

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D., University of Michigan, Health Services Organization & Policy
- Economics Concentration, 2006.

M.A., University of Michigan, Economics, 2003.

B.S., Florida State University, Economics and Political Science, 1997.

Professional Experience

Research Scholar and Lecturer, Rice University (July 2006-present).

Visiting Scholar, Rice University (2005-2006).

Research Associate, Rice University (2004-2005).

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured (2002-2005).

Research Assistant, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Program (Spring 2002).

Research Associate, Michigan Public Health Institute (Spring-Fall 2000).

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, 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).

Research Interests

Effects of the uninsured; health insurance transitions; employer-sponsored insurance coverage;
Emergency Department utilization.

Dissertation

“Heterogeneity of the Uninsured: An Exploration of Personal Characteristics, Utilization, and Spells of the Intermittently Uninsured”
Advisor: Catherine G. McLaughlin

Publications

“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

“How Many Walked Through the Door? The Effect of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees on Houston Emergency Departments” (with Zachary Dreyfuss), under review

“Mental Health Status of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston” (with Vivian Ho and Marah Short)

“Decomposing the Effect of Medicaid on Emergency Department Use” (with Paula H. Song)

“Emergency Department Utilization of the Intermittently Uninsured.”

“Characteristics Associated with the End of Spells without Health Insurance.”

Conference Participation

“Decomposing the Effect of Medicaid on Emergency Department Utilization” Paper presentation at the International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007; Poster presentation at Kelsey-Seybold Health Services Research and Outcomes Conference, November 2007.

“Exploring Emergency Department Utilization of the Intermittently Uninsured” Poster session at AcademyHealth, Boston, June 2005.

Invited Presentations

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

Fellowships and Awards

Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship- Fall 2005.

Professional Affiliations

AcademyHealth

American Society of Health Economists

International Health Economics Association

Professional Community Service

Healthcare Service Board member for Healthcare for the Homeless Houston FQHC, Fall
2006-present