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EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley

PhD candidate, Health Policy/Health Economics, expected 2023

Advisors: Hilary Hoynes, Elizabeth Linos, Paul Gertler, Jonathan Kolstad

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH)

MSc, Global Health and Population, 2017

Georgetown University

BSc, International Health, 2012

RESEARCH AREAS

Economics: Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Public policy: Health, Social Safety Net

WORKING PAPERS

Perales, Nicole. “Do higher wages improve service quality? Evidence from foster care in California using a regression discontinuity design.” (Job market paper.)

Perales, Nicole, and Elizabeth Linos. “Unpacking the learning curve: Child safety and on-the-job experience of social workers in child welfare investigations.”

Boone, Claire, and **Nicole Perales.** “Increasing the intensity of physical education reduces student enrollment: Evidence from synthetic difference-in-differences.”

Perales, Nicole. “Behavioral responses to transitional services for youth aging out of foster care.”

Chioda, Laura, Paul Gertler, **Nicole Perales,** and Dana Carney. “Leadership training for youth in Uganda: Gender differentiated social spillover.”

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Perales, N,** D Wei, A Khadka, HH Leslie, S Hamadou, GC Yama, PJ Robyn, G Shapira, ME Kruk, & G Fink. “Quality of clinical assessment and child mortality: A three-country cross-sectional study.” *Health Policy and Planning* 35, no. 7. (2020).
2. Wei, D, R Brigell, A Khadka, **N Perales,** & G Fink. “School-based health programs, child morbidity, and nutritional status: Evidence from Zambia.” *PLoS ONE* 14, no.5 (2019).
3. Khadka, A, **N Perales,** DJ Wei, AD Gage, N Haber, S Verguet, B Patenaude, & G Fink. “Malaria control across borders: Quasi-experimental evidence from the Trans-Kunene malaria initiative (TKMI).” *Malaria Journal* 17, no. 224 (2018).
4. Chang, AY, C Riumallo-Herl, **N Perales,** S Clark, A Clark, D Constenla, T Garske, ML Jackson, K Jean, M Jit, EO Jones, X Li, C Suraratdecha, O Bullock, H Johnson, L Brenzel, & S Verguet. “The equity impact vaccines may have on averting deaths and medical impoverishment in developing countries.” *Health Affairs* 37, no. 2 (2018).
5. Kripke, K, **N Perales,** J Lija, B Fimbo, E Mlangi, H Mahler, J Juma, E Baingana, M Plotkin, D Kakizibar, I Semini, D Castor, & E Njeuhmel. “The economic and epidemiological impact of focusing voluntary medical male circumcision for HIV prevention on specific age groups and regions in Tanzania.” *PLoS ONE* 11, no.7 (2016).

EMPLOYMENT**Research:**

2020-2022 RA to Elizabeth Linos, The People Lab at Goldman School of Public Policy
 2018-2022 RA to Paul Gertler, UC Berkeley Haas School of Business
 2018 RA to Will Dow, UC Berkeley School of Public Health
 2016-2017 RA to Stéphane Verguet, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
 2016 RA to William Hsiao, Harvard University (Malaysia)
 2016 Short-term consultant to Global Financing Secretariat, World Bank
 2012-2015 Health Scientist, The Palladium Group
 2011 Int'l Cooperation Program Researcher, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Brazil)

Teaching:

Fall 2021, 2022 Quantitative Methods for Impact Evaluation (Graduate Student Instructor for P. Gertler)
 Fall 2016 Economic Analysis (Graduate Teaching Fellow for D. Hemenway)

AWARDS

2022-2023 Dissertation Fellowship (Institute for Research on Labor and Employment)
 2021-2022 Dissertation Year Fellowship (UC Berkeley Office for Graduate Diversity)
 2021 Graduate Fellowship Grant (California Policy Lab)
 2017-2021 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
 2019-2020 Mentored Research Award (UC Berkeley Office for Graduate Diversity)
 2016-2017 Merit-based Departmental Tuition Award (HSPH)
 2016 Maternal Health Task Force Grant Recipient (HSPH)

**CONFERENCES
AND INVITED
TALKS**

2022 California Policy Lab Research Seminar
 American Society of Health Economists Conference
 2021 Goldman School of Public Policy Research Seminar
 American Public Health Association Conference
 AHRQ National Research Service Award Trainees Research Conference
 2018 AHRQ National Research Service Award Trainees Research Conference
 2014 Global Symposium on Health Systems Research
 International AIDS Conference
 Water and Health Conference
 White Ribbon Alliance National Champions Panel

**ACADEMIC
SERVICE****Mentorship:**

Aidan Gauper, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, 2021-2022
 Samantha Warren, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, 2021-2022
 Jiayi Zhu, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, 2021
 Judy Wang, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, 2020-2021
 Jerry Zhu, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, 2020-2021

Committees:

2020-2021 Leadership board of Berkeley Economists for Equity
 2020-2021 Leadership board of Health Policy Anti-Racism Action Committee
 2019-2021 Health Policy Executive Committee
 2018, 2022 Health Policy Admissions Committee
 2017-2023 Member of Berkeley Economists for Equity

**OTHER
INFORMATION**

Software skills: Proficient in Stata, R, and L^AT_EX. Working knowledge: SurveyCTO, Python, ArcGIS.
Languages: English (Native), Spanish and Portuguese (working)
Citizenship: United States