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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Health Services Organization & Policy - Economics Concentration, University of Michigan, 2006.
M.A., Economics. University of Michigan, 2003.
B.S., Economics and Political Science, Florida State University, 1997.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of the Practice, Rice University, July 2008-present.
Researcher, Harris County Hospital District, pending.
Research Scholar and Lecturer, Rice University, July 2006-2008.
Research Associate, Rice University, 2004-2006.
Research Associate, Michigan Public Health Institute, 2000.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Effects of the uninsured; health insurance transitions; employer-sponsored insurance coverage; health status and healthcare utilization of Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Houston; Emergency Department utilization; mental health policy analysis.

DISSERTATION

"Heterogeneity of the Uninsured: An Exploration of Personal Characteristics, Utilization, and Spells of the Intermittently Uninsured" Advisor: Catherine G. McLaughlin. Committee: Michael Chernen, John DiNardo and Helen Levy.

PUBLICATIONS

"Minding the Gap: A Decomposition of Emergency Department Use by Medicaid Enrollees and the Uninsured" (with Paula H. Song), *Medical Care*, October 2008.
"How Many Walked Through the Door? The Effect of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees on Houston Emergency Departments" (with Zachary Dreyfuss), *Medical Care*, September 2008.
"Who Walks Through the Door? The Effect of the Uninsured on Hospital Use." (with Catherine G. McLaughlin) *Health Affairs* (November/December 2003):143-155.
"The Uninsured and Hospital Use" (Letters), (with Catherine G. McLaughlin) *Health Affairs* (January/February 2004):274-275.

WORKING PAPERS

"Physical and Mental Health Status of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston" (with Vivian Ho and Rick K. Wilson), revise and resubmit, *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved* July 2008.
"The Effects of Geographic Variation in Medicaid Emergency Department Co-Pays on Utilization."
"The Effects of State Reform on Health Insurance Expansions" (with Paul Brace and Charles Barrilleaux).

- “Evaluating the Effect of Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver on Katrina Evacuees’ Healthcare Utilization.”
- “Predicting the Impacts and Mental Health Needs of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Veterans Returning to Houston from Operation Freedom in Iraq” (with William Schnapp, John W. Burruss, Scott Hickey and Paul R. Raffoul).
- “Inpatient Utilization Assessment of the Homeless” (with David Buck, Sophie Kim and Carlie Brown, for Healthcare for the Homeless Houston).
- “A Repeated Cross-Section Analysis of Medical Needs Assessment Surveys of Houston’s Homeless” (with Sophie Kim).
- “Emergency Department Utilization of the Intermittently Uninsured.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Health Policy, Rice University (Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008).
- Instructor, Environmental Politics and Policy, Rice University (Spring 2007, Spring 2008).
- Teaching Assistant and Recitation Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Michigan (Fall 2001, Fall 2002).
- Teaching Assistant, Introductory Macroeconomics, Michigan State University (Spring 2001).
- Teaching Assistant, Introductory Microeconomics, Michigan State University (Fall 2000).
- Instructor, Introductory Microeconomics, Florida State University (Summer 1999).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- “Minding the Gap: A Decomposition of Emergency Department Use by Medicaid Enrollees and the Uninsured” (with Paula H. Song) presented at the American Society of Health Economists meeting, Duke University, June 22-25, 2008.
- “Minding the Gap: A Decomposition of Emergency Department Use by Medicaid Enrollees and the Uninsured” (with Paula H. Song) Poster presentation at AcademyHealth meeting, Washington DC, June 8-10, 2008.
- “How Many Walked Through the Door? The Effect of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees on Houston Emergency Departments” Poster session at AcademyHealth, Washington DC, June 8-10, 2008.
- “Decomposing the Effect of Medicaid on Emergency Department Utilization” Poster presentation at Kelsey-Seybold Health Services Research and Outcomes Conference, November 2007 (first place in Efficiency category).
- “Decomposing the Effect of Medicaid on Emergency Department Utilization” Paper presentation at the International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007.
- “Exploring Emergency Department Utilization of the Intermittently Uninsured” Paper presentation at the Ann Arbor Research Conference, September 2006.
- “Exploring Emergency Department Utilization of the Intermittently Uninsured” Poster session at AcademyHealth, Boston, June 2005.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “The Impact of Health Care Reform on the Daily Delivery of Care” The Methodist Hospital System Ethics Grand Rounds, September 3, 2008.
- “Minding the Gap: A Decomposition of Emergency Department Use by Medicaid Enrollees and the Uninsured” University of Houston Center for Public Policy, March 2008.
- “Presidential Prescriptions for the US Healthcare System” Rice University Alumni College Series,

February 2008.

“Emergency Department Utilization of the Intermittently Uninsured” presented at the University of Texas School of Public Health, October 2006.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Rackham Dissertation Fellowship- Fall 2005.

GRANTS

Co-Investigator, Mental Health Policy Analysis Collaborative. University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Funded by the Houston Endowment, July 2008 - present.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AcademyHealth

American Society of Health Economists

International Health Economics Association

JOURNAL REFEREE

Medical Care

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Healthcare Advisory Board member for Healthcare for the Homeless Houston FQHC, 2006-present.