

TAMAR OOSTROM

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),
Accepted, 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 Osterker,
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), *Submitted*

Medicaid Rates and Mental Health Treatment (with Alexei Alexandrov, Christophe Combemale, and
Lindsey Lacey), *Submitted*

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

- 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*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The RAND Journal of Economics*, *Management Science*

Graduate Admissions Committee, The Ohio State University	2024-2025
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: 1 (May 2024)

Last Updated: August, 2025