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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

Ph.D. Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2012
Committee: David Meltzer (Chair), Dan Black, Kerwin Charles
B.A. Economics, International Relations, *magna cum laude*, College of William & Mary, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

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

Wherry, Laura R. Forthcoming. "State Medicaid Expansions for Parents Led to Increased Coverage and Prenatal Care Utilization Among Pregnant Mothers." *Health Services Research*.

Wherry, Laura R., Sarah Miller, Robert Kaestner, and Bruce D. Meyer. Forthcoming. "Childhood Medicaid Coverage and Later Life Health Care Utilization." *Review of Economics and Statistics*. Earlier draft: NBER Working Paper No. w20929.

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.

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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.

WORKING PAPERS

East, Chloe N., Sarah Miller, Marianne Page, 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.

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.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017	Article-of-the-Year, AcademyHealth
2016	Co-Principal Investigator (with co-PI Sarah Miller), Using Linked Data to Advance Evidence-Based Policymaking, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, “Health at Birth and Later Life Outcomes: Evaluating the Returns to Policy-Driven Early Health Investments”
2015	Best Abstract, Maternal and Child Health, AcademyHealth
2011-2012	Irving B. Harris Fellowship, University of Chicago
2008-2011	National Training Fellowship in Health Services Research, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, Dept. of Health & Human Services
2006-2008	Irving B. Harris Fellowship, University of Chicago
1999-2003	James Monroe Scholar, College of William and Mary

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2017: AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; All-California Labor Economics Conference; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; 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 Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research; UCLA Extension: Beyond the Headlines Seminar; USC School of Pharmacy; VIVE-USC Schaeffer Center Workshop on Health Economics

2016: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; RAND Health; UCLA Department of Medicine Grand Rounds; UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research; UC-Irvine Applied Microeconomics Seminar

2015: AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; AcademyHealth Health Economics

Interest Group; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; NBER Cohort Studies; Population Association of America; UCLA Department of Medicine Research Day; 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; Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research; American Society for Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; 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; UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine; University of Maryland School of Public Health; Urban Institute

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

2012: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; 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 Annual Research Meeting (poster); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Center for Human Potential and Public Policy Workshop, University of Chicago; Health Economics Workshop, University of Chicago

2010: Health Economics Workshop, University of Chicago

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

2003-2006 Research Assistant (2003-05), Research Associate (2006), Urban Institute

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

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*

Discussant: Annual Health Economics Conference (2017), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting (2012, 2014-2016), Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2015), UC Davis: Unintended Effects of the Safety Net (2017)

Grant reviewer: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2016)

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