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Research Interests

Health Economics, Macroeconomic Aspects of Public Finance, Labor Economics

Teaching Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Michigan State University, August 1999
M.A., Economics, Michigan State University, December 1995
B.A., Economics and International Studies, St. John Fisher College, May 1994

Professional Background

July 2007 - present Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, Saint Louis University

October 2018 – present Secondary appointment (renewed Fall 2021), Associate Professor, Center for Health Law Studies, School of Law, Saint Louis University

October 2021 – present Faculty Fellow for Chair Development, Office of the Provost, Saint Louis University

July 2016 - Sept 2019 Associate Dean, Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, Saint Louis University.

July 2011 - July 2016 Chairperson, Dept of Economics, Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, Saint Louis University

Jan 2012 - July 2016 Director, Master of Science in Applied Financial Economics, Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, Saint Louis University

August 2001-June 2007 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, Saint Louis University

August 1999-August 2001 Service Fellow, Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville, MD

Publications

“A Macroeconomic Analysis of Publicly Funded Healthcare,” with Rowena Pecchenino, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 4(2), 2002, 243-270.

“Employment Patterns of Long-Term Cancer Survivors,” with Cathy Bradley, *Psycho-Oncology*, 11, 2002, 188-198.

“Breast Cancer Survival, Work, and Earnings,” with Cathy Bradley and David Neumark, *Journal of Health Economics*, 21(5), 2002, 757-779.

“Breast Cancer and Women’s Labor Supply,” with Cathy Bradley and David Neumark, *Health Services Research*, 37(5), 2002, 1309-1328.

“Variation in Preventive Service Use among the Insured and Uninsured: Does Length of Time without Coverage Matter?” with Barbara Schone, *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved*, 14(3), 2003, 403-419.

“The Business Concept of Leader Pricing as Applied to Heart Failure Disease Management,” with Paul Hauptman, *Disease Management*, 7(3), 2004, 226-234.

“Short-term Effects of Breast Cancer on Labor Market Attachment: Results from a Longitudinal Study,” with Cathy Bradley, David Neumark, and Maryjean Schenk, *Journal of Health Economics*, 24(1), 2005, 137-160.

“Work and Retirement after Cancer Diagnosis,” with Cathy Bradley, *Research in Nursing and Health*, 28, 2005, 126-135.

“Employment Outcomes of Men Treated for Prostate Cancer,” with Cathy Bradley, David Neumark, Zhehui Luo, and Maryjean Schenk, *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, 97(13), 2005, 958-965.

“Gluttony and Sloth: Symptoms of Trouble or Signs of Bliss,” with Rowena Pecchenino and Thomas Jeitschko, *Contributions to Economic Analysis and Policy, BE Journals*, 5(1), 2006, article 6, 42 pages.

“Employment-Contingent Health Insurance, Illness, and Labor Supply of Women: Evidence from Married Women with Breast Cancer,” with Cathy Bradley, David Neumark, and Zhehui Luo, *Health Economics*, 16, 2007, 719-737.

“The Road from Massachusetts to Missouri: What Will It Take for Other States to Replicate the Massachusetts Plan?” with Sidney Watson, Tim McBride and Muhammad Islam, *University of Kansas Law Review*, 55, 2007, 1331-1362.

“Do Your Neighbors Influence Your Health?” with Rowena Pecchenino and Sally Stearns, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 10(2), 2008, 301-315.

“Redundancy of Moment Conditions for Linear Transformation of Parameters,” with Hailong Qian, *Journal of Social Sciences*, 2(7), 2014, 19-24.

“Partial Efficient Estimation of SUR Models,” with Hailong Qian, *Economics Bulletin*, 35(1), 2015, 338-348.

“The Optimality of Non-optimal GMM Estimation of Parameters of Interest, and the Partial Asymptotic Efficiency of 2SLS Estimation,” with Hailong Qian, *Economics Bulletin*, 36(3), 2016, pA160.

Working Papers

“Pulmonary Rehabilitation: What Matters for Graduation?” with Melissa Bednarek, May 2021.

“Labor Market Outcomes and Breast Cancer: Evidence from NHIS,” with Hailong Qian, December 2019.

“Mother’s Labor Supply and Child Health: Case of Asthma,” December 2015.

“Achieving Universal Coverage in Missouri Using the Massachusetts Model” with Tim McBride, Sidney Watson and Muhammad Islam, January 2008.

“Do Your Neighbors Influence Your Health? An Empirical Investigation,” with Rowena Pecchenino and Sally Stearns, May 2010.

“Child Disability and Mothers’ Labor Supply,” with Julie Hudson, September 2004.

Work In Progress

“Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Food Insecurity,” with Ellen Barnidge.

“Medicaid Coverage as Policy Lever Affecting Structural Determinants of Health: A Conceptual Model,” with Ellen Barnidge.

“Qualitative Study of How Enrollment in Medicaid Expansion Coverage Affects Food Security for Missourians,” with Ellen Barnidge.

“Social Capital and Social Norms: Do They Matter for Obesity?”

“Distribution of Health Expenditures for Medicare Beneficiaries: Does Income Matter?”

Reports (non-refereed)

Economic Research and Technical Appendix, with Muhammad Islam in the “Show Me Series: Report 5, Economic and Health Benefits of Missouri Medicaid,” Missouri Foundation for Health, Spring 2004.

“The County Level Impact of Medicaid and SCHIP in Missouri,” with Joel D. Ferber and Muhammad Islam, January 2005.

“The County Level Economic Impact of Proposed Cuts in Medicaid Spending in Missouri,” with Joel D. Ferber and Muhammad Islam, February 2005.

“The Missouri Health Landscape: How Does it Compare to Massachusetts?” Missouri Foundation for Health Report, with Timothy D. McBride and Sidney Watson, July 2006.

“The Massachusetts Health Plan: A Model for Missouri?” Missouri Foundation for Health Report, with Timothy D. McBride, Sidney Watson, Muhammad Islam, Dan Gentry, Mike Counte and Nicolas Terry, September 2006.

“Massachusetts: Map for Missouri?” series of fact sheets prepared for Missouri Foundation for Health on: (1) Executive Summary, (2) Comparing the Health Landscapes, (3) Costs and Financing of Strategies for Universal Coverage: Issues for Policymakers, (4) Employer Mandate, (5) Individual Mandate, (6) Medicaid Expansion, (7) Premium Assistance Program, and (8) State Health Insurance Pool, with Timothy D. McBride, Sidney Watson, Muhammad Islam, Dan Gentry, Mike Counte and Nicolas Terry, September 2006.

[“Medicaid Expansion Enrollment and Eligibility Update: Characteristics of Expansion Enrollees”](#) Brief, Saint Louis University Center for Health Law & Washington University Center for Health Economics and Policy, February 2021.

[“Medicaid Expansion Implementation in Missouri: Innovative Outreach and Enrollment Strategies”](#) Brief with Alma Carver, Ashleigh Giovannini, Preethi Raja, and Sidney Watson, March 2021.

[“Medicaid Managed Care Hospital Networks in Missouri: Too Far to Travel”](#) Brief and [Fact Sheet](#), Saint Louis University Center for Health Law & Washington University Center for Health Economics and Policy, August 2021.

Professional Activities (member)

AEA (American Economic Association)

CSWEP (Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession)

ASHEcon (American Society of Health Economists)

AcademyHealth

Grants & Awards

“Missouri Medicaid expansion: will low-income Missourians still need to choose between food and health care?” Missouri Foundation for Health, June 2021 – May 2024 (Co-PI with Ellen Barnidge).

“Informing Implementation of Medicaid Expansion in Missouri,” Missouri Foundation for Health, Dec 2020 – August 2021, (Co-PIs Sidney Watson and Tim McBride).

Big Ideas Planning Grant from SLU Office of VP for Research, *Health Policy Research in Action Initiative*, Summer 2020.

John Cook School of Business, Transformative Teaching Fellow, 2013-2015.

Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning “Try-it” Mini-grant, Saint Louis University, Summer 2013.

YWCA Leader at Saint Louis University, 2012.

“Medicaid Reform in Missouri: Analysis of Legislation,” Kaiser Family Foundation, 2007-08, (P.I. Tim McBride).

Equal Justice Award awarded by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, October 2005.

“Missouri Legislative Bill Analysis,” Missouri Foundation for Health, 2005-06, (P.I. Tim McBride).

Legal Services of Eastern MO Grant, December 2003, with Muhammad Islam.

University, School, and Department Service*University*

University Undergraduate Core Curriculum Committee & Cura Personalis Subcommittee, CSB rep, August 2020 – present
 Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, Advisory Board member, September 2019 – present
 University Assessment Committee, August 2017 – present
 University Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes ad-hoc Task Force, March 2012 – August 2014
 Graduate Faculty and PhD Mentor, August 2001 – present
 Faculty Representative to University Board of Trustees Human Resources Committee, August 2008 – May 2012
 President's Diversity Council, September 2009 – December 2011
 Committee on Urban Vocations Curriculum, May 2009 – December 2011
 Behavioral and Social Science Institutional Review Board alternate member, Dec 2003 – Dec 2011
 John Cook School of Business Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2002-2008
 University Faculty Senate JCBS representative, August 2008 – July 2010
 University 101 Co-Instructor, Fall 2004

School & Department

Chaifetz School of Business Graduate Admissions Committee, Jan 2020 – May 2021
 Chaifetz School of Business Dean Search Committee, Oct 2019 – July 2020
 John Cook School of Business, Task Force on Faculty Evaluation, Summer 2015
 John Cook School of Business, Task Force on 2013 AACSB Faculty Qualifications, 2014
 Economics Department ad-hoc Assessment Committee, Economics 190, Summer 2004 – 2015
 John Cook School of Business Jesuit Mission Task Force, August 2009 – May 2010
 John Cook School of Business Executive Committee member, August 2005 – August 2008
 John Cook School of Business Dean Search Committee, June 2002 – May 2003

Undergraduate Research Mentor/Sponsor

Independent Study

"Maternal Mortality," Amanda Buechele, Spring 2019
 "Economics of COVID-19," Yexuan Xiao, Fall 2021

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

Megan LoBianco, Spring 2020
 Avery Lubbes, Spring 2020
 Alaina Valdes, Spring 2020
 Joseph Striler, Spring 2019
 Helen Farnan, Spring 2016
 Cami Kasmerchak, Spring 2015
 Claire Mispagel, Spring 2015
 Anthony Traina, Spring 2014
 Elizabeth Welch, Fall 2012
 Haariss Ilyas, Spring 2011
 Molly Hanley, Spring 2010
 Kushal Nandam, Spring 2010
 Katie Nichols, Spring 2004

Undergraduate Honors Project

Katy Beth Doman, Spring 2020
 Nolan Winkelbauer, Spring 2016

PhD Dissertation Committee

Member, Joshua Nyirenda, PhD in Public Policy, School of Public Service, June 2013
 Member, Joseph Squillace, PhD in Public Policy, School of Public Service, August 2012
 Member, Laverne M. Carter, PhD in Public Policy, School of Public Service, May 2005
 Co-Chair, Gary Zack, PhD Candidate in Economics, August 2003
 Comprehensive exam committee member for PhD candidates, School of Public Service, 2003 – 2013