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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

PhD, Health Economics and Policy

Advisor: Matthew D. Eisenberg

Baltimore, MD
2025–2029 (expected)

University of Chicago

BS, Mathematics; BA, Economics

Chicago, IL
2022

AFFILIATIONS

Center for Mental Health and Addiction Policy, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Hopkins Business of Health Initiative, Johns Hopkins University

Center for Gun Violence Solutions, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Occupational licensing and interstate telehealth; supply of and access to behavioral health care

Secondary: Firearm injury prevention

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Dada, J., Ward, J. A., Valek, R., Jones, V. C., McCourt, A. D., & Crifasi, C. K. “Changes in the demographic composition of US gun ownership, 2013–2025.” Conditionally accepted, *AJPM Focus*.

Policy Reports and Public Comments

Bauer, L., Creeron, A., **Dada, J.**, & Macedo, L. (2023). Nurse licensure compacts before, during, and after COVID. *The Hamilton Project Research Brief*, Brookings Institution.

Bauer, L., & **Dada, J.** (2022). Public comment to the Federal Trade Commission on the infant formula shortage. *The Hamilton Project*, Brookings Institution.

WORKING PAPERS

Under Review

Dada, J., Polsky, D., & Hughes, H. “Interstate telehealth registration and oncology care.” Under review, *JAMA Network Open*.

Dada, J., Spicuglia, R., & Crifasi, C. K. “Trends in US children living in households with firearms, 2013–2025.” Under review, *JAMA Pediatrics*.

Work in Progress

Dada, J. “Factors associated with psychologist selection into interstate telepsychotherapy.”

Dada, J. & Anderson, A. “Where to go: Building a directory of crisis stabilization facilities.”

Dada, J. “Practicing across state lines without a license: Physician participation in interstate telehealth registries.”

- Dada, J.** “Interstate telehealth registration and access to care: Evidence from Florida and Medicare.”
- Dada, J.,** Westermeyer, B., Meiselbach, M., & Eisenberg, M. D. “The effect of sports betting legalization on the supply of gambling disorder treatment.”
- Dada, J.,** Shen, K., & Eisenberg, M. D. “Do state directed payments buy better care?”
- Dada, J.,** Kamei, A., & Peña, P. A. “Disparities in glasses use among Mexican public primary school children with refractive errors, 2013–2024.”

PRESENTATIONS

- “Changes in the demographic composition of US gun ownership, 2013–2025.” National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Baltimore, MD. *Poster.* Dec 2026
- “The impact of the Nurse Licensure Compact on labor mobility before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.” Supply-Side Economics in Healthcare Conference, Initiative on Enabling Choice and Competition in Health Care, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. 2024

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Show-Chwan Departmental Doctoral Scholarship, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health 2025–2029
- Pre-doctoral Health Economics Dissertation Fellowship, Initiative on Enabling Choice and Competition in Health Care, University of Chicago 2024
- Kiphart Collegiate Fellowship, Kiphart Center for Global Health and Social Development, University of Chicago 2022
- Kapani Metcalf Fellowship, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago 2022
- University Academic Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago 2019–2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Baltimore, MD
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Health Policy and Management 2025–present

With Matthew Eisenberg, Karen Shen, Andrew Anderson, and Cassandra Crifasi. Projects on State Directed Payments in Texas and North Carolina (Medicaid claims), a national crisis services dataset for mental health services research, gambling disorder treatment supply, and US gun ownership (National Survey of Gun Policy).

Lead, interstate telehealth registry projects for the LIFTT Research Work Group: a harmonized national dataset of state telehealth registries and a state-by-month panel of telehealth licensing policy.

Development Innovation Lab, University of Chicago Chicago, IL
Pre-doctoral Research Professional (PI: Michael Kremer) 2023–2025
Research Assistant 2022–2023

Impact evaluations of a free-glasses program for Mexican public-school students (linking 18 million academic records to 1 million eye exams) and of a maternal water-treatment intervention on child mortality in Kenya; economic model of peer effects in children’s glasses use.

The Hamilton Project, Brookings Institution Washington, DC
Research Assistant Intern (with Lauren Bauer and Wendy Edelberg) 2022–2023

Research on nurse occupational licensing reform, WIC and Pandemic EBT, and the 2022 infant formula shortage.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Introduction to the US Health Care System (90 students)

Fall 2026

Introduction to Health Economics (80 students)

Winter 2026

Guest Lectures

Introduction to R for Economic Analysis, Universidad Panamericana

2026

MENTORING

Graduate research assistant (MSPH/MHS): state telehealth licensing policy mapping

2026–present

Undergraduate research assistant: State Directed Payments project (Arnold Ventures)

2025–present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair, Research Working Group, Licensure Innovation for Telehealth Transformation (LIFTT), Johns Hopkins Medicine and American Telemedicine Association

2026–present

Ad hoc referee: *Health Affairs Scholar*; *Health Services Research*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of Illinois State Senator Sara Feigenholtz

Chicago, IL

District Aide and Outreach Coordinator

2022

SKILLS

Programming R, Stata, Python, SQL, L^AT_EX, Linux

Restricted data Authored data use agreements for restricted-use CMS Medicare and Medicaid claims (TAF, MBSF) through ResDAC, and NVSS restricted-use mortality files

Languages English (native), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate)