# Ishan Phadke

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# **Education**

**University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill** 

July 2019 - Present (Expected May 2025)

• Concentration: PhD in Economics – Industrial Organization & Health

The Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus

June 2015 - May 2019

• Schreyer Honors College, Millennium Scholars Program & Paterno Fellows Program

G.P.A. 3.94/4.00

• Major: Mathematics (BS) and Economics (BS) & Minor: Statistics

# **Working Papers**

Rewarding Incremental Innovation: Pharmaceutical Line-Extensions – Job Market Paper

Existing work, on welfare implications of policy fixes for pharmaceutical line-extension exclusivity
rewards, neglects to model the firm's timing incentives, which are affected in alternate policies. I solve for
the firm's launch and pricing decisions using a dynamic model, accounting for a state dependent demand
system of consumer inertia. With this model, I calculate and compare welfare under alternate policies.

# **Works in Progress**

How costly are pharmaceutical line extensions?

Patient responses to formulary changes (with Josh Feng and Luca Maini)

Worth the Hype?

To shrink or not shrink: Evaluating differences between firm's product shrinkage decisions (with Thomas Bollinger and Drew van Kuiken)

#### **Publications**

Analysing How Changes in the Health Status of Healthcare Workers Affects Epidemic Outcomes

Epidemiology and Infection (2021)

Management Efficacy in a Metapopulation Model of White-Nose Syndrome

Natural Resource Modeling (2021)

**Governance Structure Affects Transboundary Disease Management Under Alternative Objectives** 

• BMC Public Health (2021)

# **Research & Professional Experience**

Research Assistant - Dr. Luca Maini and Dr. Josh Feng

Jan 2022-Present

Topic: Analyzing the Effects of PBM's Drug Tiers on Insulin Cornerstone Research (Boston, MA) – Summer Associate

Summer 2023

The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science – Manuscript Review Data Verifier

May 2022-Dec 2023

Shea Lab – Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2016-June 2019

Advisor: Dr. Katriona Shea – Infectious Disease Lab, work with Dr. Jessica M. Conway

• Conducted an independent project analyzing how changes in the health status of health care workers impacts epidemic burdens. This doubled as my honors thesis.

#### S.M.A.L.L. REU at Williams College - Undergraduate Researcher

Summer 2018

Advisor: Dr. Julie Blackwood

Studied the impact of dispersal on the spread of white nose syndrome in bats. Explored optimal
governance scenarios for disease management in two states through utilizing mathematical models.

# **Teaching Experience**

Course Instructor (UNC Chapel Hill) – ECON 101 & ECON 445

Summer 2022/2024 & Spring 2023

#### **Teaching Assistant (UNC Chapel Hill)**

Fall 2020-Present

2015-2019

• Intro Economics (x3), Industrial Organization, Intro Econometrics, Labor, Entrepreneurship, Adv. Micro

# **Conferences**

Southern Economics Association (SEA)

Triangle IO Conference

April 2024

American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)

Joint Mathematics Meeting (JMM)

Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)

November 2017

Awarded a top presentation award in the category of Computational Biology

# **Service**

Graduate Professional Student Government Senator (UNC)

■ Appropriations Chair & GPSG Stipend Taskforce (2022)

Cohort Council President - Millennium Scholars Program

2017-2018

Assistant Scoutmaster - Allentown, PA

**Honors/Awards** 

Eagle ScoutAugust 2014Millennium Scholars Scholarship AwardAugust 2015Schreyer Academic Excellence AwardAugust 2015Pennsylvania State University Outstanding Student in Economics AwardOctober 2018UNC Economics Best Undergraduate Course TA AwardMay 2023

**Skills** Advanced: R, Matlab, Stata, Microsoft Office; Proficient: Python & LaTeX; Novice: Julia & SQL

# **References**

Brian McManus – Professor, Department of Economics - University of North Carolina
Luca Maini – Assistant Professor of Health Care Policy, Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School
Jonathan Williams – Professor, Department of Economics - University of North Carolina
Gary Biglaiser – Professor, Department of Economics - University of North Carolina
Marco Duarte – Assistant Professor, Department of Economics - University of North Carolina