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96. “[Cigarette Price Minimization Strategies Used by Adults.](#)” Michael F. Pesko, Judy Kruger, and Andrew Hyland. [*American Journal of Public Health* 102\(9\)](#): e19–e21. 2012. [[free full text](#)]

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“[Pharmaceutical Drug Regulation and Mortality: Evidence from E-cigarettes.](#)” Michael F. Pesko and Christian Saenz[†]. * SSRN Working Paper #5108105.

Media: [Cato Institute](#)

“[Early Cigarette Prohibition During War and Peace.](#)” Rachel Fung, Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, and Michael Pesko. University of Missouri Dept. of Economics Working Paper Series #2513.

“[Restricting Sales of Flavored Nicotine Vaping Products: Effects on Cigarette and Nicotine Vaping Product Sales in Canada.](#)” Brad Davis, Abigail Friedman, and Michael F. Pesko.* SSRN Working Paper #5705282.

Media: [Regulation Watch](#)

“[Estimating the Effect of E-Cigarette Nicotine Limits on Cigarette and E-Cigarette Sales in Canada.](#)” Brad Davis, Abigail Friedman, and Michael F. Pesko.* SSRN Working Paper #5313701.

“[Synthesizing Reduced Form Estimates from Heterogeneous Policy Instruments: Evidence from E-Cigarette Regulation.](#)” Christopher Lowenstein, Jamie Hartmann-Boyce, and Michael F. Pesko. SSRN Working Paper #7500979.

“[Medicaid Coverage of GLP-1 Medications for Obesity: Effects on Behavioral Health Treatments.](#)” Rachel Y.L. Fung and Michael Pesko. SSRN Working Paper #7066838.

“[The Returns to Regulatory Redundancy: Evidence from Tobacco 21.](#)” James Flynn, Michael F. Pesko, and Christian Saenz[†]. * SSRN Working Paper #6766739.

[“Cigarette Taxes and the Household Budget.”](#) Michael E. Darden, Reginald B. Hebert[†], Michael F. Pesko and Samuel Sturm[†]. * NBER Working Paper #33746.

[“When Policies Overlap: The Fragility of Effects Amidst Multiple Treatments.”](#) Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Jacob Penglase, Michael F. Pesko, and Hasan Shahid[†]. * SSRN Working Paper #4802701.

[“Automation and Diverging Health Risks.”](#) Soojin Kim, Michael Pesko, Ricardo Ang[†], and Giseong Kim[†]. SSRN Working Paper #5199608.

[“The Effect of Paid Sick Leave on Healthcare Expenditures.”](#) Reginald B. Hebert[†], Samuel Sturm[†], Kevin Callison, and Michael F. Pesko. * SSRN Working Paper #6036854.

PRE-ANALYSIS PLANS

[The Impact of Hearing Aid Insurance Coverage on Health and Social Outcomes.](#) Center for Open Science. 2025.

[Effects of state hearing aid mandates on employment, wellbeing, and public benefit receipt.](#) Center for Open Science. 2025.

DATA REPOSITORIES

[Social Impact Lab GitHub Repository](#)

[Population Exposure to Standardized Tobacco Policies.](#) OpenICPSR.

[Hearing Healthcare Policy Data.](#) OpenICPSR.

RESEARCH FUNDING (\$10.1 million in total)

1. Mentor / Co-Investigator. Extracting & Evaluating Legal Variables to Improve Nicotine Vaping Product Policy Impact Modeling (PI: Lauren Tonti). \$5,000 (direct); \$40,000 (total award).
2. Principal Investigator. Tobacco Online Policy Seminar 2024+. R13FD008285. Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products, 2024-2027. \$150,000.
3. Mentor / Co-Investigator. Paid Sick Leave Mandates and Cancer Outcomes, RWIA-23-1048667-01 (PI: Serena Phillips). American Cancer Society, 2024. \$11,826 (direct); \$75,000 (total award).
4. Co-Investigator. Center for the Assessment of Tobacco Regulations (CAStoR) TCORS 3.0, U54CA229974 (PI: David Mendez). National Cancer Institute, 2023-2028. \$653,832.
5. Co-Investigator. Paid Sick Leave Mandates and Mental Healthcare Service Use. R01MH132552 (PI: Johanna Catherine Maclean). National Institute on Mental Health, 2023-2024. \$108,692.
6. Co-Investigator. Cannabis Legalization's Effects on Youth and Adult Nicotine and Tobacco Use, R01DA058005 / R37DA058005 (PI: Abigail Friedman). National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2023-2028. \$288,599.
7. Principal Investigator. Tobacco Online Policy Seminar 2023. 2R13FD007554. Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products, 2023. \$50,000.
8. Principal Investigator. Effects of Mandates Eliminating Cost-Sharing: Evidence from Anthem Claims. Research Scholar Grant - Insurance (RSGI-22-142-01-HOPS), American Cancer Society, 2023-2026. \$708,000.

9. Principal Investigator. Evaluating the Effect of E-cigarette Policies on Youth Tobacco Use. 2R01DA045016 (renewal) and 3R01DA045016 (diversity supplement). National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2022-2027. \$2,854,623.
10. Principal Investigator. Effect of Hearing Aid Insurance Coverage Requirements for Adults on Utilization. R01DC019661. National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, 2022-2026. \$1,762,260.
11. Principal Investigator. Tobacco Online Policy Seminar 2022. R13FD007554. Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products, 2022. \$50,000.
12. Co-Investigator. Paid Sick Leave Mandates and Cancer Prevention. 1R01CA237888 (PI: Kevin Callison). National Cancer Institute, 2019-2023. \$358,091.
13. Principal Investigator. The Impacts of Vaping Regulations on Perceptions, Access, Prices, and Tobacco Use. R01DA045016. National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2018-2022. \$1,423,114.
14. Co-Investigator. Healthcare Fragmentation and Cardiovascular Outcomes. 1R01HL135199 (PI: Lisa Kern). National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 2017-2020. \$118,529.
15. Principal Investigator. Analysis of ACA Insurance Provisions: Smoking and Cancer Risk Implications. Research Scholar Grant - Insurance (RSG1-16-019-01-CPHPS), American Cancer Society, 2016-2021. \$751,010.
16. Co-Investigator. The Economics of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems: Advertising and Outcomes. R01DA039968 (PI: Dhaval Dave), National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2016-2020. \$180,483.
17. Co-Investigator. Assessing Impact of Participation in Career Development and Work on Healthcare Expenditures and Well-Being among Youth in the New York State Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income Program. (PIs: Thomas Golden, Arun Karpur, and John Allen), New York State Office of Mental Health, 2016-2017. \$69,580.
18. Principal Investigator. Pilot Grant to Explore Drug Policies on Birth Outcomes. Pilot Grant through P30DA040500 (PI: Bruce Schackman), National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2016-2017. \$20,000.
19. Co-Investigator. The Effect of Paid Sick Leave Mandates on Labor and Health Outcomes. 16-151-02 (PI: Kevin Callison), W.E. Upjohn Institute's Early Career Research Grant Program. 2016. \$2,250.
20. Co-Investigator. How Physician Organizations Manage Care for High-Need, High-Cost Patients. 20150261 (PI: Stephen Shortell), Commonwealth Fund. 2015-2017. \$9,644.
21. Principal Investigator. Influence of Recent Medicaid Expansion to Legal Permanent Resident Pregnant Women. R03HS024357, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2015-2017. \$99,459.
22. Co-Investigator. Preventing and Reducing Illicit Tobacco Trade. Service agreement (PI: Frank Chaloupka), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office on Smoking and Health, 2015-2016. \$80,828.
23. Principal Investigator. Substitution and Quitting Following Cigarette Flavor Bans. Collaborative Grant through U01CA154248 (PI: Frank Chaloupka), National Cancer Institute, 2015-2016. \$37,221.
24. Co-Investigator. What Leads to Success in Collaborative ACO-Like Contracts Between a Major Health Plan and Medical Groups? 72669 HCFO (PI: Lawrence Casalino), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2015-2016. \$14,474.

25. Co-Investigator. Impact of Flavors in Tobacco Products: An Experimental Market Analysis. R01HDO79612-01S1 (PI: Sahara Byrne), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, 2015. \$40,262.
26. Co-Principal Investigator. Econometric Analysis of Consumer Choices of Electronic Cigarettes in Observed and Experimental Markets. Ithaca-to-Weill Seed Grant (PI: Donald Kenkel), Cornell University, 2014-2015. \$47,491.
27. Principal Investigator. Adolescent and Adult Preferences for Electronic Cigarettes in an Online Experimental Market. Collaborative Grant through U01CA154254 (PI: Sherry Emery) and U01CA154248 (PI: Frank Chaloupka), National Cancer Institute, 2014-2015. \$94,018.
28. Co-Investigator. Can New York State Hospitals Improve Population Health? (PI: Lawrence Casalino), New York State Health Foundation, 2014-2015. \$9,807.
29. Co-Investigator. Monitoring and Assessing the Impact of Tax and Price Policies on US Tobacco Use. U01CA154248 (PI: Frank Chaloupka), National Cancer Institute, 2013-2016. \$41,957.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Service:

- Director, Social Impact Lab at the University of Missouri (2024-current)
- Director, Tobacco Online Policy Seminar (2023-current)
- Executive Board, Tobacco Online Policy Seminar (2020-current)
- Member, Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2025)
- Member, World Health Organization Global Alliance on Tobacco Control, Expert Group on Article 2.1 (2024-2025)
- Member, Health Canada Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) on Vaping Products (2021-2024)
- Peer-review approximately 20 papers per year

Grant Review:

- National Institutes of Health, Support for Scientific Meetings Panel (ZRG1 SCIL-T (80) S) (2026)
- American Cancer Society; Etiology, Screening, and Early Detection (ESED) Research Panel (2025)
- National Institutes of Health, National Institutes on Drug Abuse; Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data Special Emphasis Panel (ZDA1 LXF-E (J1)) (2024)
- American Cancer Society; Healthcare Outcomes, Policy, and Services Research Panel (2024)
- Tobacco Related Disease Research Program; Policy and Surveillance Review Panel (2024)
- National Institutes of Health, National Institutes on Drug Abuse; Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data Special Emphasis Panel (ZDA1 LXF-E (J1)) (2023)
- National Institutes of Health; Health Services and Systems Conflict Panel (ZRG1 HSS-B (02) M) (2023)
- National Institutes of Health; Social and Community Influences Across the Life Course Conflict Panel (ZRG1 SCIL-M (02) M) (2022)
- National Institutes of Health, Food and Drug Administration – Center for Tobacco Products; Secondary Analyses of Existing Datasets Related to Tobacco Use and Health (ZRG1 OTC-Z (55) R), Special Emphasis Panel (2022)
- National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute; Program Project-I (ZCA RPRB-L-M1), Special Emphasis Panel (2021)
- National Institutes of Health; Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior (RPHB) Integrated Review Group, Special Emphasis Panel (2019, 2020)
- National Institutes of Health; Social Sciences and Population Studies B (SSPB) Study Section (2018)

- American Cancer Society; Bypass Committee and Committee for Cancer Control and Prevention: Psychosocial and Behavioral Aspects of Cancer Research (2017, 2018)

Postdoctoral Fellow Advising:

- Austin Landini [Colorado State University Economics PhD], current
- Rachel Fung [Princeton Economics PhD], current
- Brad Davis [Florida State University Economics PhD], current
- Christopher Lowenstein [University of California Berkeley Health Policy PhD], current

Dissertation Advising:

- Christian Saenz, chair, GSU Economics PhD, current [Yale School of Public Health post-doc]
- Ian Jung, committee member, GSU Economics, PhD, [Siena College, Visiting Assistant Professor]
- Samuel Sturm, committee member, GSU Economics, PhD, 2024 [Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Assistant Scientist]
- Reginald Hebert, chair, GSU Economics, PhD, 2024 [Yale School of Public Health post-doc]
- Monira Farin, chair, GSU Economics PhD, 2024 [Augusta University, Medical College of Georgia post-doc]
- Maxwell Chomas, chair, GSU Economics PhD, 2023 [Food and Drug Administration]
- Ernest Dorilas, committee member, GSU Economics PhD, 2022 [Cone Health]
- Victor Amuzu, chair, GSU Economics PhD, 2022 [Wells Fargo]
- Derek Hoodin, committee member, GSU Economics PhD, 2021 [Abt Associates]
- Arjun Teotia, committee member, GSU Economics PhD, 2021 [Rutgers Center for Tobacco Studies, Postdoctoral Fellow]
- Samuel Asare, committee member, GSU Economics PhD, 2021 [American Cancer Society]
- Yasin Civelek, committee member, GSU Economics PhD, 2020 [HealthCore]
- Bo Feng, committee member, GSU Public Policy PhD, GSU, 2018 [Impaq International]
- Raul Segura, committee member, CUNY Economics PhD, 2018 [CDC, fellowship]

Courses Taught:

- Advanced Health Economics (PhD Program), University of Missouri: Spring 2024, Fall 2024-2025
- Health Economics II: Demand for Health and Health Care Economics (PhD Program), GSU: Spring 2019-2023
- Intermediate Microeconomics, GSU: Fall 2017
- Applied Econometrics for Health Policy (MS Program), Weill Cornell: Spring 2016-2017
- Intermediate Macroeconomics, North Central College: Spring 2011
- Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Illinois at Chicago: Fall 2009, Spring 2010

Department Service Activities:

- Coordinator, Health Economics Field Committee (2020-2023)
- Coordinator, Economics Department Seminar Series (2022-2023)
- Social Media Liaison, Economics Department (2022-2023)
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee for Open Access Policy (2019-2021)
- Member, Faculty Search Committee for Child and Family Lab Director (2019)
- Member, Faculty Search Committee for Health Economics (2018-2019)
- Advisor, Economics Graduate Student Association (2018-2023)
- Member, Continuing Medical Education (CME) / Seminar Planning Committee for Department of Healthcare Policy and Research (2015-2017)
- Member, Admissions Committee for M.S. in Healthcare Policy and Economics (2015-2016)

Expert Testimony:

- *Marshall v. Altria Group Inc., et al.*
 - U.S. District Court, District of Montana; Case No. 6:25-cv-00013-TJC
 - Master Settlement Agreement, Proposed E-cigarette Flavor Restrictions/Registry

- Hearing Testimony for Plaintiffs (2025)
- *In re: JUUL Labs, Inc. Antitrust Litigation (Direct Purchaser Class)*
 - U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; Case No. 3:20-cv-02345-WHO
 - Antitrust, E-cigarette Industry, Co-defendants JUUL Labs & Altria Group
 - One Expert Report, One Deposition for Plaintiffs (2025)

Keynotes / Panels:

- UK E-Cigarette Research Forum (2025)
- E-cigarette Summit USA (2025)
- Food and Drug Law Institute Tobacco and Nicotine Products Regulation and Policy Conference (2021, 2023, 2024)
- University of Sydney (2024)
- E-cigarette Summit UK (2021)
- 4th Scientific Summit on Tobacco Harm Reduction (2021)
- E-Cigarette Summit USA (2021)
- Health Affairs Briefing: Advancing Health Equity, National Press Club (2018)

Honors and Awards:

- Skeens Award for Research Excellence, University of Missouri Department of Economics (2024)
- American Cancer Society Research Scholar (2016)
- First Decade Distinguished Alumni Award, Hamline University (2014)
- *Career and Education* “10 Outstanding Medical School Professors Under Age 40” (2014)
- *Forbes* “30 Under 30” in Science & Healthcare (2014)
- Walsh McDermott Scholar in Public Health, Department of Healthcare Policy & Research, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University (2012-2015)
- Houston H. Stokes Outstanding Thesis Award, University of Illinois at Chicago (2012)

OTHER

Languages: English (native) and Spanish (conversant)

Volunteer Service: Jesuit Volunteer Corp, Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, CA, 2007-2008

Citizenship: USA