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ACADEMIC 2025 - Pres. Professor, Department of Economics, Ohio State University
POSITIONS 2019 - 2025 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Ohio State University
2024 - 2025 Visiting Scholar, Stanford University, Department of Economics
2022 - Pres. Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
2017 - Pres. Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labor Economics
2018 - Pres. Research Affiliate, Institute for Population Research, Ohio State University
2013 - 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ohio State University
2011 - 2013 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy, University of California,
Berkeley

EDUCATION Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 2011
Dissertation: "Essays on the Estimation of Prices in Implicit Markets" (Advisor: N. Kiefer)
M.A., Economics, Cornell University, 2010
B.A., Economics and Finance, Boston College, 2004

RESEARCH Health and Labor Economics
FIELDS

PUBLICATIONS Chang, Katherine, Matthew Johnson, Kurt Lavetti, Michael Lipsitz, and Devesh Raval, "The Effect of Noncompete Enforceability on Productivity: Evidence from a New State-Level Manufacturing Dataset," *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings* 2026.

Johnson, Matthew, Kurt Lavetti, and Michael Lipsitz "The Labor Market Effects of Legal Restrictions on Worker Mobility" *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 133, No. 9 (Sep. 2025).

Lavetti, Kurt and Ian Schmutte "Gender Differences in Sorting on Wages and Risk" *Journal of Econometrics*, Vol. 233, No. 2 (Apr. 2023).

Lavetti, Kurt "Compensating Wage Differentials in Labor Markets: Empirical Challenges and Applications" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 37, No. 3, (Summer 2023).

Lavetti, Kurt, Thomas Deleire, and Nicolas Ziebarth "Is Cost-Sharing Effective in Reducing Low-Value Care? Evidence from Low-Income Enrollees on the ACA Exchanges" *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, Vol. 90, No. 1, (Mar 2023), pp. 155-83.

Hausman, Naomi and Kurt Lavetti. "Physician Concentration and Negotiated Prices: Evidence from State Law Changes" *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 13, No. 2 (Apr. 2021).

Lavetti, Kurt "Noncompete agreements in employment contracts" *IZA World of Labor*, September 2021.

Lavetti, Kurt. "The Estimation of Compensating Wage Differentials: Lessons from the Deadliest Catch" *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, Vol. 38, No. 1, (Jan. 2020).

Lavetti, Kurt, Carol Simon, and William D. White. "The Impacts of Restricting Mobility of Skilled Service Workers: Evidence from Physicians" *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol. 55, No. 3, (Jun. 2020).

Lavetti, Kurt and Kosali Simon. "Strategic Formulary Design in Medicare Part D Plans" *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, Vol. 10, No. 3, (Aug. 2018), pp. 154-92.

Han, Tony and Kurt Lavetti. "Does Part D Abet Advantageous Selection in Medicare Advantage?" *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 56, (Dec. 2017), pp. 368-382.

Lavetti, Kurt, Kosali Simon, and William D. White "Taxpayer Willingness-to-Pay for Health Insurance Reform: A Contingent Valuation Analysis" *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 52, No. 3, (July 2014), pp. 994-1013.

WORKING
PAPERS

Lavetti, Kurt, Long Hong, Jonathan Holmes, and Trevon Logan "Workplace Stratification and Racial Health Disparities" *Revise & Resubmit at the American Economic Review*

Lavetti, Kurt and Ian Schmutte "Estimating Compensating Wage Differentials with Endogenous Job Mobility" *Reject & Resubmit at the Journal of Political Economy*

Handel, Benjamin, Jon Holmes, Jon Kolstad, and Kurt Lavetti "Insurer Innovation and Health Care Efficiency: Evidence from Utah"

Abdulhadi, Adibah, Hanbat Jeong, Kurt Lavetti, Rebecca McKibbin, and Bruce A. Weinberg, "From Average to Marginal: A Novel Way to Measure the Mortality Risk of an Infectious Disease"

Abdulhadi, Adibah, Kurt Lavetti, Bruce A. Weinberg, and Jonathan Holmes, "Quantifying the Enduring Health and Employment Effects of COVID-19"

Colen, Cynthia, Alison Case, Kurt Lavetti, and Jonathan Holmes, "Occupational Characteristics and the Hispanic Health Paradox"

Kowalski, Amanda, Kurt Lavetti, and Lee Lockwood "Health Persistence and the Ex Ante Value of Medicaid as a Safety Net"

Lavetti, Kurt, Tamar Oostrom, and Jonathan Holmes "The Earnings Incidence of Employer-Provided Health Insurance"

Holmes, Jonathan and Kurt Lavetti "Labor Market Effects of Shifts in Employer-Provided Health Insurance Costs among Older Workers"

Yaming Cao, Kurt Lavetti, and Nicolas Ziebarth "Covering the Uninsured with Primary Care Networks: Utilization and Spending Implications"

HONORS,
AWARDS, &
GRANTS

2022-27, NIH R01 National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Title: The Effects of Workplace Social Status on Minority Health Disparities
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount: \$2.6 Million

2025-27, Smith Richardson Foundation
Title: The Effects of Noncompete Enforceability on Productivity: Investment, Job Reallocation, and Business Dynamism
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Amount: \$215,000

2024-26, NIH R01 Supplement National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Title: Impacts of Parental Workplace Social Status on Disparities in Infant and Child Health
Role: Principal Investigator

Amount: \$300,000

2023-24, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Social, Behavioral, and Economic COVID Coordinating Center Pilot Grant

Title: What is Long COVID? Quantifying the Enduring and Disparate Effects of COVID-19

Role: Principal Investigator

Amount: \$45,000

2021-26, NIH U01 National Institute on Aging

Title: The health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and policy responses.

Role: Co-Investigator (Weinberg PI)

Amount: \$2.3 Million

2021-22 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Title: Does Employer-Provided Health Insurance Exacerbate Age Discrimination in Labor Markets?

Sub-award of: Economics of Working Longer and an Aging Workforce (G-2019-12400)

PI Nicole Maestas, Grants Project Leader Alexander Gelber

Role: Sub-award Principal Investigator

Amount: \$71,966

2020-21, National Institutes of Health. National Center for the Advancement of Clinical and Translational Sciences. (Supplement Lead).

Title: The Economic Impact, Incidence, and Diffusion of COVID-19.

Role: Co-Investigator (Jackson PI)

Amount: \$671,710

2019, Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Authority Grant

Title: Do Noncompete Agreements Make Noncompetitive Labor Markets?

Role: Co-Investigator (with Matthew Johnson and Michael Lipsitz)

Amount: \$50,000

2019, Brookings Institution Productivity Measurement Initiative

Title: Healthcare Prices and Quality Bias

Role: Co-Investigator (with Xavier Jaravel and Jonathan Kolstad)

Amount: \$20,000

2016, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Small Grant

Title: Empirical Evidence on Demand Versus Supply Side Incentives in Health Care

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Ben Handel and Jon Kolstad)

Amount: \$5,000

2015 - 2016, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, OSU

Institute for Population Research Seed Grant

Title: Dynamic Inefficiencies in Health Investments over the Life-Cycle

Amount: \$25,600

2015, Mark Satterthwaite Prize for Outstanding Research in Healthcare Markets

2015, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant #72674

Title: The Dynamic Efficiency of Health Insurance Generosity

Role: Principal Investigator

Amount: \$148,923

2011, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Award for Best Dissertation in Public Policy

2010 - 2012, National Institute of Health R03 Grant RAG033211A

Title: Differences In Incentives between Stand-Alone Medicare Drug Coverage and Medicare Advantage Plans

Role: Co-Investigator (with Kosali Simon)

Amount: \$73,741

2009 - 2011, National Science Foundation Grant SES-0851605

Title: Doctoral Dissertation Research: Labor Supply Decisions and Fatality Risk

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Nicholas M. Kiefer)

Amount: \$8,477

2009, Cornell University Graduate Research Grant

Title: Dynamic Labor Supply with a Deadly Catch

Role: Principal Investigator

2009, Ernest Lui Family Economics Outstanding Teaching Award, Cornell University

CONFERENCE
AND INVITED
SEMINAR
PRESENTATIONS

2025

Michigan State University; Georgia State University; Stanford University; Claremont McKenna College; Arizona State University; Indiana University; University of Chicago, Harris

2024

Carnegie Mellon, Heinz; NBER Race and Stratification in the Economy Conference; NBER Summer Institute; Midwestern Health Economics Conference

2023

UC Irvine, Economics Department

2021

University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Economics Department; Case Western Reserve, Economics Department

2019

University of Maryland, Economics Department; Chicago Booth Junior Health Economics Summit; Tel Aviv University, Economics Department; Hebrew University, Economics Department; Miami University, Economics Department;

2018

Boston College, Economics Department; American Society of Health Economists Meeting; Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; Ohio State University, Institute for Population Research; Indiana University, SPEA; Indiana University IUPUI, Economics Department

2017

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Economics Department; US Department of Justice; Bureau of Economic Analysis

2016

Chicago Booth Junior Health Economics Summit; Annual Health Economics Conference, Vanderbilt University; American Society of Health Economists, University of Pennsylvania; University of Illinois, Chicago, Economics Department

2015

NBER Summer Institute Health Care; Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; Northwest-

ern Kellogg Annual Conference on Healthcare Markets; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Economics Department; Annual Health Economics Conference, University of Georgia; Western Economic Association Annual Meeting; Chicago Booth Junior Health Economics Summit

2014

Stanford University, Department of Health Research and Policy; University of Georgia, Economics Department; American Society of Health Economists, University of Southern California

2013

Stanford University, Health Economics Seminar; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Economics Department and LER; Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Annual Meeting; University of Rochester, Simon School; University of Tennessee, Economics Department; Oregon State University, Economics Department; University of California, Irvine, Economics Department; McGill University, Economics Department

2012

Ohio State University, Economics Department; University of California, Berkeley, Economics Department; Boston College, Economics Department; American Society of Health Economists, University of Minnesota; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Annual Meeting; California State University, East Bay, Economics Department; Western Economic Association Annual Meeting

2011

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference; Annual Health Economics Conference, Northwestern Kellogg; Ohio State University, Economics Department; Stanford University, SIEPR; Penn State University, Economics Department; Rice University, Economics Department; Congressional Budget Office; Toulouse School of Economics; Collegio Carlo Alberto

2010

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; Cornell University, Economics Department; Harvard University, Economics Department; American Society of Health Economists, Cornell; American Economic Association Annual Meetings;

2009

AcademyHealth

TEACHING Ohio State University, Economics 5860 - Health Economics (Undergraduate)
Ohio State University, Economics 8856 - Health Economics (PhD Level)
Ohio State University, Economics 4001 - Intermediate Micro (Undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL ORGS. American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists, American Society of Health Economists, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

REFEREE American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Health Economics, Berkeley Electronic Journal, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, The Economic Journal, Health Economics, Industrial Labor Relations Review, Industrial Relations, Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, National Science Foundation, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics

ACADEMIC ADVISING Guanting Yi, Ph.D 2025, Primary Advisor
Yaming Cao, Ph.D 2023, Primary Advisor
Lin Lin, Ph.D 2019, Primary Advisor
Teng-Jen Chang, Ph.D 2018, Primary Advisor

Shijie (Tony) Han, Ph.D 2017, Primary Advisor
Jing Feng, Ph.D 2025, Dissertation Committee
Matthew Pesavento, Ph.D 2024, Dissertation Committee
Dongyue Ying, Ph.D 2024, Dissertation Committee
Kyoung Hoon Lee, Ph.D 2023, Dissertation Committee
Xuechao Qian, Ph.D 2022, Dissertation Committee
Minsub Kim, Ph.D 2021, Dissertation Committee
Jung Bae, Ph.D 2020, Dissertation Committee
Peter Nencka, Ph.D 2020, Dissertation Committee
Wei Yang Tham, Ph.D 2019, Dissertation Committee
Apoorva Rama, Ph.D 2019, Dissertation Committee
Hongyu Chen, Ph.D 2018, Dissertation Committee
Grace Hwang, Ph.D 2018, Dissertation Committee
Shengjun Jiang, Ph.D 2018, Dissertation Committee
Shin-Yi Wu, Ph.D. 2017, Dissertation Committee
Robert Munk, Ph.D 2016, Dissertation Committee
Mario Ramos, Ph.D 2016, Dissertation Committee
Nancy Haskell, Ph.D 2014, Dissertation Committee

INDUSTRY Charles River Associates, Boston, Massachusetts
EXPERIENCE *Associate, Competition Practice*
 Analyst, Competition Practice

June, 2005 - July, 2006
August, 2004 - June, 2005

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