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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.”

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

**Perales, Nicole.** “Who demands adoption? Behavioral responses to transitional services for youth aging out of foster care.”

### 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. Working knowledge: SurveyCTO, Python, ArcGIS.  
**Languages:** English (Native), Spanish and Portuguese (working)  
**Citizenship:** United States