

# **Jonathan Oberlander, Ph.D.**

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## **Description**

Jonathan Oberlander is professor and chair of Social Medicine and professor of Health Policy & Management at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He also holds an adjunct appointment in the Department of Political Science. His research and teaching interests include health care politics and policy, health care reform, Medicare, and American politics and public policy.

Dr. Oberlander is author of *The Political Life of Medicare* (University of Chicago Press) and co-editor of the 3-volume series *The Social Medicine Reader*, 2nd ed., (Duke University Press). His recent work explores ongoing political fights over and implementation of the Affordable Care Act, health care cost control, Medicare reform, and the fate of the Children's Health Insurance Program and Independent Payment Advisory Board.

In the School of Medicine, Dr. Oberlander teaches health care policy to medical students. In the Department of Health Policy & Management in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, he teaches courses on health care reform to Master's, Ph.D., and DrPH students.

Oberlander speaks regularly to community groups, medical professionals, and non-academic audiences on health care reform, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicare, trying to translate the complexity and technical detail of health policy into something more understandable and accessible. He has commented on health care politics for a number of media outlets, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, the New York Review of Books, National Public Radio, the BBC, the Australian Broadcasting Company, Politico, CBS News, and PBS.

Oberlander holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in political science from Yale University, and a B.A. in political science from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Health and Wellness

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## **Topics**

Political Science, Social Medicine, Health Care Policy, Health Care Politics, Healthcare Reform, Medicare, American Politics, Public Policy

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## **Affiliations**

Studies in Social Medicine (Book Series) : Editor, Journal of Health Politics Policy and Law : Board of Editors

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## **Past Talks**

### **Exploring the Ethical Dimensions of Refusals in Health Care**

The Promise and Limits of the Affordable Care Act, Mountain Area Health Education Center, Conference on Saying No

### **The Future of Health Care Reform**

Eugene S. Mayer Keynote Lecture, 2015 AHEC Statewide Conference

### **In the ACA's Shadow: The Fate of the Children's Health Insurance Program**

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

### **Implementing the Affordable Care Act: Progress, Pitfalls and the Path Ahead**

Family Medicine Grand Rounds, UNC School of Medicine

### **The Future of Health Care Reform: Obamacare and Beyond**

Mid-sized Retirement and Healthcare Plan Management Conference

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## **Education**

### **Yale University**

Ph.D. Political Science

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MA Political Science

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MPhil Political Science

### **University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill**

B.A. Political Science

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize**

2006

The award, which includes a \$5,000 stipend, was established in 1986 by the late Phillip Hettleman "a New York investment banker and member of the class of 1921" to recognize the achievements of outstanding junior tenure-track faculty or recently tenured faculty.

**Teaching Excellence Awards**  
2003 & 2004

Awarded by UNC - Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

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