

## Barton J. Willage

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### Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University 2018-Present

### Education

Ph.D. Economics, Cornell University 2018  
M.A. Economics, Cornell University 2016  
M.P.A. Policy Analysis, Indiana University 2013  
M.A. Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago 2010  
B.A. Political Science and Mathematics (Departmental Honors),  
*Magna cum laude*, Beloit College 2007

### Fields

Health Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

### Publications

Pass-Through of a Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages at the Philadelphia International Airport.  
*JAMA*. 319.3 (2018): 305-306. (with John Cawley and David Frisvold)  
The Effect of Weight on Mental Health: New Evidence Using Genetic IVs. *Journal of Health Economics*. 3 (2018): 113-130.

### Working Papers

Unintended Consequences of Insurance: ACA's Free Contraception Mandate and Risky Sex  
The Impact of Information Disclosure on Consumer Behavior: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment of Calorie Labels on Restaurant Menus.  
(with John Cawley and Alex Susskind). *NBER Working Paper #24889*.  
The Long-Run Effects of Student Aid on Health: Leveraging Changes in Social Security Benefits

**Works in Progress**

Estimating the Health Impacts of WIC: A Regression Discontinuity Approach  
(with Marianne Bitler, Janet Currie, Hilary Hoynes, and Lisa Schulkind)

Rebates as Commitments: The Effects of a Gym Membership Reimbursement Program  
(with Tatiana Homonoff and Alexander Willén)

Non-Monetary Obstacles to Medical Care: Evidence from Postpartum Contraceptives  
(with Marisa Carlos)

**Grants**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Co-Investigator, \$340,000 2018-2020  
 “The Impact of Childhood Nutrition Assistance on Child Health and Well-Being: Lessons from WIC”  
 With Marianne Bitler, Janet Currie, Hilary Hoynes, and Lisa Schulkind

Human Ecology Alumni Association Research Grant, \$1,000 2016  
 “Does Education Affect Health?: Leveraging Changes in Social Security Benefits”

**Conference and Seminar Presentations**

Population Association of America (Austin, TX) 2019

Tulane University (New Orleans) 2018  
 Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA)  
 University of Sydney (Australia)  
 San Diego State University, Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies (San Diego)  
 American Society of Health Economists Conference (Atlanta)  
 Association for Public Policy & Management Fall Conference (Washington, DC)

International Health Economics Association Congress (Boston) 2017  
 Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors & Disparities Seminar (Ithaca, NY)  
 Association for Public Policy & Management Regional Student Conf. (Arlington, VA)  
 Cornell University, Policy Analysis and Management Seminar (Ithaca, NY)  
 Association for Public Policy & Management Fall Conference (Chicago)

Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors & Disparities Seminar (Ithaca, NY) 2016  
 American Society of Health Economists Conference (Philadelphia)

**Fellowships, Honors, and Awards**

Western Economic Association International, Graduate Student Workshop, Funded Attendee	2017
RAND Summer Institute Fellow	2015
College of Human Ecology Fellowship, Cornell University	2013-2014
Phi Beta Kappa, Beloit College	2007

**Affiliations**

American Economic Association  
 American Society of Health Economists  
 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management  
 Cornell Population Center  
 Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities  
 Special Sworn Status (US Census)

**Referee and Discussant Service**

Journal of Health Economics (2017, 2018)  
 Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law (2017)  
 Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (2018)

Association for Public Policy & Management Fall Conference (2018)  
 American Society of Health Economists Conference (2017, 2018)

**Department and University Service**

Member, Research Committee (LSU)	2018-Present
Co-Advisor, Economics/International Trade and Finance Club (LSU)	2018-Present
Field of Economics Mentorship Program (Cornell University)	2015-2018
Graduate Student Coordinator, Health Economics Sem. (Cornell University)	2015-2017
Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (Cornell University)	2015-2016