

New Perspectives on Health and Health Care Policy Presenter Biographies

Laurence Baker, Stanford University

Laurence Baker, Ph.D., is a health economist and Professor of Health Research and Policy at Stanford University, where he studies a variety of health care economics and policy questions. Much of his work focuses on the effects of financial incentives and organizational structures on health care delivery and health care spending, including studies of managed care, health care technology diffusion, health care regulatory policy, efforts to improve quality in health care, and policies that affect the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Dr. Baker serves as Chief of Health Services Research at the Stanford University School of Medicine and has been appointed Fellow of the Stanford Center for Health Policy and Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He also holds a courtesy appointment in the Stanford University Department of Economics. He was the recipient of the ASHE Medal from the American Society of Health Economists in 2008 and the Alice S. Hersh Young Investigator Award from AcademyHealth in 2000. In 1997 and 1999 he received the National Institute for Health Care Management research prize. He serves as Senior Associate Editor for the journal Health Services Research and as a member of the editorial board of Medical Care Research and Review. His professional activities include service to a range of university, state government, and federal government activities. Dr. Baker received his Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University in 1994.

Ken Chay, Brown University

Ken Chay is an empirical micro-economist who has done important research in the areas of labor, health, and the environment. His work is characterized by the importance of the questions being considered and the compelling nature of the inference that is provided. Among his most cited work includes an analysis of the effects of the 1970 Clean Air Act on infant mortality and a study of the impact of Civil Rights legislation on the convergence of black-white mortality in Mississippi. He is the recipient of research grants from the NICHD and the NSF, and in 2004 he was awarded the Kenneth J. Arrow Award for the best paper in health economics by the International Health Economics Association. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1996.

David Cutler, Harvard University

David Cutler is currently the Otto Eckstein Professor of Applied Economics at Harvard University and recently completed a five-year term as associate dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences for Social Sciences. Professor Cutler's research is in health and public economics. He served on the Council of Economic Advisers and the National Economic Council during the Clinton Administration and has advised the Presidential campaigns of Bill Bradley, John Kerry, and Barack Obama. Among other affiliations, Professor Cutler has held positions with the National Institutes of Health and the National Academy of Sciences. Currently, Professor Cutler is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a member of the Institute of Medicine.

Leemore Dafny, Northwestern University

Leemore Dafny is Assistant Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Dafny is an applied microeconomist whose research focuses on competition in healthcare markets and the impact of public health insurance on healthcare costs and quality. Recent projects include "Are Private Health Insurance Markets Competitive?" and "Estimation and Identification of Merger Effects: An Application to Hospital Mergers". Dafny graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard College and earned her PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a recipient of the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, a

Faculty Research Fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a Faculty Fellow of the Institute for Policy Research and the Center for the Study of Industrial Organization at Northwestern University. She has lectured to a variety of audiences, and has advised federal, state and local policymakers on healthcare and antitrust policy.

James J. Heckman, University of Chicago

James J. Heckman is the Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, where he has served since 1973. In 2000, he shared the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel with Daniel McFadden. Heckman directs the Economics Research Center and the Center for Social Program Evaluation at the Harris School for Public Policy. In addition, he is the Professor of Science and Society in University College Dublin and a Senior Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation. His work has been devoted to the development of a scientific basis for economic policy evaluation, with special emphasis on models of individuals and disaggregated groups, and to the problems and possibilities created by heterogeneity, diversity, and unobserved counterfactual states. He developed a body of new econometric tools that address these issues. Heckman is actively researching the economics of human development and building theoretical and empirical models of human capacity formation. This work will emphasize the role of the family in producing capacities and the effects of capacities on education, wages, health, crime, and other dimensions of lifetime achievement. He is currently conducting new social experiments on early childhood interventions and reanalyzing old experiments. Heckman has published over 260 articles and several books. Heckman has received numerous awards for his work, including the Gold Medal of the President of the Italian Republic, awarded by the International Scientific Committee of the Pio Manzú Centre in 2008, and the Distinguished Contributions to Public Policy for Children Award from the Society for Research in Child Development in 2009.

James Hilliard, University of Georgia

James I. Hilliard is Assistant Professor of Risk Management and Insurance in the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. He teaches principles of insurance and risk management, corporate risk management and advanced commercial liability and serves as the faculty advisor to Gamma Iota Sigma, the honorary risk management and insurance fraternity. Dr. Hilliard holds a communication degree from Houghton College and M.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in finance from the University of Connecticut, where he was supported by a scholarship from the Spencer Educational Foundation. He held several director-level positions at the Hartford Financial Services Group prior to his academic career. His research interests are focused in the areas of insurance industry concentration, insurance capital structure and government regulation of insurance companies. His research has appeared in *European Financial Management* and *Risk Management and Insurance Review*. Dr. Hilliard is Past President of the Houghton College Alumni Association and a member of the American Risk and Insurance Association, Southern Risk and Insurance Association and the Eastern Finance Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Gamma Iota Sigma Grand Chapter.

David Howard, Emory University

David Howard is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Emory University. A health economist by training, Dr. Howard's research employs economics and statistics to better understand physician decision-making and its implications for public policy. Dr. Howard's current areas of research include: the impact of patients' life expectancy on the use of cancer screening, the impact of quality and outcomes on patients' choice of provider, and the value of medical care for cancer. Dr. Howard has acted as an advisor or consultant to MEDPAC, the American Cancer Society, the Division

of Transplantation in the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Howard received his doctorate in health policy from Harvard University in 2000.

Karen Norberg, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Norberg is an epidemiologist and child psychiatrist with long-standing interest in applications of econometric methods and behavioral economics to demography and public health. She received her MD from Harvard Medical School, and began her recent transition to epidemiology and health policy research through affiliation with the National Bureau of Economic Research. She was the recipient of an NIMH career development award for the study of adolescent suicide, and served on a National Research Council Panel to study data and research relating to firearms. She is currently working on the Health Outcomes study, sponsored through Washington University's Center for Health Policy, studying the effects of employer-based health insurance policies on health outcomes, and collaborating with genetic epidemiologists in the Department of Psychiatry on studies pertaining to the interplay of genetic and environmental influences on child and adolescent behavior and adult outcomes.

Mark Pauly, University of Pennsylvania

Mark Pauly is Bendheim Professor, Professor of Health Care Management, Professor of Business and Public Policy, Professor of Insurance and Risk Management, and Professor of Economics. His books include *Health Benefits at Work: An Economic and Political Analysis of Employment-Related Health Insurance*, *Supplying Vaccine: An Economic Analysis of Critical Issues*, and *Financing Long Term Care: What Should Be the Government's Role?* His recent journal publications include "Structural Incentives and Adoption of Medical Technologies in HMO Fee-for-Service Health Insurance"; "The Future U.S. Health Care System: Who Will Care for the Poor and Uninsured?"; and "The Effects of Health Insurance Access to New Medical Technologies." He has consulted for a number of private and public sector organizations, include the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and served on the Medicare Technical Advisory Board and on the National Institutes of Health national Advisory Committee. Dr. Pauly received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Virginia, his M.A. in economics from the University of Delaware, and his A.B. from Xavier University.

Tomas Philipson, University of Chicago

Tomas J. Philipson is the Daniel Levin Professor of Public Policy Studies in the Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies. He was born and raised in Sweden where he obtained his undergraduate degree in mathematics at Uppsala University. He received his MA and PhD in economics from the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania. His research focus is on health economics, and he teaches master's and PhD courses in microeconomics and health economics at the University. Philipson served as a senior health care advisor for Senator John McCain's 2008 campaign for President of the United States. He was on leave from the University to serve in the Bush Administration as the senior economic advisor to the head of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) during 2003-04 and subsequently as the senior economic advisor to the head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2004-05. Philipson is the recipient of numerous international and national research awards. He has twice (in 2000 and 2006) been the recipient of the highest honor of his field: the Kenneth Arrow Award of the International Health Economics Association (for best paper in the field of health economics).

Heather Royer, University of California, Santa Barbara

Heather Royer is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of California-Santa Barbara. She is a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. She holds a PhD in economics from the University of California-Berkeley and a BA from Pomona College. Her research focuses on

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Mark Votruba, Case Western Reserve University

Mark Votruba (PhD Economics, Princeton University) is Associate Professor of Economics and Medicine at Case Western Reserve University, and serves as director of the Health Economics unit in the Center for Health Care Research and Policy at MetroHealth Medical Center. He additionally serves as an adjunct Associate Professor of Economics for the University of Stavanger in Norway. Professor Votruba's primary research and teaching interests lie in the areas of public economics and health economics. Professor Votruba has a series of papers with Norwegian colleagues investigating the consequences of job loss for affected workers and their families. He is currently PI for an NIA-funded project to estimate the effect of involuntary job loss and early retirement on the health care utilization of older workers. In recent health economics research (forthcoming in the AER), Professor Votruba and colleagues model the effect of search frictions in a market for group insurance and present evidence that the distribution of premiums is consistent with sizable frictions.