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POSITIONS HELD

Vassar College, Department of Economics
Assistant Professor, 2018 – present

RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago
Ph.D. in Economics, August 2018

Columbia University
M.P.H. in Health Policy and Management, 2010

Johns Hopkins University
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

“The Long-Term Effects of Measles Vaccination on Earnings and Employment” *forthcoming at AEJ: Economic Policy*

"SBM Recommends Increased Access To Federal Food Assistance During And After The Covid-19 Pandemic"

(with Young, Sabrina K., Saied Toossi, Jordan W. Jones, Joanna Buscemi, and Marian L. Fitzgibbon), Position Statement, *Society of Behavioral Medicine*, September 2020.

“Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Sacubitril/Valsartan for the Treatment of Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction in the United States”

(with Patrick M. Zueger, Varun M. Kumar, Rachel L. Harrington, Gianna C. Rigoni, Robert J. DiDomenico, and Daniel R. Touchette), *Pharmacotherapy: The Journal of Human Pharmacology and Drug Therapy*, 2018, 38(5), 520-530.

“Wellness Programs With Financial Incentives Through Disparities Lens”
(with Alison Evans Cuellar, Anthony T. Lo Sasso, Mona Shah, and Tayna R. Lewis-Walls), *American Journal of Health Promotion*, 2018, 32(2), 355-358.

“Boosting Workplace Wellness Programs with Financial Incentives”
(with Alison Evans Cuellar, Anthony T. Lo Sasso, Seth Richards-Shubik, Hilary Wolfendale, Amelia Haviland, Mona Shah, and Kevin Volpp), *American Journal of Managed Care*, October 2017, 23: 294-300

“The Effect of Narrow Provider Networks on Health Care Use”
(with Anthony T. Lo Sasso), *Journal of Health Economics*, December 2016, 50: 86-98

WORKING PAPERS & RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Plan Choice Matters: The Impact of High Deductible Health Insurance Plans on Spending and Enrollee Behavioral Response” working paper – *Out for Review*

“The Effects of the SNAP Cycle on Diabetes Management as Evidenced by a One-Time Change in Disbursement Schedule” (with Sabrina Young, Rachel Harrington, Lindsay Allen, and Nathan Pauly) working paper – *Out for Review*

“SNAP Work Requirements Increase Mental Health Care Use, Especially among Black Women” (with Lindsay Allen and Diana Henry) – *Revise and Resubmit*

"Distancing Dominates: The Impact of the CARES Stimulus Payments on COVID-19 Transmission and Mortality" (with Caitlyn Fleming) – *Out for Review*

“The impact of staggered benefit disbursement on opioid use, hospitalizations, and mortality” (with Lindsay Allen, Sabrina Young, Rachel Harrington, and Nathan Pauly), working paper

“Measles Vaccination in Childhood: The Impact on Human Capital Development and Health Status in the United States” (with Amanda Stype)

“The effects of SNAP expansion policies on food and economic hardship during an economic downturn” (with Joseph Benitez, Sabrina Young, Saied Toossi, and Jordan Jones)

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016-2018 AHRQ R36 Dissertation Grant “Long Run Effects of High Deductible Health Insurance on Health Care Use and Health” (R36 HS24831-01)
- 2017 Houston H. Stokes Award for Outstanding Research in a Third-year Paper
- 2014 3rd place Illinois Economic Association Student Paper Competition

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations

- 2020 ASSA Annual Meeting; Vassar College
- 2019 American Society of Health Economists; International Health Economics Association Conference; Vassar College; APPAM Fall Research Conference; Building Healthy Communities Symposium Vassar College
- 2018 American Society of Health Economists; APPAM Fall Research Conference; SUNY Albany; University of Iowa; Vassar College; University of Northern Iowa; UIC
- 2017 Society of Labor Economists Research Conference; International Health Economics Association Conference; APPAM California Regional Student Research Conference; UIC Undergraduate Economics Club; UIC Economics Seminar; UIC Graduate Student Research Seminar; Illinois Economics Association
- 2016 American Society of Health Economists; UIC Economics Seminar; Illinois Economics Association; UIC Graduate Student Research Seminar
- 2015 Academy Health Economics Interest Group Meeting; Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; APPAM Fall Research Conference; Illinois Economics Association; UIC Economics Seminar; UIC Graduate Student Research Seminar
- 2014 Illinois Economic Association; Academy Health Annual Research Meeting (poster); UIC Economics Seminar; UIC Graduate Student Research Seminar

Grants

- 2019-2020 Suzanne Schrier Heimerdinger Memorial Faculty Research Fund Award from Vassar College: “Work requirements and SNAP benefits: Impacts on health”

- 2019-2020 Jane R. Heimerdinger 1925 Fund Award from Vassar College: “How local price of care impacts health insurance plan choice”
- 2018-2019 Elinor Nims Brink Fund Award from Vassar College: “The impact of staggered benefit disbursement on opioid use, hospitalizations, and mortality”
- 2016-2018 AHRQ R36 Dissertation Grant: “Long run effects of high deductible health insurance plans on health care use and health” (R36 HS24831-01)

Memberships

American Economic Association
 American Society of Health Economists
 International Health Economics Association
 Society of Labor Economists
 Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management

Referee Service

Health Economics; Medical Care Research and Review; American Journal of Managed Care

Departmental and College Service

- 2019-present Public Health Advisor and Member of the Vassar/Columbia BA/MPH Admissions Committee
- 2018-2019 Faculty Conversation Group on Public Health at Vassar College
- 2014-2016 Organized UIC Graduate Student Economics Seminar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Vassar College

- ECON 102 Introduction to Economics
 ECON 220 Health Economics
 ECON 307 Advanced Topics in Health Economics

University of Illinois at Chicago

- ECON 215 Health Economics
 ECON 344 Economic Development

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2012 *Intern, GE’s Health Economic Outcomes Research Group*