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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Public Health, Applied Econometrics

EDUCATION

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa <i>PhD Candidate, Economics</i> Overall GPA: 3.83	2016 – 2023
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa <i>MA, Economics</i>	2016 – 2019
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa <i>BS, Family and Consumer Resources</i>	2010 – 2015
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JOB MARKET PAPER

Title: “Who Did the ACA Medicaid Expansion Impact? Using Linear Discriminant Analysis to Estimate the Probability of Being a Complier” (Under Review)

Abstract: What is the likelihood of being a complier in the ACA Medicaid expansion? Using linear discriminant analysis (LDA), I estimate how characteristics relating to socioeconomic status and race/ethnicity affect the likelihood that an individual will be a complier, defined as those induced by the expansion to obtain Medicaid coverage. Across multiple specifications, part-time and full-time workers are more likely than non-workers to be compliers. Not only is this result more prominent for Black individuals, but they are also more likely to be compliers compared to other racial/ethnic groups. This paper not only serves to identify the types of individuals who were directly impacted by the expansion, but it also introduces a new approach that combines complier analysis with techniques from machine learning.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. “Laying Down the Welcome Mat: Measuring the Impacts of the Medicaid Expansion for Children Previously Eligible for Medicaid”
2. Assessing the Effectiveness of Risk Adjustment Systems in Recognizing Dual Diagnosis and Co-occurring Conditions for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

POLICY PAPERS AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

1. **Chu, B.**, Nakano, L., Do, B., Emory, C., Fan, V.Y. Hawai'i State Epidemiologic Report and County Profiles. Honolulu, HI. August 6th, 2022. Web Version: <https://www.hawaii.edu/aging/phac/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/SEOW-Epi-Profile-Report-and-County-Profiles-v1.0.pdf>

2. Aoki, C., Valdez, K., Abe, A., Burke, K., **Chu, B.**, Subia, C., Lumbao, S., Untalan, R., McKee, S., Ha, E., Talagi, D., Fontanilla, T., Worley, K., Galanis, D., Bolan, A., Fan, V.Y. Hawai'i Opioid Initiative Evaluation Report 2021. Honolulu, HI. August 31st, 2021. Web Version: <https://www.hawaii.edu/aging/phac/hoi-evaluation-report-21/>
3. Abe, A., **Chu, B.**, Fan, V.Y. State Opioid Response Technical Assistance Plan, 2021.
4. **Chu, B.**, Fontanilla, T., Fan, V.Y. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Overdose Data to Action Plan (OD2A) Lualaba Outpatient Dataset - Data Quality Assessment, 2021.
5. **Chu, B.**, Fontanilla, T., Fan V.Y. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Overdose Data to Action Plan (OD2A) Lualaba Inpatient Dataset - Data Quality Assessment, 2021.

DATA DASHBOARD CITATIONS

1. Talagi, D., DeCamp, J., Takahashi, D., Wong, K., Emory, C., **Chu, B.**, Patil, U., Elliot, E., Katsutani, W., Fontanilla, T., Smith, T., Holmes, J., Curtis, A., Tseng, C. W., Fukada, N., Wood, B., Valera, J., Yurow, J., Aiona, A., Mesereau, E., & Fan, V.Y. (n.d.). Hawai'i Behavioral Health Dashboard: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project: State Emergency Department Databases Mental Health Dashboard (Version No.). University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Pacific Health Analytics Collaborative.
2. Talagi, D., DeCamp, J., Takahashi, D., Wong, K., Emory, C., **Chu, B.**, Patil, U., Elliot, E., Katsutani, W., Fontanilla, T., Smith, T., Holmes, J., Curtis, A., Tseng, C. W., Fukada, N., Wood, B., Valera, J., Yurow, J., Aiona, A., Mesereau, E., & Fan, V.Y. (n.d.). Hawai'i Behavioral Health Dashboard: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project: State Inpatient Databases Mental Health Dashboard (Version No.). University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Pacific Health Analytics Collaborative.
3. Talagi, D., DeCamp, J., Takahashi, D., Wong, K., Emory, C., **Chu, B.**, Patil, U., Elliot, E., Katsutani, W., Tseng, C. W., Fukada, N., Wood, B., Valera, J., Yurow, J., Aiona, A., Mesereau, E., & Fan, V.Y. (n.d.). Hawai'i Behavioral Health Dashboard: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project: State Emergency Department Databases Substance Use Dashboard (Version No.). University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Pacific Health Analytics Collaborative.
4. Talagi, D., DeCamp, J., Takahashi, D., Wong, K., Emory, C., **Chu, B.**, Patil, U., Elliot, E., Katsutani, W., Tseng, C. W., Hermosura, A., Valera, J., Yurow, J., Aiona, A., Mesereau, E., & Fan, V.Y. (n.d.). Hawai'i Behavioral Health Dashboard: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project: State Inpatient Databases Substance Use Dashboard (Version No.). University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Pacific Health Analytics Collaborative.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Center on Aging

Honolulu, HI

Graduate Research Assistant

2019 - Present

- Performed data collection, data cleaning, data visualization, data analysis, and data quality assessment of administrative health insurance claims data using R and Python.
- Assisted in the preparation and crafting of evaluation reports for the Hawai'i Opioid Initiative.
- Collaborated with research analysts, data scientists, and junior faculty in the design, creation, and release of the Hawai'i Behavioral Dashboard.

- Mentored and supervised fellow colleagues in performing rapid lit reviews; preparing and rendering reports in LaTeX; and learning techniques in data collection, data cleaning, data visualization, and data inference in R and Stata.

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Economics

Honolulu, HI

Lecturer

2019 - Present

- Taught undergraduate courses in the subjects related to microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, and data analysis and visualization.
- Designed and constructed a learning curriculum that is easily accessible for students both in classrooms and online environments.
- Created and implemented a six-week intensive summer data analysis and visualization course for students pursuing quantitative economics.

Hawai‘i Literacy Foundation

Honolulu, HI

Intern

May 2014- Aug 2014

- Taught children from low-income housing communities in learning basic literacy skills in reading and writing.
- Designed and implemented lessons plans to be conducted in a K-5 classroom setting.
- Assisted in the preparation and filing of grants for non-profit funding mechanisms.

TEACHING

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Economics (Instructor)

1. <i>ECON 130 Principles of Microeconomics</i>	Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022
2. <i>ECON 131 Principles of Macroeconomics</i>	Summer 2021
3. <i>ECON 256 Data Analysis and Visualization</i>	Summer 2022
4. <i>ECON 300 Intermediate Macroeconomics</i>	Summer 2019, Summer 2020

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Economics (Teaching Assistant)

1. <i>ECON 130 Principles of Microeconomics</i>	Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019
2. <i>ECON 425 Introduction to Econometrics</i>	Spring 2019

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Burnham O. Campbell Scholarship

2022

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Economics

Graduate Assistantship

2016 - Present

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Economics

Frances Davis Graduate Student Teaching Nomination

2016 - 2019

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Economics

Phi Upsilon Omicron Officer

2012 - 2015

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, College of Tropical and Agricultural Resources

Golden Key Member

2012 - 2015

*University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, College of Tropical and Agricultural Resources***University of Hawai‘i at Manoa Band Scholarship**

2010 - 2016

*University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Music***PRESENTATIONS and CONFERENCES**

2022

1. “Does Smoking Affect Wages?”. *Workshop on the Economics of Risky Behavior, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, July 9th, 2022 (Discussant)* (with Gregor Pfeifer).

2021

1. “Laying Down the Welcome Mat: Measuring the Impacts of the Medicaid Expansion for Children Previously Eligible for Medicaid”. *University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, October 12th, 2021.*
2. “Laying Down the Welcome Mat: Measuring the Impacts of the Medicaid Expansion for Children Previously Eligible for Medicaid”. *Hawai‘i Economic Association Graduate Student Showcase, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 4th, 2021.*
3. “Who Did the ACA Medicaid Expansion Impact? Using Linear Discriminant Analysis to Estimate the Probability of Being a Complier”. *University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, November 16th, 2021.*

2020

1. “Autism Supports See Through My Eyes”. *Special Parents Information Network Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, October 17th, 2021 (with Alysha Kim).*

2019

1. “Laying Down the Welcome Mat: Measuring the Impacts of the Medicaid Expansion for Children Previously Eligible for Medicaid”. *University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 5th, 2019.*
2. “A Horse of Different Color: Strategies to Support Students with Autism Focusing on Motivation”. *Special Parents Information Network Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 13th, 2019 (with Ann N. Garfinkle).*

2018

1. “Mindful Meditation and Communication Strategies”. *Special Parents Information Network, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 21st, 2018.*

2017

1. Keynote Address. *Special Parents Information Network, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Applied Microeconomics Workshop, April 22st, 2017.*

COMPUTER SKILLS

Operating Systems*Microsoft Windows OS, Mac OS***Programming Languages***R, Python, SQLite, HTML, MATLAB***Software Experience***Stata, RStudio, Microsoft PowerBI***Media/Design***LaTeX, Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft PowerPoint*

BACKGROUND

Citizenship

USA

Languages

English (Native), Japanese (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

Prof. Timothy Halliday

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