



Health Policy Seminar with Professor Chris Ruhm

A special opportunity for students and faculty to hear this prominent health economist present his research, and to share ideas during the talk



*Professor Christopher Ruhm
University of Virginia*

Talk's title: "Despair" and Death in the United States

Link to the paper: Ruhm, C. J. (2024). "Despair" and Death in the United States (No. w32978). [National Bureau of Economic Research](#)

December 5th, 2024 11:45am - 1:00 PM

Location: Forum Room at Palmer Commons

Christopher Ruhm is a Professor of Public Policy & Economics at the University of Virginia. He is currently a Research Associate in the Health Economics, Health Care Policy, and Children's Programs of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Germany.

He has more than 140 pieces published as book chapters and articles in economics, public policy and health journals. During the 1996-97 academic year he served as Senior Economist on President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, where his main responsibilities were in the areas of health policy, aging and labor market issues. Professor Ruhm's recent research has focused on the role of government policies in helping parents with young children balance the competing needs of work and family life, and on examining how various aspects of health are produced – including the growth and sources of drug poisoning deaths in the United States, the rise in obesity and the relationship between macroeconomic conditions and health. His earlier research includes study of the determinants of health and risky behaviors, effects of job displacements and mandated employment benefits, transition into retirement, and the causes and consequences of alcohol and illegal drug policies.

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