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Education

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Honolulu, HI 2025

PhD - Economics

· Advisor: Dr. Teresa Molina

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Honolulu, HI

MA - Economics 2021

Atlanta, GA **Georgia State University** BS - ECONOMICS 2018

Current Positions

2022-current Research Assistant, UHERO, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

2021-current Summer Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Working Papers

Amaya, A., Medicaid enrollment responses to wildfire pollution.

Amaya, A., Lynham, J., De Leo, G. A., & Villaseñor-Derbez, J. C., Satellite imagery reveals differing pathways to adaptation to a global shock.

Amaya, A., & Eshun, J., Informal artisanal small-scale mining (Galamsey) and malaria: Impacts on children under-5 in Ghana.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2024 The Economy of Hawai'i, Lecturer (in-person), UH Mānoa

I developed the curriculum for this course as part of a pilot program run with a local community college aiming to encourage transfer and retention rates among underrepresented students in Economics. The class was a mix of community college and university students.

Summer 2022 Principles of Microeconomics, Lecturer (online, asynchronous), UH Mānoa

Principles of Microeconomics, Lecturer (online, asynchronous), UH Mānoa Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant experience (UH Mānoa):

Introduction to Statistics (x5), Principles of Microeconomics (x3), Principles of Macroeconomics (x1), Intermediate Microeconomics (x1), Intermediate Macroeconomics (x1), Introduction to Econometrics (x1)

Presentations

Fall 2024. Informal artisanal small-scale mining (Galamsey) and malaria: Impacts on children under-5 in Ghana. UH Mānoa Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Honolulu, HI.

Summer 2024. Medicaid Enrollment Responses to Wildfire Pollution. Western Economic Association International, Seattle, WA.

Fall 2023. Medicaid Enrollment Responses to Wildfire Pollution. UH Mānoa Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Honolulu, HI.

Spring 2023. Satellite Imagery Reveals Differing Pathways to Adaptation to a Global Shock. UH Mānoa Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Honolulu, HI.

Awards

Seiji Naya Outstanding Third-Year Research Paper, Department of Economics, UH 2023 \$ 800 Mānoa

Volunteer and Community Service

Mālama 'Āina, Repeat volunteer at various community workdays in and around Honolulu Hawai'i. These
2023-2025 community workdays are led by localized Native Hawaiian organizations focused on natural and cultural restoration.
MauiWES Collection Events, Regular participant in Maui Wildfire Exposure Study (MauiWES) collection events.
2024-2025 Assisted in the collection of health samples from impacted Lahaina community members. Also served as a translator.