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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, 2014-present  
Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research  
Faculty Affiliate, California Center for Population Research

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar, 2012-2014  
University of Michigan School of Public Health

## **EDUCATION**

2006-2012 University of Chicago, Harris School  
Ph.D. in Public Policy (Field: Labor Economics)  
*Dissertation title:* Essays on Public Health Insurance Expansions

*Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (T32) Training Fellowship in  
Health Services Research (2008-2011)*

1999-2003 The College of William and Mary, *James Monroe Scholar*  
B.A. *magna cum laude*, majors in Economics and International Relations

## **ECONOMICS PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS**

East, Chloe N., Sarah Miller, Marianne Page, and Laura R. Wherry. "Multigenerational Impacts of Childhood Access to the Safety Net: Early Life Exposure to Medicaid and the Next Generation's Health." NBER Working Paper No. 23810. *Under Review*.

Carey, Colleen M., Sarah Miller, and Laura R. Wherry. "The Impact of Insurance Expansions on the Already Insured: The Affordable Care Act and Medicare." NBER Working Paper No. 25153. *Under Review*.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. Forthcoming. "Insurance Coverage and Access Continue to Diverge Between ACA Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States." *AEA Papers and Proceedings*.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. Forthcoming. "The Long-Term Effects of Early Life Medicaid Coverage." *Journal of Human Resources*.

Wherry, Laura R., Sarah Miller, Robert Kaestner, and Bruce D. Meyer. 2018. "Childhood Medicaid Coverage and Later Life Health Care Utilization." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 100(2): 287-302. Earlier draft: NBER Working Paper No. w20929.

Wherry, Laura R. and Bruce D. Meyer. 2016. "Saving Teens: Using a Policy Discontinuity to Estimate the Effects of Medicaid Eligibility." *Journal of Human Resources* 51(3): 556-588. Earlier draft: NBER Working Paper No. w18309.

## **HEALTH POLICY PUBLICATIONS**

Wherry, Laura R. 2018. "State Medicaid Expansions for Parents Led to Increased Coverage and Prenatal Care Utilization Among Pregnant Mothers." *Health Services Research* 53(5): 3569-3591.

Wherry, Laura R., Rachel Fabi, Adam Schickedanz, and Brendan Saloner. 2017. "State and Federal Coverage for Pregnant Immigrants: Prenatal Care Increased, No Change Detected for Infant Health." *Health Affairs* 36(4): 607-615.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2017. "Health and Access to Care during the First 2 Years of the ACA Medicaid Expansions." *The New England Journal of Medicine* 376: 947-56.

Lipton, Brandy, Laura R. Wherry, Sarah Miller, Sandra Decker, and Genevieve Kenney. 2016. "Previous Medicaid Expansion May Have Had Lasting Positive Effects on Oral Health of Non-Hispanic Black Children." *Health Affairs* 35(12): 2249-2258.

Wherry, Laura R. and Sarah Miller. 2016. "Early Coverage, Access, Utilization, and Health Effects of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions: A Quasi-Experimental Study." *Annals of Internal Medicine* 164(12): 795-803.

Wherry, Laura R., Genevieve M. Kenney, and Benjamin D. Sommers. 2016. "The Role of Public Health Insurance in Reducing Child Poverty." *Academic Pediatrics* 16(3, Supplement): S98-S104.

Leininger, Lindsey Jeanne, Brendan Saloner, and Laura R. Wherry. 2015. "Predicting High Cost Pediatric Patients: Derivation and Validation of a Population-Based Model." *Medical Care* 53(8): 729-735.

Wherry, Laura R., Marguerite E. Burns, and Lindsey Jeanne Leininger. 2014. "Using Self-Reported Health Measures to Predict High-Need Cases among Medicaid-Eligible Adults." *Health Services Research* 49(S2): 2147-2172.

Wherry, Laura R. 2013. "Medicaid Family Planning and Related Preventive Care." *American Journal of Public Health* 103(9): 1577-1578. Earlier draft: University of Michigan Population Studies Center Research Report No. 13-784.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2018                    HCUP Outstanding Article of the Year, AHRQ-AcademyHealth, "Childhood Medicaid Coverage and Later Life Health Care Utilization" (with Miller, Kaestner, and Meyer)

- 2017 Article of the Year, AcademyHealth, “Saving Teens: Using a Policy Discontinuity to Estimate the Effects of Medicaid Eligibility” (with Meyer)
- 2015 Best Abstract, Maternal and Child Health, AcademyHealth, “The Long-Term Effects of Early Life Medicaid Coverage” (with Miller)

## **GRANTS**

- 2018-2020 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Principal Investigator, “Understanding the Effects of Expanded Health Coverage for Low-Income Women on Maternal and Newborn Health.” \$250,000.
- 2018-2023 National Institute on Aging, Principal Investigator, R01AG059731, “Health at Birth and Later Life Outcomes: Evaluating the Returns to Policy-Driven Early Health Investments,” with Sarah Miller. \$1,468,494.
- 2016-2019 Chapin Hall and U.S. Census Bureau, Using Linked Data to Advance Evidence-Based Policymaking, funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Principal Investigator (with Sarah Miller), “Health at Birth and Later Life Outcomes: Evaluating the Returns to Policy-Driven Early Health Investments.”

## **INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

2019: ASSA; SPEA at Indiana University Bloomington (scheduled)

2018: AcademyHealth (poster); APPAM

2017: AcademyHealth; All-California Labor Economics Conference; APPAM; Federal Statistical Research Data Centers Conference; UC Davis: Unintended Effects of the Safety Net; UCLA Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly Methodological Seminar; UCLA Extension; USC School of Pharmacy; VIVE-USC Schaeffer Center Workshop on Health Economics

2016: APPAM; RAND Health; UCLA Department of Medicine Grand Rounds; UC-Irvine Applied Microeconomics Seminar

2015: AcademyHealth; AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group; APPAM; NBER Cohort Studies; Population Association of America; UCLA Luskin/Law School Workshop; UCLA Pediatrics Health Services Research Workshop; UC-Berkeley Health Services and Policy Analysis Colloquium; USC Center for Economic and Social Research; U.S. Council of Economic Advisers

2014: Abt Associates; AHRQ; American Society for Health Economists; APPAM; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; Congressional Budget Office; George Washington University School of Nursing; Mathematica Policy Research; RTI International; RWJF Health and Society Scholars Annual Meeting; Tufts University School of Medicine; University of Maryland School of Public Health; Urban Institute

2013: AcademyHealth; Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities, Cornell University; RWJF Health and Society Scholars Annual Meeting

2012: APPAM; Census Bureau; Congressional Budget Office; Department of Veteran's Affairs (Menlo Park); Georgia Health Policy Center; Mathematica Policy Research; Midwest Health Economics Conference; Public Finance Free Lunch Seminar, University of Michigan; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research; Yale School of Public Health

2011: AcademyHealth (poster); APPAM; Center for Human Potential and Public Policy Workshop, University of Chicago; Health Economics Workshop, University of Chicago

2010: Health Economics Workshop, University of Chicago

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Memberships: AcademyHealth, American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, American Society for Health Economists, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

Ad hoc referee: Academic Pediatrics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Public Health, BMC Health Services Research, Forum for Health Economics & Policy, Health Affairs, Health Economics, Health Services Research, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, JAMA, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Medical Care, Medical Care Research & Review, New England Journal of Medicine, PLOS ONE, Population Research and Policy Review, Social Science & Medicine

Ad hoc grant reviewer: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2016), National Science Foundation (2018)

Conference discussant: ASSA (2019), Annual Health Economics Conference (2017), APPAM (2012, 2014-2016, 2018), PAA (2015), UC Davis: Unintended Effects of the Safety Net (2017)

Other: Co-Lead, GIM-HSR Noon Seminar Series, UCLA Department of Medicine (2018-2019); Co-Lead, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Coverage and Access Program (2019)

## **RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

Doctoral Committee Mentor: Kim Narain (2016), Department of Health Policy & Management, UCLA School of Public Health; Jamie Godwin (current student), Department of Health Policy & Management, UCLA School of Public Health.

## **POLICY BRIEFS AND DISCUSSION PAPERS**

Triplett, Timothy, Laura Wherry. Lessons Learned from the National Survey of America's Families. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 2006.

Kramer, Fredrica D., Kenneth Finegold, Carol J. De Vita, Laura Wherry. Implementing the Federal Faith-Based Agenda: Charitable Choice and Compassion Capital Initiatives. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 2005.

Kramer, Fredrica D., Kenneth Finegold, Carol J. De Vita, Laura Wherry. Federal Policy on the Ground: Faith-Based Organizations Delivering Local Services. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 2005.

Finegold, Kenneth, Nancy Pindus, Laura Wherry, Sandi Nelson, Timothy Triplett, Randolph Capps. Background Report on the Use and Impact of Food Assistance Programs on Indian Reservations. Washington, DC: Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 2005.

Wherry, Laura, Kenneth Finegold. "Changes in Health Insurance Coverage and Health Status by Race and Ethnicity, 1997-2002," *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 96, 2004:12.

Wherry, Laura, Kenneth Finegold. Marriage Promotion and the Living Arrangements of Black, Hispanic, and White Children. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute. 2004.

Finegold, Kenneth, Laura Wherry, Stephanie Schardin. Block Grants: Historical Overview and Lessons Learned. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 2004.

Finegold, Kenneth, Laura Wherry, Stephanie Schardin. Block Grants: Details of the Bush Proposals. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute. 2004.

Leibovitz, Harold, Laura Wherry. Research to Practice: Evaluating Assessing the New Federalism Dissemination Activities. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 2004.

Finegold, Kenneth, Laura Wherry. Race, Ethnicity, and Economic Well-Being. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 2004.

Finegold, Kenneth, Laura Wherry. Race, Ethnicity, and Health. Washington, DC: Urban Institute. 2004.

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

2012	Comparative Health Care Systems & Pharmaceutical Policy (Harris School) Economics of Crime Prevention (Harris School) State and Local Public Finance (Harris School)
2011	Applied Regression Analysis (Harris School) Econometrics A (Department of Economics)
2010	Comparative Health Care Systems & Pharmaceutical Policy (Harris School) Topics in Family & Child Policy (Harris School)

Math Camp for MPPs (Harris School)  
2009 Advanced Microeconomics (Booth School of Business)  
2008 Intro to Labor Economics (Department of Economics)

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2007-2009 Research Assistant, Bruce Meyer and Tony Lo Sasso, Harris School  
2003-2006 Research Assistant (2003-05), Research Associate (2006), Urban Institute

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