

# Ambar La Forgia

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- Academic Appointments** Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley  
Assistant Professor, Management of Organizations; 2022-  
  
Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University  
Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Management; 2019-2022
- Education** The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania  
Ph.D., Managerial Science and Applied Economics; 2019  
  
Swarthmore College  
B.A., Economics and Mathematics (Honors); 2011
- Publications** Yu, J., Bond, A., Braun, R. T., **La Forgia, A.**, RoyChoudhury, A., Zhang, M., Kim., J. & Casalino, L. Physician Management Companies and Neonatology Prices, Utilization, and Adverse Clinical Outcomes. (2023). *Pediatrics*.  
  
**La Forgia, A.** (2022). The Impact of Management on Clinical Performance: Evidence from Physician Practice Management Companies. *Management Science*.  
  
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**La Forgia, A.**, Maeda, J. L., & Banthin, J. S. (2017). Are Integrated Plan Providers Associated with Lower Premiums on the Health Insurance Marketplaces? *Medical Care Research and Review*, 75(2), 232-259.  
  
**La Forgia, A.**, & Burns, L. R. (2017). Health Insurance in China. In L.R Burns & G. Liu (Eds.), China's Health Care System and Reform (pp. 291-320). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

<b>Working Papers</b>	<p>“Getting Down to Business: Chain Ownership and Fertility Clinic Performance” with Julia Bodner (<i>R&amp;R Management Science</i>)</p> <p>“Turbocharging Profits? Contract Gaming and Revenue Allocation in Healthcare” with Atul Gupta and Adam Sacarny</p> <p>“Gender Composition of Physician Teams and Childbirth Outcomes” with Solène Delecourt and Manasvini Singh</p>																
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Columbia University Junior Faculty Diversity Award 2019 - 2022  
*Hospital Acquisitions and Management Practices: Implications for Patient Health*  
PI: Ambar La Forgia

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality 2018 - 2019  
*Dissertation Grant R36 HS26397-01*  
PI: Ambar La Forgia

Mack Institute for Innovation Management 2018 - 2019  
*The Impact of Management on Clinical Performance: Evidence from Physician Practice Management Companies*  
PI: Ambar La Forgia

National Science Foundation 2015 - 2018  
*Graduate Research Fellowship Program in Economics*  
PI: Ambar La Forgia

## Teaching

Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley

Leading People (EWMBA) 2022 - 2023

Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Managerial and Organizational Behavior (DrPH) 2022

Managerial and Organizational Behavior (FT MHA; Exec MHA/MPH) 2019 - 2021

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Teaching Assistant)

Introduction to Business Economics and Public Policy 2016

The US Health Care System 2016

Health Services Research: Applied Econometrics 2016

Cuba Before and After Normalization of US Relations 2015, 2016

Non-Profit Sector: Economic Challenges and Strategic Responses 2015

Health Services Systems 2014, 2015

## Work

Summer Associate 2015

## Experience

Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC

Analyst, Quantitative Economics and Statistics Team 2011 - 2013

Ernst & Young LLP, Washington, DC

Research Scholar, Summer Undergraduate Minority Research Program 2009

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**Presentations**    **2024 (scheduled):** NBER Organizational Economics Spring Meeting; International Industrial Organization Conference (Boston); Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference (BFI, UChicago); Annual Health Economics Conference (Stanford); FTC PE in Healthcare Workshop; Michigan Ross Business Economics and Industrial Organization Seminar; Utah-BYU Winter Strategy Conference; UCLA Anderson School of Management (Strategy) **2023:** Empirical Management Conference (Stanford); National Tax Association Conference; The Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference (Becker Friedman Institute); Berkeley-Padova-Paris Eighth Organizational Economics Workshop; NBER Organizational Economics Spring Meeting (Discussant); Academy of Management Conference **2022:** Federal Trade Commission; School of Public Health, UC Berkeley; MITRE Health Lab; Carlson School of Management (Strategy), University of Minnesota; American Medical Association Annual Meeting; Academy of Management Conference; American Society of Health Economists Conference **2021:** Haas (Management of Organizations), UC Berkeley; Fuqua School of Business (Strategy), Duke University; School of Public Health (HPM), Yale University; Academy of Management Conference; American Society of Health Economists Conference **2020:** Gabelli (Strategy and Statistics), Fordham University; Organization Theory in Health Care Conference (Virtual); Industry Studies Association Conference (Canceled); American Society of Health Economists Conference (Canceled); Academy of Management Conference (Virtual) **2019:** Weill Cornell Medical College; Academy of Management Conference **2018:** Mailman School of Public Health (HPM), Columbia University; Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University; American Society of Health Economists Conference

**Professional Activities**    Professional memberships: Academy of Management, Industry Studies Association, American Society of Health Economists, Organization Theory in Health Care

Referee service: *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Health Economics*; *Management Science*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of the European Economic Association*; *American Journal of Health Economics*; *Journal of the American Medical Association*; *Human Resource Management*; *Health Affairs*

*Co-Organizer*, Occasional Berkeley Health Economics Workshop 2024

*Member*, Haas Leadership Development Task Force, 2023-2024

*Editorial board*, International Journal of Health Economics and Management

*Accountability Cabinet Member*, Columbia FORWARD (Fighting Oppression, Racism and White Supremacy Through Action, Research and Discourse); 2021-2022

*Search Committee*, Health Policy and Management, Columbia University; 2022

**Personal Information**    Sex: Female

Citizenship: Dominican Republic and United States (Dual)