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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, MD
Ph.D., Health Economics and Policy	2024 – Present
Saint Olaf College	Northfield, MN
B.A., Economics (distinction), <i>summa cum laude</i>	2015 – 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Bureau of Economic Research	Baltimore, MD
Research Assistant	2025 – Present
Stellar Health	New York, NY
Senior Analyst II	2023 – 2024
Senior Analyst I	2022 – 2023
Analysis Group	New York, NY
Senior Analyst	2021 – 2022
Analyst	2019 – 2021
Saint Olaf College Economics Department	Northfield, MN
Research Assistant	2018 – 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Meiselbach M, Clarkwest S, **Westermeyer B**, Eisenberg MD. (2026). Podcast Advertising by Online Sports Betting Platforms and Alcohol Brands, 2024–2025. *Health Affairs Scholar*
2. Eisenberg MD, **Westermeyer B**, Meiselbach M. (2026). Online Sports Betting Is a Public Policy Issue and a Public Health Issue. *JAMA Health Forum*.
3. Feuerstadt P, Lu M, Terasawa E, Terreri B, Du S, Pi S, **Westermeyer B**, Ayyagari R, Lembo A, Moshiree B, Nguyen L, Boules M, Cash B. (2025). Economic Burden of Patients with Chronic Idiopathic Constipation in the USA Before and After Prucalopride Initiation. *Gastro Hep Advances*.
4. Cash B, Lu M, Lembo A, Feuerstadt P, Nguyen L, Terasawa E, Ayyagari R, Du S, Pi S, **Westermeyer B**, Terreri B, Boules M, Moshiree B. A real-world study of persistence and adherence to prescription medications in patients with chronic idiopathic constipation in the USA. (2024). *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy*.
5. Lembo A, Cash B, Lu M, Terasawa E, Terreri B, Du S, Ayyagari R, Feuerstadt P, Moshiree B, **Westermeyer B**, Pi S, Boules M, Nguyen L. (2024). Clinical outcomes before and after

prucalopride treatment: an observational study in patients with chronic idiopathic constipation in the USA. *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology*.

6. Chandler J, Georgieva M, Desai U, Kirson N, Lane H, Cheung HC, **Westermeyer B**, Biglan K. (2023). Disease progression and longitudinal clinical outcomes of Lewy body dementia in the NACC database. *Neurology and Therapy*.
7. Desai U, Chandler J, Kirson N, Georgieva M, Cheung HC, **Westermeyer B**, Lane H, Biglan K. (2022). Epidemiology and economic burden of Lewy body dementia in the United States. *Current Medical Research and Opinion*.
8. Hodgson A, Bernardin T, **Westermeyer B**, Hagopian E, Radtke T, Noman A. (2021). Development of a specialty intensity score to estimate a patient's need for care coordination across physician specialties. *Health Science Reports*.

Under Review

9. **Westermeyer B**, Eisenberg MD, Meiselbach M. Online Sports Betting Legalization and Behavioral Health Care Utilization.
10. Meiselbach M, **Westermeyer B**, Eisenberg MD. The Impact of Legalized Mobile Sports Betting on Help-Seeking Behavior.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Westermeyer, B. Online Sports Betting Legalization and Prescriptions for Mental Health and Substance Use Medications.

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference. Boston, MA. November 6, 2026.
- Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists. Minneapolis, MN. June 8, 2026.
- AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, WA. May 31, 2026.

HONORS AND AWARDS

June Culley Scholarship, Johns Hopkins University	2026
Honors Pass on Doctoral Qualifying Exam, Johns Hopkins University	2025
Doctoral Scholarship (full tuition and stipend), Johns Hopkins University	2024
National Research Service Award (T32HS000029), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	2024
David Merton Narvaez Award for outstanding graduate in economics, Saint Olaf College	2019
Phi Beta Kappa, Saint Olaf College	2019
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Saint Olaf College	2018
John M. Bly Award for first in class rank, Saint Olaf College	2018

TEACHING

Guest Lectures

Trust and Public Opinion (Fundamentals of Health Policy and Management, BA) 2026

Teaching Assistance

Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD

Fundamentals of Health Policy and Management (BA) 2026

Applied Microeconomics for Policymaking (MS/MPH) 2025

Economic Evaluation (MS/MPH) 2025

Saint Olaf College Northfield, MN

Behavioral Economics (BA) 2018

Principles of Microeconomics (BA) 2016, 2017

AFFILIATIONS

Professional Societies

- Member, American Society of Health Economists
- Member, AcademyHealth
- Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Research Centers

- Trainee, Center for Mental Health and Addiction Policy
- Trainee, Hopkins Business of Health Initiative

Peer Reviewer

- Health Services Research
- Journal of American College Health
- Journal of Business Research