

# MOLLY SCHNELL

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Northwestern University	2019–
Assistant Professor of Economics, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences	
Assistant Professor of Strategy, Kellogg School of Management	
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research	
National Bureau of Economic Research	2019–
Faculty Research Fellow, Health Care	
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	2018–2020, 2022–
Visiting Scholar	
University of Chicago	2024
Saich Family Fellow, Becker Friedman Institute	
Stanford University	2018–2019
Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research	

## EDUCATION

Princeton University	
Ph.D. in Economics	2018
Committee: Janet Currie, Jakub Kastl, Eduardo Morales	
Dissertation: “ <i>The Economics of Physician Behavior</i> ”	
M.A. in Economics	2014
University of Chicago	
B.S./B.A. in Mathematics, Economics, and Statistics	2011

## MAJOR PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Health economics, public economics, industrial organization

## WORKING PAPERS (\* denotes graduate student advisee)

14. “Drivers of Racial Differences in C-Sections” with A. Corredor-Waldron and J. Currie  
NBER Working Paper No. 32891
13. “The Expansionary and Contractionary Supply-Side Effects of Health Insurance” with E. Geddes\*  
NBER Working Paper No. 31483
12. “The Effects of Competition on Physician Prescribing” with J. Currie and A. Li\*  
NBER Working Paper No. 30889

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11. “Physician Behavior in the Presence of a Secondary Market: The Case of Prescription Opioids”  
Conditionally accepted, *Econometrica*

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

10. M. Cabral, B. Kim, M. Rossin-Slater, M. Schnell, and H. Schwandt. 2025. “Trauma at School: The Impacts of Shootings on Students’ Human Capital and Economic Outcomes.” *Review of Economic Studies*, rda027.
9. Alexander, D. and M. Schnell. 2024. “The Impacts of Physician Payments on Patient Access, Use, and Health.” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 16(3): 142–177.
8. Staiger, B., A. Li\*, D. Alexander, and M. Schnell. 2022. “Enrollment Brokers Did Not Increase Medicaid Enrollment, 2008–18.” *Health Affairs*, 41(9): 1333–1341.
7. Currie, J., M. Schnell, H. Schwandt, and J. Zhang. 2021. “Prescribing of Opioid Analgesics and Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *JAMA Network Open*, 4(4): e216147.
6. Rossin-Slater, M., M. Schnell, H. Schwandt, S. Trejo, and L. Uniat. 2020. “Local Exposure to School Shootings and Youth Antidepressant Use.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(38): 23484–23489.
5. Alexander, D., J. Currie, and M. Schnell. 2019. “Check Up Before You Check Out: The Impact of Retail Clinic Expansion on Emergency Room Use.” *Journal of Public Economics*, 178: 104050.
4. Allcott, H., R. Diamond, J-P. Dubé, J. Handbury, I. Rahkovsky, and M. Schnell. 2019. “Food Deserts and the Causes of Nutritional Inequality.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 134(4): 1793–1844.
3. Alexander, D. and M. Schnell. 2019. “Just What the Nurse Practitioner Ordered: Independent Prescriptive Authority and Population Mental Health.” *Journal of Health Economics*, 66: 145–162.
2. Currie, J., J. Jin, and M. Schnell. 2019. “U.S. Employment and Opioids: Is There a Connection?” *Health and Labor Markets (Research in Labor Economics, Volume 47)*, Emerald Publishing Limited: 253–280.
1. Schnell, M. and J. Currie. 2018. “Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: Is There a Role for Physician Education?” *American Journal of Health Economics*, 4(3): 383–410.

## OTHER WRITING

Pienkny, M.\* , M. Rossin-Slater, M. Schnell, and H. Schwandt. 2024. “The Lasting Impacts of School Shootings on Youth Psychotropic Drug Use.” *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 114: 387–393.

Cabral, M., B. Kim, M. Rossin-Slater, M. Schnell, and H. Schwandt. “The Lasting Consequences of School Shootings on the Students Who Survive Them.” *The Conversation*, May 2022.

Currie, J., M. Schnell, H. Schwandt, and J. Zhang. “Trends in Drug Overdose Mortality in Ohio During the First 7 Months of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *JAMA Network Open (Research Letter)*, 2021.

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Allcott, H., J.-P. Dubé, and M. Schnell. “Eliminating Food Deserts Won’t Help Poorer Americans Eat Healthier.” *The Conversation*, December 2019.

M. Schnell. “The Opioid Crisis: Tragedy, Treatments, and Trade-offs.” *SIEPR Policy Brief*, 2019.

Doleac, J., A. Mukherjee, and M. Schnell. “Research Roundup: What Does the Evidence Say About How to Fight the Opioid Epidemic?” *Brookings Institute*, December 2018.

Currie, J. and M. Schnell. 2018. “A Closer Look at How the Opioid Epidemic Affects Employment.” *Harvard Business Review*, August 2018.

Schnell, M. and D. Weinstein. “Evaluating the Economic Response to Japan's Earthquake.” *RIETI Policy Discussion Paper Series*, February 2012.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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| 2025–2029  | Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (Award No. R01HD114558, PI: <b>Schnell</b> , \$2,138,141)<br>Co-Is: Cabral, Kim, Rodriguez, Rossin-Slater, Sabety, Schwandt<br>“ <i>Understanding the Short- and Long-Term Impacts of School-Based Health Centers</i> ”                     |
| 2020–2024  | Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (Award No. R01HD102378, PI: Rossin-Slater, \$1,137,470)<br>Co-Is: Cabral, Carrion, <b>Schnell</b> , Schwandt<br>“ <i>Understanding the Short- and Long-Term Impacts of Childhood Exposure to Violence: Evidence from School Shootings</i> ” |
| 2018       | Center Grant Pilot Award, NBER Center for Aging and Health Research   |
| 2018       | <i>Review of Economic Studies</i> Tour  |
| 2017–2018  | Health Economics Fellow, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago   |
| 2016–2018  | Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, SPIA, Princeton University   |
| 2016       | Towbes Prize for Outstanding Teaching, Princeton University   |
| 2015, 2016 | Research grant, Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University   |
| 2011       | David S. Hu Award for Excellence in Economics (honors thesis award), Department of Economics, University of Chicago   |

## INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2025 | NYU Stern, Kansas Health Economics Conference (keynote), Institute for Policy Research (Northwestern), Princeton, Northwestern OBGYN Grand Rounds; <i>Scheduled: Economics of Mental Health Workshop</i> (keynote), IFS/UCL/LSE Public Economics Workshop, Duke  |
| 2024 | American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Harris Health Economics Workshop, Emory, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Georgia, University of California San Diego, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Saieh Fellows Seminar, Booth Research Brown Bag, Booth Microeconomics Workshop, BFI Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference, London School of Economics, Amsterdam School of Economics, |

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- German Health Economics Association, CESifo Area Conference on Labor Economics, NBER Summer Institute (Health), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, UT–San Antonio Area Health Workshop (keynote)
- 2023 Booth Healthcare Initiative, Wisconsin School of Business, Marquette University, University of British Columbia, University of California–Davis, NBER Summer Institute (Health), Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Micro and Macro Labor Economics Conference, Hamburg Center for Health Economics (Center Day keynote)
- 2022 University of Duisburg–Essen, Institute for Policy Research (Northwestern), Kansas State University, University of Illinois Chicago, Dartmouth, BFI Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Notre Dame, Gies College of Business, Federal Reserve Board, University of Michigan, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
- 2021 Cambridge Healthcare/Education/Labour Markets Mini Conference, Berlin Applied Micro Seminar, BU/Duke Empirical Health Law Conference, NBER Summer Institute (Education), Monash Business School, Northwestern Feinberg Institute for Public Health and Medicine, University of St Andrews
- 2020 Institute for Policy Research (Northwestern), University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, University of Kansas, Pritzker School of Law, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Berkeley Haas, Johns Hopkins  
*Cancelled due to COVID-19:* ASU Annual Empirical Microeconomics Conference, BFI Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference
- 2019 Junior(ish) Health Economics Summit, Simon Fraser University Beedie School of Business, University of Maryland, Department of Justice Antitrust Division, Bates White Academic Seminar Series, Berkeley, Federal Trade Commission, NYU Stern, BU/MIT/Harvard Health Economics Seminar, Brown, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Montreal IO Conference, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, International Health Economics Association Annual Congress, Indiana University, Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference (junior keynote), Olin Business School, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Ohio State University, ITAM Business School, Banco de Mexico, NBER Health Care Meeting, University of Minnesota
- 2018 New York University, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Yale School of Management, Harvard Business School, London School of Economics, University College London, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia, University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, Northwestern, Kellogg School of Management, Dartmouth, Stanford Graduate School of Business, The Wharton School, Bocconi, University of Zurich, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Microsoft Research, Tulane Health Economics Mini Conference, REStud Tour (Queen Mary, CERGE-EI, University of Copenhagen), American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, NBER Summer Institute (Health Care), SIEPR Postdoctoral Fellows Conference, University of California Santa Barbara, Stanford, Texas A&M, Harvard, Hamburg Center for Health Economics, Christmas Meetings of German Economists Abroad
- 2017 CEPR School on Applied IO, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Applied IO, Health Policy), Highland Health Economics Symposium, European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference, Becker Friedman Institute Emerging Scholars Roundtable, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University, Johns Hopkins University Center for Innovative Medicine, Duke Fuqua, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

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- 2016 Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, European Conference on Health Economics, Robert Wood Johnson Healthy Food Financing Initiative Meeting, BU Population Health Science Research Workshop, Becker Friedman Institute Emerging Scholars Roundtable
- 2015 NBER Summer Institute

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020–2023 *Graduate Health Economics*, Econ 436-2, Northwestern University  
2025 (offered as ECON 498-1 in 2020–2021, ECON 436-2 in 2022 onwards)
- 2025 *Economics of Medical Care* (Undergraduate), Econ 307, Northwestern University
- 2020 *The Economics of Health Care* (Graduate Mini-Course), Ruhr Graduate School

### Guest Lectures

- 2020–2024 “Opioids and Public Policy” in *Economics of Health, Human Capital, and Happiness* (Undergraduate, SOC\_POL 333), Northwestern University
- 2021 “The Opioid Crisis” in *Health Care Systems* (Undergraduate), The Wharton School
- 2019 “Opioids and Public Policy” in *Economics of Medical Care* (Undergraduate, ECON 307), Northwestern University
- 2016–2018 “Physician Behavior” in *Economics of Health and Wellbeing* (Graduate), University of Zurich

## GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING (committee member)

- 2023 Eilidh Geddes (Assistant Professor, University of Georgia)
- 2023 Nicole Holz (Data Scientist, Walmart)
- 2023 Valentyn Litvin (Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Montreal)
- 2023 Aleksandra Paluszynska (Economist, Amazon)
- 2024 Yoshimasa Katayama (Assistant Professor, Kobe University)
- 2024 Anran Li (Assistant Professor, Cornell University)
- 2025 Hyein Cho (Associate, Cornerstone Research)
- 2025 Anastasiia Evdokimova (Postdoctoral Researcher, Yale University)
- 2025 Giovanni Pisauro (Associate, Cornerstone Research)
- 2026 Radhika Ramakrishnan
- 2027 Tessa Bonomo
- 2027 Lydia (Jiarui) Cao
- 2027 Max Pienkny
- 2028 Rosario Cisternas
- 2028 Kazuaki Sano
- 2029 Charlie Hanzel
- 2029 Hellary Zhang

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee: *Agricultural Economics, AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, AEJ: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, AER: Insights, American Journal of Health Economics, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, Empirical Economics, Health Affairs, Health Economics, International Economic Review, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, JPE: Microeconomics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Urban Economics, Management Science, Pediatrics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies*
- Grant review: European Research Council  
National Science Foundation  
Russell Sage Foundation
- Discussant: American Economic Association Annual Meeting (2020, 2021, 2024)  
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference (2016, 2020, 2021)  
BU Population Health Science Research Workshop (2017)
- Organizer: Health, Education, Labor, and Public (“HELP”) Seminar, Northwestern University, 2021–  
Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (2023)
- Committee: BU Population Health Science Research Workshop (2017, 2018)  
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference (Program Chair for *Physician and Nurse Training and Reimbursement*, 2022)  
Econometric Society, North American Winter Meeting (Program Committee member for *Public/ Health*, 2024)
- Data access: U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status

## PERSONAL

Married, two children (2020, 2023)

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