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## EMPLOYMENT

### University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2009 to present)

2018-        Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics  
2014 -       Research Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology  
2011-18     Lecturer, Department of Economics  
2011        Visiting Instructor, Department of Economics  
2009-10     Research Associate, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs

## EDUCATION

2008        Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Berkeley  
              Dissertation Title: *Essays in the Economics of Health and Education*  
              Committee: Edward Miguel (Chair), David I. Levine, Gérard Roland  
2003        B.A. in Economics cum Laude, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

## Additional Training

2015        UC Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography

## RESEARCH

### Journal Articles

Jones-Smith, J.C., Pinero Walkinshaw, L., Oddo, V.M., Knox, M., Neuhouser, M.L., Hurvitz, P.M., Saelens, B., Chan, N. Impact of a sweetened beverage tax on beverage prices in Seattle, WA. *Economics and Human Biology* (In press).

Knox, M.A., Oddo, V.M., Walkinshaw, L.P., Jones-Smith, J.C. Is the Public Sweet on Sugary Beverages? Social Desirability Bias and Sweetened Beverage Taxes. *Economics and Human Biology*, Volume 38, August 2020.

Oddo, V.M., Krieger, J., Knox, M., Saelens, B.E., Chan, N., Walkinshaw, L.P., Podrabsky, M., Jones-Smith, J.C., 2019. Perceptions of the Possible Health and Economic Impacts of Seattle's Sugary Beverage Tax. *BMC Public Health*, Volume 19, Issue 1, 9 July 2019.

Knox, M. Creating a Preference for Prevention: The Role of Universal Health Care in the Demand for Preventive Care among Mexico's Vulnerable Populations. *Health Policy and Planning*, Volume 33, Issue 7, 1 September 2018.

Campos Vázquez, R.M., Knox, M. Social Protection Programs and Employment: The Case of Mexico's Seguro Popular Program. *Economia Mexicana*, Vol. XXII, Num. 2, 2013.

## Working Papers

Health Insurance in a Middle Income Country: Transfer Program or Something More?  
Impacts of Mexico's Seguro Popular Program Five Years after Introduction (revise and resubmit)

Social Protection and Mexico's Return Migration  
(with Jaime Lara)

## Other Publications

Knox, M. "Could a Tax on Stock Trades Pay Off the Nation's Student Debt?"  
*The Conversation*, 22 July 2019. (Republished by *Chicago Tribune*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*,  
*SF Gate*, *The Motley Fool*, *Houston Chronicle*, and others.)

Knox, M., Walkinshaw, L.P. City of Seattle Food Access Spending Farm Economy  
Analysis. April 2019.

## INVITED/SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020      American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC  
(online due to COVID-19)  
Invited Seminar, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
(canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019      Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Conference, Seattle, WA  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX  
Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018      Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC  
Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Vancouver  
Northwest Development Workshop, Portland, OR  
Congreso Anual de Economía y de Políticas Públicas, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2017      Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Diego, CA
- 2016      Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC  
Invited Seminar, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Monterrey, Mexico  
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA  
ASSA Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA
- 2015      Southern Economic Association CSWEP Sessions, New Orleans, LA  
UW Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology Seminar, Seattle, WA
- 2012      China and the World Economy, Seattle, WA
- 2009      CSMGEP Dissertation Session, ASSA Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA  
Pacific Conference for Development Economics, San Francisco, CA

## GRANTS

- 2020 UW Population Health Initiative COVID-19 Economic Recovery Grant (PI)  
Project Title: “Employment Quality and Health Behaviors in the Aftermath of COVID-19”
- 2020-21 Washington Sea Grant (Project #: R/HCE-25) (Co-PI)  
Project Title: “Evaluating the effects of Southern Resident orcas recovery actions and external threats in the marine ecosystem of Puget Sound”
- 2019-20 Robert Wood Johnson Healthy Eating Research Award (Co-Investigator)  
Project Title: “Sugary Drink Taxes: Regressive, Progressive or Both? Analyzing Tax Impacts in Philadelphia, Seattle and San Francisco”
- 2018 Seattle Human Services Dept. and Public Health-Seattle and King County (PI)  
Project Title: “Economic Evaluation of City of Seattle-Funded Food Access Programs on the Washington Farm Economy”
- 2017 Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology Seed Grant (PI)  
Project Title: “Measuring Modal and Socio-Economic Differences in Responses to Health and Behavioral Surveys: Using the Seattle Sugary Beverage Tax as a Case Study”
- 2017 Center for Health Trends and Forecasts Pilot Grant for Research on Subnational Burden of Disease (subaward of NIA Grant P30AG047845) (PI)  
Project Title: “Demand for preventive care services and health disparity among Mexico’s vulnerable populations in the era of universal health care”

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Poster Award Winner at PAA Annual Meeting (Health and Mortality Session)
- 2017 Henry T. Buechel Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, UW Department of Economics
- 2015 UC Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography Award (NICHD R25HD083136)
- 2007 Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley Graduate Division
- 2006 UC Berkeley Demography Department Graduate Fellowship (NICHD Training Grant)
- 2003 Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, UC Berkeley Graduate Division
- 2002 American Economic Association Minority Summer Program Scholarship

## SERVICE

### Professional Service

- 2019 Organizing Committee, 8th Annual Northwest Development Workshop, Seattle, WA
- 2016- Organizer and Founder, Pacific Northwest Labor Day Workshop in Labor Economics

### Referee Service

*Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Latin America Economic Review, Population and Development Review*

### **Department of Economics Service**

- 2015- Committee on Access for Under-Represented Students in Economics:  
Committee Chair, Author of Department of Economics Diversity Report
- 2013 - Undergraduate Committee:  
Author of Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking, Writing Skills (RTW) Assessment  
Duties include writing one page reference essays on a current topic related to economics,  
essay prompt for students, and sample answers for graders
- 2012- Graduate Committee:  
Evaluator for Ph.D. admissions