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Education

1991 Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan
1989 M.A., Economics, University of Michigan
1986 A.B., Economics, Washington University

Career Brief

Since joining the Urban Institute, Dr. Waidmann has worked on a variety of studies in many areas of health policy. In the areas of aging, disability and long-term care, Waidmann has designed and conducted studies of disability trends among the elderly in the U.S. and other industrialized countries; the impact of these trends on Medicare spending, the impact of potential reforms in the Medicare program, including an increase in the age of eligibility for benefits; access to physician services among Medicare beneficiaries; and models of residential transition among the elderly. In the area of work-disability, Waidmann has worked on several studies of the impacts of health and government disability policy on labor force decisions using the Health and Retirement Survey, and a study of the social welfare implications of imperfect medical screening in the Social Security disability insurance program. In the areas of health and health care in vulnerable populations, Waidmann has designed and conducted studies of race and ethnic differences in health, insurance coverage and access to medical care using the National Survey of America's Families; studies of access to care among recent immigrants; and studies of health status and active life expectancy of populations living in neighborhoods of extreme poverty. In other work, he has studied the practice of defensive medicine in obstetric care related to malpractice risk and variations by eligibility group in the use of Medicaid services by children.

Prior to joining the Urban Institute Dr. Waidmann's research focused on the economics and demography of health, disability, and retirement. He has collaborated on several projects examining the impact of deteriorating health on the retirement decisions of older adults. Much of this work examines race and socioeconomic differences in health and retirement behavior. Dr. Waidmann has also done research in the welfare economics of social insurance and on the effects of government social insurance programs on labor force behavior.

Dr. Waidmann's health policy experience also includes three years as an Assistant Professor of Public Health Policy and Administration at the University of Michigan where he was responsible for the course offerings in resource allocation in the School of Public Health.

Professional Background

- 2000 - present Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute
- 1996 - 1999 Research Associate I, The Urban Institute
- 1994 - 1996 National Institute on Aging Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Population Studies Center and Survey Research Center, University of Michigan
- 1991 - 1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health Policy and Administration, School of Public Health, University of Michigan (on leave, 1994-1996).

Fellowships, Honors, Awards

- National Institute on Aging Post-doctoral fellowship, 1994-1996.
- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1990-1991. (Awarded to 25 outstanding economics and mathematics students at select universities nationwide.)
- National Institutes of Health Graduate Traineeship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 1988-1990
- University of Michigan Regents Fellowship, 1986-1988

Professional Associations

- Population Association of America
- Gerontological Society of America

Publications

- Hadley, J., T. Waidmann. 2005. "Health Insurance and Health at Age 65: Implications for Medicare and Medicaid Spending." *Health Services Research*, forthcoming.
- Freedman, VA, E Crimmins, RF Schoeni, B Spillman, H Aykan, K Land, J Lubitz, K Manton, L Martin, D Shinberg, T Waidmann. 2004. "Resolving Discrepancies in Old-Age Disability Trends Across National Surveys: Report From a Technical Working Group." *Demography* 41(3):417-441.
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- Ku, L. and T. Waidmann. 2003. "How Race/Ethnicity, Immigration Status and Language Affect Health Insurance Coverage, Access to Care and Quality of Care Among the Low-Income Population." Report prepared for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. August 2003. <http://www.kff.org/content/2003/4132/4132.pdf>
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- Bound, J., M. Schoenbaum, T. Stinebrickner, and T. Waidmann. 1999. "The Dynamic Effects of Health on the Labor Force Transitions of Older Workers" *Labour Economics* 6, no. 2:179-202.
- Geronimus, A.T., J. Bound, and T.A. Waidmann. 1999. "Health Inequality and Population Variation in Fertility-Timing." *Social Science and Medicine*, 49, no. 12, Dec: 1623-36.
- Geronimus, A.T., J. Bound, and T.A. Waidmann. 1999. "Poverty, Time, and Place: Variation in Excess Mortality Across Selected US Populations, 1980-1990." *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 53, no. 6, Jun: 325-34.
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- Bound, J., M. Schoenbaum, and T. Waidmann. 1995. "Race and Education Differences in Disability Status and Labor Force Attachment." *Journal of Human Resources* 30:S227-S267.
- Bound, J., and T. Waidmann. 1992. "Disability Transfers, Self-Reported Health, and the Labor Force Participation of Older Men: Evidence from the Historical Record," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 107:1393-1419.

Papers Presented

- "Using a Structural Model to Simulate the Effect of Changes to the OASDI and Medicare Programs" Social Security Administration Annual Retirement Research Conference, Washington, 2004.
- "Trends in Elderly Disability: Cross-National Comparisons," Population Association of America, Minneapolis, 2003.
- "What Explains Minority Disparities in Health Care Access and Utilization?" AHSRHP poster, Washington, DC.
- "Accounting for Recent Declines in Employment Rates among the Working-aged Disabled" Cornell University Employment and Disability Policy Institute, Washington, 2001 and Gerontological Society of America, Chicago, 2001.
- "The Health and Retirement Study and Long-term Care Research" Presented at a meeting sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Rockville, MD, 2000.
- "International Evidence on Trends in Disability Among the Elderly" DHHS briefing, Washington, 1999. Administration on Aging Symposium, Baltimore, 1999. OECD Conference on Active Aging, Paris, 1999.
- "Race and Ethnic Differences in Access to and Use of Health Services" 1999 AHSR poster, Chicago, IL.
- "Excess Mortality Among Prime-Aged Adults in Selected Poor Populations, 1980-1990" 1998 APHA poster, Washington, DC.
- "Disability Trends Among the Elderly and Implications for Future Medicare Spending" 1998 Joint Statistical Meetings, Dallas, TX.
- "The Impact of Malpractice Fears on Cesarean Section Rates" Council of Economic Advisers Brownbag Seminar Series, February 1998.
- "Potential Effects of an Increase in Medicare's Age of Eligibility" 1997 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH.
- "Measuring the Effects of Health on Retirement Behavior" 1997 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH.
- "Race, Age and Health: The Effects of Socioeconomic Inequality" 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New York.

“Race, Socioeconomic Status and Health: Accounting for Race Differences in Health in the U.S. Elderly.” 1995 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco.

“Race, Socioeconomic Status and Health: Accounting for Race Differences in the Health of the U.S. Elderly.” 1994 Annual Scientific Meeting, Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta.

“Socioeconomic Differences in Disability Status and Labor Force Participation” 1994 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Miami.

“The Illusion of Failure: Trends in the Self-reported Health of the U.S. Elderly 1993 Annual Scientific Meeting, Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.

“Workers' Compensation Benefits and the Incidence of Workplace Injury.” 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.

“Disability Insurance Under Imperfect Information: Is Medical Screening too Restrictive?” National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA. 1992.

“Disability Transfers and the Labor Force Attachment of Older Men: Evidence from the Historical Record.” 1990 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Toronto, Canada.

Other Professional Activities

Consultant:

Council of Economic Advisers: wrote chapter on Health in Changing America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being by Race and Hispanic Origin written by CEA for President's Initiative on Race, 1998.

Special Review Panel:

Economics Special Emphasis Panel for National Institute on Aging Small Grant Review.

Expert Panels:

NIA Workshop on Disability, 2001

NIA Technical Working Group on Resolving Inconsistencies in Old-Age Disability Trends, 2002

Journal Review for

Annals of Epidemiology

Demography

Economic Journal

The Gerontologist

Health Affairs

Inquiry

Journal of the American Medical Association

Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences

Journal of Human Resources

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Journal of Rural Health

Milbank Quarterly

Research in Labor Economics
Review of Economics and Statistics