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Education

Stanford University. Ph.D., Economics, 2004.
Amherst College. B.A., English and economics, 1994.

Fields

Health economics, industrial organization, applied microeconomics

Professional Experience

2010 - Present: *Research Assistant Professor*, Price School of Public Policy,
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
2010 - Present: *Adjunct Economist*, RAND, Santa Monica, CA
2009 - Present: *Economist*, Leonard Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and
Economics, University of Southern California.
2009 - Present: *Managing Editor*, *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*,
Berkeley Electronic Press, California
2008 - 2010: *Full Economist*, RAND, Santa Monica, CA
2007 - 2010: *Adjunct Assistant Professor*, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.
2006 - 2010: *Professor*, Pardee RAND Graduate School of Public Policy, Santa
Monica, CA
2003 - 2007: *Associate Economist*, RAND, Santa Monica, CA

Other Positions

1994 - 1996: *Assistant Analyst*, Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“How Costly Is Hospital Quality? A Revealed-Preference Approach,” with Dana
Goldman, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, 2011.

“Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Hospital Care Resulting from Air Pollution in Excess of
Federal Standards,” with Andrew Hackbarth (first author) and Dana Goldman, *Social
Science and Medicine*, 2011.

“Hospital Spending and Inpatient Mortality: Evidence from California,” with Anupam Jena and Dana Goldman, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 2011.

“The Benefits from Giving Makers of Conventional ‘Small Molecule’ Drugs Longer Exclusivity Over Clinical Trial Data,” with Dana Goldman (first author), Darius Lakdawalla, Jesse Malkin, and Tomas Philipson, *Health Affairs*, 2011.

“The Emerging Importance of Patient Amenities in Hospital Care,” with Dana Goldman (first author) and Mary Vaiana, *New England Journal of Medicine*, 2010.

“Efficiency and Its Measurement: What Practitioners Need To Know,” with Peter Hussey, Han de Vries, Margaret Wang, Paul Shekelle and Elizabeth McGlynn, *American Journal of Managed Care*, 2009.

“A Systematic Review of Health Care Efficiency Measures,” with Peter Hussey (first author), Han de Vries, Margaret Wang, Susan Chen, Paul Shekelle and Elizabeth McGlynn, *Health Services Research*, 2009.

“Alcohol and Environmental Justice: The Density of Liquor Stores and Bars in Urban Neighborhoods in the United States,” with Deborah Cohen, Jeanne Ringel, and Roland Sturm, *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 2007.

Other Publications

“What Can We Learn about Hospitals from the Revealed Preferences of Patients?” with Dana Goldman, *Vox*, March 21, 2008, at <http://www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/1001>.

“Do the Owners of Small Law Firms Benefit from Limited Liability?” with Bogdan Savych and Eric Talley, in *In the Name of Entrepreneurship? The Logic and Effects of Special Regulatory Treatment for Small Business*, edited by Susan M. Gates and Kristin J. Leuschner, Santa Monica, California: RAND, 2007.

Working Papers

“Identifying the Health Production Function: The Case of Hospitals,” with Neeraj Sood, 2011.

“Competition, Intrinsic Motivation, and Trends in Patient-Based Measures of Hospital Performance,” revision requested, with Peter Huckfeldt and Marc Elliott, 2011.

“Hospital Costs and Inpatient Mortality among Children Undergoing Surgery for Congenital Heart Disease,” with Alex Chen, Dana Goldman, and Roberta Williams, under review, 2011.

“The Risk of Pancreatitis and Pancreatic Cancer from Exenatide in the Privately-Insured Population,” with Dana Goldman, Matthew Solomon, Daniel McFadden, and Anne Peters, under review, 2011.

“Spending and Inpatient Mortality in U.S. Acute Care Hospitals,” under review, with Anupam Jena, June O’Leary, and Dana Goldman, 2011.

“Therapeutic Hypothermia for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: Utilization Trends and Hospital Mortality,” under review, with Anupam Jena, Christopher Newton-Cheh, and Peter Noseworthy, 2011.

“Hospitals As Hotels: The Role of Patient Amenities in Hospital Demand,” under revision for *Journal of Health Economics*, NBER Working Paper 14619, with Dana Goldman, 2008.

“Does Liability Affect Small Business?” with Bogdan Savych, 2008.

“Accounting for Limited Liability among Law Firms,” with Eric Talley, 2007.

“Hospital Ownership and the Response to a Quality Incentive,” 2007.

Work in Progress

“Welfare Effects of Administrative Costs in Health Plans and Hospitals,” with Dana Goldman and Neeraj Sood.

“Hospital Ownership and Quality, Revisited,” with Dana Goldman.

Technical Reports

“The Impact of Air Pollution on Hospital Spending,” with Andrew Hackbarth and Dana Goldman. TR-777, RAND Corporation, 2010.

“Determinants of Patient Experience Ratings: A Benchmark and Drivers Analysis of Vanguard Hospital System Performance on the HCAHPS Survey,” with Peter Huckfeldt, Peter Mendel, and Marjorie Pearson. PM-3469-VGD, RAND Corporation, 2010.

“California Ambulatory Surgery Centers: A Comparative Statistical and Regulatory Description,” with William Vogt. TR-757, RAND Corporation, 2009.

“Assessing the Performance of Military Treatment Facilities: Final Report,” with Nancy Nicosia and Barbara Wynn. MG-803-OSD, RAND Corporation, 2009.

“Health Care Efficiency Measures: Identification, Categorization, and Evaluation. Final Report,” with Elizabeth McGlynn, Paul Shekelle, Jason Carter, Susan Chen, Han de

Vries, Dana Goldman, Peter Hussey, Roberta Shanman, Martha Timmer, Carlo Tringale and Margaret Wang. EP-200804-18, RAND Corporation, 2008.

“Mail Order and Pharmacy Costs in the Military Health System.” DRR-4028-OSD, RAND Corporation, 2006.

“The Quality of Personnel in the Enlisted Ranks,” with Beth Asch and Mark Totten. MG-324, RAND Corporation, 2005.

Funded Research

Co-Investigator (Neeraj Sood, Principal Investigator), “Competition among Post-Acute Care Providers”, \$1,489,695 from Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (5R01HS018541-03), September, 2009-July, 2012.

Principal Investigator, “Quality and Costs in Hospitals: What Can We Learn from Medicare Patients?”, \$194,000 from National Institute of Aging (1R03AG031990-01A1), June, 2009-May, 2011.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Dana Goldman), “Air Pollution and Medical Spending: Assessing the Burden on Payers,” \$140,000 from Hewlett Foundation, January, 2009-June, 2009.

Co-Investigator (Marjorie Pearson, Principal Investigator), “Best Practices and HCAHPS Analyses To Support Implementation of the Vanguard Strategic Nursing Plan,” \$375,766, Vanguard Health Systems, April, 2009-March, 2010.

Co-Investigator (William Vogt, Principal Investigator), “Ambulatory Surgery Centers: Policy-Relevant Trends,” \$142,225, California Health Care Foundation, April, 2008-October, 2009.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Barbara Wynn), “Designing a Reinsurance Program for Military Treatment Facilities under a Capitation-Based Budgeting System,” \$329,000 from Department of Defense, August, 2006-September, 2009.

Principal Investigator, “Cost in the MHS Pharmacy System: Analysis of Variation Across Dispensing Options,” \$136,000 from Department of Defense, May, 2005-August, 2006.

Co-Investigator (Elizabeth McGlynn, Principal Investigator), “Identifying, Categorizing and Evaluating Health Care Efficiency Measures,” \$299,888, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, September, 2005-October, 2007.

Teaching and Advising

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Health Economics, Principles of Economics I and II

Master's level: Economics for Policy, Planning and Development (Spring, 2011)

Ph.D.-level: Economics of Law and Legal Policy

Committee member for doctoral dissertation in public policy: Jane McClure Burstain (2008)

Committee member for doctoral dissertation in pharmaceutical economics: Flavia Ejzykowicz (ongoing)

Honors and Awards

Stanford University: John M. Olin Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford Graduate Research Opportunities Award, Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Economics Department First-Year Graduate Fellowship

Congressional Budget Office: Director's Award for Outstanding Service

Amherst College: Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*, Nelson Memorial Award, Hamilton Prize

Refereeing Activity

Forum for Health Economics and Policy, Health Affairs, Health Services Research, Medical Care, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Healthcare Engineering, MIT Press

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economics, American Law and Economics Association, Econometric Society

Selected Popular Press Mentions

McCaughey, Betsy, *Wall Street Journal*, November 1, 2011, mention of Romley, John, Anupam Jena and Dana Goldman, "Hospital Spending and Inpatient Mortality: Evidence from California."

Chen, Pauline, *New York Times*, December 16, 2010, review of Goldman, Dana, Mary Vaiana and John Romley, "The Emerging Importance of Patient Amenities in Hospital Care."

Hobson, Katherine, *Wall Street Journal*, December 3, 2010, review of Goldman, Dana, Mary Vaiana and John Romley, "The Emerging Importance of Patient Amenities in Hospital Care."

Kiladze, Tim, *Forbes*, April 28, 2010, mention of Romley, John, Andrew Hackbarth, and Dana Goldman, "The Impact of Air Pollution on Hospital Spending."

Shevory, Kristina, *New York Times*, March 12, 2010, review of Romley, John, Andrew Hackbarth, and Dana Goldman, "The Impact of Air Pollution on Hospital Spending."

Peterson, Molly, 89.3 KPCC, March 3, 2010, radio interview about Romley, John, Andrew Hackbarth, and Dana Goldman, "The Impact of Air Pollution on Hospital Spending."

Roan, Shari, *Los Angeles Times*, March 2, 2010, review of Romley, John, Andrew Hackbarth, and Dana Goldman, "The Impact of Air Pollution on Hospital Spending."

Gibson, Ellen, *BusinessWeek*, February 16, 2009, review of Goldman, Dana, and John Romley, "Hospitals As Hotels: The Role of Patient Amenities in Hospital Demand."

Dubner, Stephen, *New York Times*, January 23, 2009, review of Goldman, Dana, and John Romley, "Hospitals As Hotels: The Role of Patient Amenities in Hospital Demand."

Academic Presentations

University of California Riverside, November, 2011

American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, July, 2011

American Economic Association/Econometric Society Annual Conference, January, 2011

American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, June, 2010

Southern California Applied Microeconomics Conference, April, 2010

Pomona College Department of Economics, October, 2009

California State University Fullerton Department of Economics, January, 2009

Bryn Mawr College Department of Economics, January, 2009

American Economic Association/International Health Economics Association, January, 2009

American Economic Association/Health Economics Research Organization, January, 2009

Scripps College Department of Economics, December, 2008

Claremont McKenna College Department of Economics, October, 2007

NBER Summer Institute, Health Care, July, 2007

Occidental College Department of Economics, June, 2007

UCLA Anderson School of Management, Quantitative Marketing in Economics Reading Group, May, 2007

International Atlantic Economic Association, October, 2006
NBER Summer Institute, Law and Economics, July, 2005
Junior Empirical Legal Scholars Conference, Cornell University Law School, September,
2004
Olin School of Business, Washington University, 2003
Georgia Tech Department of Economics, 2003
Southern Methodist University Department of Economics, 2003
Clemson University Department of Economics, 2003
U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 2003
RAND, 2003

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