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## Fields of Interest

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Applied Microeconomics; Health Economics; Political Economy; Industrial Organization

## EDUCATION

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<b>Northwestern University</b> <i>Ph.D. in Economics (expected 2027)</i>	2021–present
<b>Stanford University</b> <i>B.A. in Economics (with Honors)</i>	2015–2019

## WORKING PAPERS

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“From the Dial to the Aisle: The Effects of Talk Radio”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Churches and Local Economies” (with Zane Kashner)

“Understanding the Short- and Long-Term Impacts of School-Based Health Centers” (with Marika Cabral, Bokyoung Kim, Adrienne Sabety, Maya Rossin-Slater, Molly Schnell, and Hannes Schwandt)

“Learning-by-Doing versus Training-Cohort in Medical Decision-Making” (with Claire Boone and Molly Schnell)

“Making an Echo Chamber: Selection and Persuasion in Ideological Segregation Online”

“When Protection Kills: Footprint-Based Regulation, Vehicle Upsizing, and U.S. Motor-Vehicle Fatalities”

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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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.

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>Northwestern University</b> <i>Research Assistant for Prof. Molly Schnell</i>	2023–present <i>Evanston, IL</i>
<b>Northwestern University</b> <i>Research Assistant for Prof. Bernard Black</i>	2022 <i>Evanston, IL</i>
<b>Opportunity Insights at Harvard University</b> <i>Pre-doctoral fellow for Profs. Raj Chetty, John Friedman, and Nathaniel Hendren</i>	2019–2021 <i>Cambridge, MA</i>
<b>Economic Policy Research Center</b> <i>Economic Researcher</i>	2018 <i>Tbilisi, Georgia</i>

## TEACHING

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**Teaching Assistant**, ECON 307 – Economics of Medical Care (Winter 2025), Northwestern University (Instructor: Molly Schnell)

*CTEC evaluation metrics (TA):*

- Average overall TA rating 5.93/6; Median 6/6

## HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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<b>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</b> <i>National Science Foundation</i>	2021–2026
<b>Susan Schmidt Bies Prize for Best 3rd-Year Research Paper</b> <i>Department of Economics, Northwestern University</i>	2024
<b>Anna Laura Myers Prize for Outstanding Honors Thesis</b> <i>Department of Economics, Stanford University</i>	2019

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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AEA Annual Meeting (ASSA) — “Understanding the Short- and Long-Term Impacts of School-Based Health Centers” (with Marika Cabral, Bokyoung Kim, Adrienne Sabety, Maya Rossin-Slater, Molly Schnell, and Hannes Schwandt)	Jan 2026 (scheduled)
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## DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-organizer of Northwestern’s Applied Microeconomics Lunch Seminar	2023–2024
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Programming Skills**    Stata, R, Python, Julia