2011

DEEWR Labour Economics Honours Scholarship (ANU), 2010

Academic Activities

Invited Seminars

2020 (includes scheduled): University of California Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign, Becker-Friedman Institute (University of Chicago), Analysis Group, Brattle Group, Cornerstone, Charles River Associates

Referee Service

Econometrica, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Health Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics