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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, Welfare 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.”

**ONGOING
RESEARCH**

Perales, Nicole. “Behavioral responses to transitional services for foster youth.”

Perales, Nicole. “Heterogenous foster care effects using generalized random forests.”

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 ^A T _E X. Working knowledge: SurveyCTO, Python, ArcGIS.
	Languages:	English (Native), Spanish and Portuguese (working)
	Citizenship:	United States