

# ALEXANDRA RAKUS

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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Health Policy, Health Economics, Child & Family Policy

## EDUCATION

PhD in Public Policy, American University, School of Public Affairs (*exp.* May 2024)

Minor: Public Administration

MS in Public Policy, New York University (2020)

BS in Economics and Political Science, Towson University (2019)

## RESEARCH

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

**Rakus, Alexandra** & Aparna Soni. (2022). “Association Between State Medicaid Expansion Status and Health Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Health Services Research*, 57(6), 1332-1341.

### Works in Progress

**Rakus, Alexandra**. “Effects of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs on Children’s Mental Health.”

## TEACHING

2022 Instructor of Record: PUAD 603 Policy Process, American University  
Fall 2022 (1 section – 17 students)

2020 - 2022 Tutor, American University School of Public Affairs

2020 Teaching Assistant, New York University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

## SERVICE

2020 – PhD Student Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion at American University’s  
Department of Public Administration and Policy (Member Fall 2020-Spring 2022, Chair  
Spring 2022-present)  
Admissions Ambassador for NYU Wagner

2022 Admissions Committee Member for NYU Wagner MSPP  
Conference Discussant, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

2021 Conference Panel Organizer, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

### Professional Memberships:

Association for Public Policy & Management, American Society of Health Economists

**EMPLOYMENT**

2020 – Graduate Assistant to Aparna Soni, Department of Public Administration and Policy, American  
University  
2021 Intern, Market and Trade Economics Division, USDA Economic Research Service  
2020 Intern, Evaluation and Learning Consulting NYC