

# Jonathan Kolstad

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## About

Jonathan Kolstad is an Associate Professor of Economic Analysis and Policy at Berkeley Haas and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is also the Co-director of the Health Initiative at the UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab. He is an economist whose research interests lie at the intersection of health economics, industrial organization, and public economics. He is particularly interested in finding new models and unique data that can account for the complexity of markets in health care, notably the role of information asymmetries and incentives. He has studied the impact of quality information on demand, as well as intrinsic surgeon incentives. In a series of papers, he has evaluated the impact of the Massachusetts health insurance expansion on a variety of outcomes. He has also gathered unique data to understand the role of information frictions in consumer decision making in insurance markets and on medical treatments. Kolstad was awarded the Arrow Award from the International Health Economics Association for the best paper in health economics in 2014 and the NIHCM Foundation Research Award in 2016. He is also a Co-founder and was Chief Data Scientist at Picwell. He received his PhD from Harvard University and BA from Stanford University.

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## Areas of Expertise

Health Economics, Industrial Organization, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

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## Selected External Service & Affiliations

2018 - present, Co-Editor, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy

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## Positions Held

### At Haas since 2015

2017 - present, Associate Professor, Haas School of Business 2015 ? 2016, Assistant Professor, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley 2009 ? 2015, Assistant Professor, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania 2013 ? 2015 Co-Founder and Chief Data Scientist, Picwell Inc. 2002 ? 2004 Analyst (Strategy Consulting and Bus Dev.), Broadlane Inc.

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## Education

Harvard University  
PhD

## Honors & Awards

ASHEcon Medal  
2018

Berkeley Haas Schwabacher Fellowship  
2017, 2018

NIHCM Foundation Health Care Research Award  
2016, 2018

Barbara and Gerson Bakar Faculty Fellow, UC Berkeley  
2015 - 2018

American Economic Review, ?Excellence in Refereeing Award?  
2016, 2017

Mark A. Satterthwaite Award for Outstanding Research in Health Care Markets, Kellogg School,  
Northwestern  
2016

Arrow Award, International Health Economics Association  
2013

Claude Marion Endowed Faculty Scholar, Wharton School  
2012 - 13

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Early Career Research Grant  
2011

Deans Recognition for Teaching, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania  
2010

3rd Biennial Student Paper Award, American Society of Health Economists  
2009

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