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EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley

PhD, Health Policy/Health Economics, 2023

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

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

MSc, Global Health and Population, 2017

Georgetown University

BSc, International Health, 2012

RESEARCH AREAS

Economics: Applied microeconomics, health economics

Public policy: Health, social safety net, housing

WORKING PAPERS

Do higher wages improve service quality? Evidence from foster care in California using a regression discontinuity design.

Leadership training for youth in Uganda: Gender differentiated social spillover (with Laura Chioda, Paul Gertler, and Dana Carney)

Increasing the intensity of physical education reduces student enrollment: Evidence from synthetic difference-in-differences (with Claire Boone)

Non-random assignment of individual identifiers and selection into linked data: Implications for research. (with Kyle Raze and Christin Landivar)

ONGOING PROJECTS

Eviction in childhood (with Ashley Erceg, Carl Gershenson, and Nick Graetz)

Early career retention dynamics (with Alison Lodermeier)

Behavioral responses to transitional services for youth aging out of foster care

PUBLICATIONS

Quality of clinical assessment and child mortality: A three-country cross-sectional study. *Health Policy and Planning*. 2020. Nicole Perales, Dorothy Wei, Aayush Khadka, Hannah Leslie, Saïdou Hamadou, Gervais Chamberlain Yama, Paul Jacob Robyn, Gil Shapira, Margaret Kruk, & Günther Fink.

School-based health programs, child morbidity, and nutritional status: Evidence from Zambia. *PLoS ONE*. 2019. Dorothy Wei, Rachel Brigell, Aayush Khadka, Nicole Perales, & Günther Fink.

Malaria control across borders: Quasi-experimental evidence from the Trans-Kunene malaria initiative. *Malaria Journal*. 2018. Aayush Khadka, Nicole Perales, Dorothy Wei, Anna Gage, Noah Haber, Stéphane Verguet, Bryan Patenaude, & Günther Fink.

The equity impact vaccines may have on averting deaths and medical impoverishment in developing countries. *Health Affairs*. 2018. Angela Chang, Carlos Riumallo-Herl, Nicole Perales, Samantha Clark, Andrew Clark, Dagna Constenla, Tini Garske, Michael Jackson, Kévin Jean, Mark Jit, Edward Jones, Xi Li, Chutima Suraratdech, Olivia Bullock, Hope Johnson, Logan Brenzel, & Stéphane Verguet.

The economic and epidemiological impact of focusing voluntary medical male circumcision for HIV prevention on specific age groups and regions in Tanzania. *PLoS ONE*. 2016. Katharine Kripke, Nicole Perales, Jackson Lija, Bennet Fimbo, Eric Mlang, Hally Mahler, James McOlogi Juma, Emmanuel Baingana, Marya Plotkin, Deogratias Kakiziba, Iris Semini, Delivette Castor, Emmanuel Njeuhmeli.

POLICY REPORTS

African Health Markets for Equity Impact Evaluation (with Claire Boone, David Contreras, Rita Cuckovich, Paul Gertler, Joshua Gruber, & Ada Kwan)

Private Health Insurance in Malaysia, Part II: Market Structure Analysis (reviewed by William Hsiao & Nadiyah Biniti Rusli)

EMPLOYMENT

2023-present	Research Economist, US Census Bureau
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	Technical Officer under 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 Paul Gertler)
Fall 2016	Economic Analysis (Graduate Teaching Fellow for David 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

2024	NBER Children Program Spring meeting American Society of Health Economists Conference Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research and Policy Conference
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 R, Stata, SQL, SAS, \LaTeX . Working knowledge: Python, ArcGIS.

Languages: English (Native), Spanish and Portuguese (limited working)

Citizenship: United States

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