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EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley

PhD, Health Policy/Health Economics, 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: 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 Mlangu, 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)

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

Last updated: February 2025