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## John N. Friedman

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### Professional Positions:

Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, National Economic Council (2013 – present)

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School (2009 – present)

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (2009 – 2013)

Post-Doc Fellowship: Scholar in Health Policy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, at UC Berkeley (2007 – 2009)

### Education:

Ph.D., Department of Economics, Harvard University, June 2007

A.M., Department of Statistics, Harvard University, June 2002

A.B., *summa cum laude* in Economics, Harvard College, June 2002

**Academic Areas of Interest:** Public Economics and Political Economy

### Published or Forthcoming Papers

[“Using Differences in Knowledge Across Neighborhood to Uncover the Impacts of the EITC on Earnings”](#)

w/ Raj Chetty and Emmanuel Saez

*American Economic Review*, Vol 103 (7) (2013)

[“How Does Your Kindergarten Class Affect Your Earnings? Evidence from Project STAR”](#)

w/ Raj Chetty, Nate Hilger, Emmanuel Saez, Diane Schanzenbach, and Danny Yagan

*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol 126 (4), pp. 1593-1660 (2011)

[“Adjustment Costs, Firm Responses, and Labor Supply Elasticities: Evidence from Denmark”](#)

w/ Raj Chetty, Tore Olsen, and Luigi Pistaferri  
*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 126 (2), pp. 749-804 (2011)

[“Predicting Medicare Cost Growth”](#)

Chapter in *Improving Health Cost Projections for the Medicare Population*, Committee on National Statistics and National Research Council Workshop Summary (2010)

[“Performance Improvement and Performance Dysfunction”](#)

w/ Steve Kelman. *Journal of Policy Administration Research and Theory*, Vol. 19(4), pp. 947-966 (2009).

[“The Rising Incumbent Advantage: What’s Gerrymandering Got To Do With It?”](#)

w/ Richard Holden. *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 71(2), pp. 593-611 (2009)

[“Optimal Gerrymandering: Sometimes Pack but Never Crack,”](#)

w/ Richard Holden. *American Economics Review*, Vol. 98(1), pp. 113-44 (2008)

## **Working Papers:**

[“Measuring the Impacts of Teachers I: Estimating Bias in Teacher Value-Added Estimates.”](#)

w/ Raj Chetty and Jonah Rockoff (2013), *revised and resubmitted at AER*

[“Measuring the Impacts of Teachers II: Teacher Value-Added and Student Outcomes in Adulthood.”](#)

w/ Raj Chetty and Jonah Rockoff (2013), *revised and resubmitted at AER*

(Note: These two papers previously circulated jointly as NBER WP 17699, “The Long-Term Impacts of Teachers: Teacher Value-Added and Student Outcomes in Adulthood”)

[“Identification and Inference with Many Invalid Instruments”](#)

w/ Michal Kolesar, Raj Chetty, Edward L. Glaeser and Guido W. Imbens (2013)

[“Active vs. Passive Decisions and Crowd-Out in Retirement Savings: Evidence from Denmark”](#)

w/ Raj Chetty, Soren Leth-Petersen, Torben H. Nielsen, and Tore Olsen (2012), *revise and resubmit at QJE*

[“The Incidence of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Using Asset Prices to Assess Its Impact on Drug Makers.”](#) (2011)

[“Effort as Investment: Analyzing the Response to Incentives.”](#)

w/ Steve Kelman (2011) , *revise and resubmit at AEJ: Public Policy*

[“Optimal Gerrymandering in a Competitive Environment.”](#)

w/ Richard Holden, (2010)

## **Older Stuff:**

[“Stock Market Driven Acquisitions: Theory and Evidence.”](#) (2006)

## **Grants:**

SSA Retirement Research Center Grant NB10-16 (NBER site), 2009-2010

National Science Foundation Grant SES-1025490, 2010-2013

SSA Retirement Research Center Grants NB12-04 and NB12-Q1 (NBER site), 2011-2012

Smith Richardson Foundation Grant #2012-8797, 2012-2014

SSA Retirement Research Center Grants NB13-01 and NB13-08 (NBER site), 2012-2013

## **Awards, Honors, and Fellowships:**

Pre-Doctoral Fellow in Aging and Health, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2006-2007

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2002-2007

John Eliot Fellowship to Jesus College, Cambridge University, 2002-2003

Prize Studentship, Centre for History and Economics, Cambridge University, 2002-2003

Kawamura Visiting Fellowship to Japan, Summer 2002

John P. Reardon Award, for best Harvard male scholar-athlete, 2002

John Williams Prize, for best student in Economics, 2002

Thomas T. Hoopes Prize, for one of the best theses in the college, 2002

Phi Beta Kappa, 2001

Eliot Perkins Prize, for scholarship and house involvement in Lowell House, 2000

Detur Prize, for top 10% of freshman class, 1999

## **Professional Activities:**

Excellence in Refereeing Award 2012, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Excellence in Refereeing Award 2013, *American Economic Review*

**Referee** for *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Journal*, *Education Policy and Finance*, *International Economic Review*, *International Public Management Journal*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Israeli Science Foundation*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *National Science Foundation*, *National Tax Journal*, *New Zealand Health Research Council*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Science*, *Sloan Foundation*.

**Ph.D. Dissertation Committees:** Bill Skimmyhorn (2012), Victoria Levin (2010)

### **Other Employment:**

Economics and Applied Math Undergraduate Advisor, 2004-2007

Research Assistant, Professor Jeremy Stein, 2005

Research Assistant, Professor David I. Laibson, 2000-2004

Summer Investment Banking Analyst, Lehman Brothers, 2000

**Other Interests:** Running, skiing, other outdoor activities, music and the Boston Red Sox.

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