

## **May 17, 2016—Portland Actuarial Club Luncheon**

**Title:**

Politics and the US Healthcare Market

**Speakers:**

Dr. Robert Walker, PhD  
Willamette University

**When:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from noon to 1:30 pm

**Where:** Sentinel Hotel – Library Room, 614 SW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97205

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by **Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 10:00 am** using our website:  
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**Description:**

In a historically unique race for the white house, we become increasingly interested in the (already) hot issues in politics surrounding healthcare in the US. Robert Walker, with a substantial background in political science and applied econometrics, will share his perspective on the healthcare market in the US at this historical time. In addition, Robert will speak to the history and the uniqueness of the US healthcare market.

**Speaker Bio:**

Robert W. Walker, Ph. D. is Associate Professor of Quantitative Methods in the Atkinson Graduate School of Management at Willamette University. He has taught statistics and research methods to both undergraduate and graduate students at numerous universities and colleges around the US before coming to the PNW. He was a regular instructor in the National Science Foundation's Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models summer program at Washington University in Saint Louis and has regularly taught courses in the analysis of longitudinal data at the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis in the United Kingdom. His joint work received the Warren Miller Prize for the best published paper in 2009 in Political Analysis, the journal of the Society for Political Methodology and the most cited journal in Political Science during the most recent evaluation period.

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