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Education

Aug. 2016	Ph.D., Economics , University of Florida
May 2013	M.A., Economics , University of Florida
May 2006	B.S., Economics & Political Science , Loyola Marymount University

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, International Economics, Public Policy

Appointments

Aug. 2018 – Present	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Economics, Howard University, Washington D.C.
Sept. 2019 – Present	<i>Research Fellow</i> , Center on Race and Wealth, Howard University, Washington D.C.
June 2019 – June 2020	<i>Junior Scholar Intensive Training Fellow</i> , CFS, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2018	<i>NIH Senior Fellow</i> , The CHOICE Institute, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Jul. 2015 – May 2016	<i>Visiting Instructor</i> , Department of Economics, Pomona College, Claremont, CA

Research

No Home and No Acceptance: Exploring the intersectionality of sexual/gender identities (LGBTQ) and race in the foster care system (2020), *Review of Black Political Economy*, 47(2), 177-193

Examining Medicaid Expansion and the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (2019) *with Alberto Ortega*, *AEA: Papers & Proceedings*, 109: 187-92

Working Papers

Racial and Ethnic Disparities: Essential Workers, Mental Health, and the Coronavirus Pandemic *with Alberto Ortega, Joaquín Alfredo-Angel Rubalcaba, & Edward Vargas*

Abstract: It's clear that the pandemic is disproportionately impacting communities of color. In this study, we investigate mental health distress among essential workers during the Coronavirus pandemic across race and ethnicity. We evaluate individual responses to the Patient Health Questionnaire and General Anxiety Disorder Questionnaire using unique, nationally representative, data set. Our findings suggest that Black essential healthcare workers disproportionately report symptoms of anxiety; while, Latino essential healthcare workers disproportionately report symptoms of depression. Additionally, we find that being a Black or Latino essential non-health care worker is associated with higher levels of distress related to anxiety and depression. These findings highlight the additional dimensions to which Black and Hispanic Americans are disproportionately being affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. Furthermore, it calls into question how

essential worker classifications, compounded by US unemployment policies, is potentially amplifying the mental health trauma experienced by workers.

Distance Learning and Parental Mental Health During COVID-19 *with Cassandra R. Davis, Alberto Ortega, Jaquin Alfredo-Angel Rubalcaba, & Edward Vargas*

Abstract: As COVID-19 cases continue to increase across the country, there is a concern as to the extent this pandemic will affect students across the nation. Since March 2020, schools transitioned to a distance-learning format which unintentionally forced parents into new teaching roles as proxy educators. In this brief, we explore the impact of distance learning on the mental health of proxy educators. We find that parents with children who struggled with distance learning experienced elevated mental distress. Given the relationship between teacher burnout and student outcomes, we argue the importance of supporting parents during this time to improve students schooling.

Flipping the Script: The Effect of PDMPs on Prescribing Behavior *with Alice Ellyson & Alberto Ortega*

Abstract: Over the past decade, federal and state governments have implemented a variety of policies to address the debilitating effects of the opioid epidemic. One of the most effective tools has been mandatory access Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (MA-PDMPs), which aim to curb the epidemic at a common point of initiation of use, the prescription. However, there is a recent concern as to whether these opioid specific policies have been too restrictive and reduced appropriate access to patients with the most need for these pharmaceuticals. To answer this question we assess the effect of this mandatory component on specialty-specific opioid prescribing behavior using the CMS Medicare Part D Public Use Files. Our findings suggest that requiring providers to query a PDMP database, prior to prescribing an opioid drug, differentially affects opioid prescribing across provider specialty. As in other studies, we find an overall decrease in prescribing as a result of implementing a MA-PDMP, but find that this decrease is largely driven primarily by primary care and inpatient care providers. Interestingly, we also find increases in prescribing for oncology and palliative care providers after a MA-PDMP is implemented. Our results indicate that MA-PDMPs may help close provider-patient informational gaps while retaining a providers ability to supply these drugs to patients with a need for opioids (e.g. end of life care).

Substance Use Disorders among Older Populations: What role does race, ethnicity, and age play in treatment and completions? *with Alberto Ortega*

Abstract: Given the destruction caused by the current opioid epidemic, considerable focus has been channeled into finding ways to explain and mitigate its effect. However, research that explores the role of substance use treatment among older individuals is scarce. Moreover, recent work has denoted the stark racial/ethnic composition of the prescription opioid epidemic (Case and Deaton, 2015; Hansen and Netherland, 2016; Grooms and Ortega, 2019). This paper aims to look beyond the current epidemic by offering a historical investigation of admissions and discharges of treatment episodes from 1992 until 2017 across race, ethnicity, and age. Our results suggest that although older individuals are not typically associated with risky behavior, they are increasingly seeking treatment for substance use disorders. We find that substance use treatment admissions aged 50 and older have persistently increased over our sample period. Our findings also indicate that, on average, Black admissions across all ages are less likely to complete treatment and more likely to have their treatment terminated by a treatment facility (relative to Whites). There is also some evidence that Hispanic individuals are less likely to complete treatment, and that Hispanic admissions over 50 years old are more likely to have their treatment terminated (relative to Whites).

Research in Progress

Getting with the Program: Medicaid Expansion and Access to Substance Use Treatment

Investigating the Co-occurrence of Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health across Race, Ethnicity, and Gender: A Retrospective Look at the 1996 Federal Disability Changes

Research in Press

The COVID-19 public health and economic crises leave vulnerable populations exposed, The Brookings Institute - Essay (August 13, 2020) *Jevay Grooms, Alberto Ortega, and Jaocuin Alfredo-Angel Rubalcaba*

COVID-19 Reveals The Depth Of Racial Health Disparities, National Public Radio - Baltimore (WYPR Radio) Mary Rose Madden (June 19, 2020)

Anything but Dismal - Season 1, Episode 5: Overcoming Racial Bias (August 12, 2020)

Fellowships, Scholarships, Grants and Honors

2019	University of Wisconsin at Madison Center for Financial Security Fellow
2019	CeMENT Workshop, American Economic Association
2017 – 2018	Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics, National Science Foundation
2016	AEA Summer Program Outstanding Teaching Fellow, MSU (\$4,000)
2011 – 2016	McKnight Doctoral Fellow (\$85,000)
2013 – 2016	AEA Mentoring Fellow, National Science Foundation (\$2,500)
2015	Health Research Fellow, NSF/National Bureau of Economic Research
2011	Board of Education Fellow (\$4,000)

Teaching Experience

Fall 2020	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Health Economics, Howard University
Fall 2020, 2019, 2018	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , International Economics III (doctoral), Howard University
Spring 2020, 2019	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , International Economics II (doctoral), Howard University
Summer 2017	<i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i> , Microeconomics (pre-doctoral), AEASP Michigan State University
Spring 2017	<i>Co-Instructor</i> , Pharmaceutical Policy Methods (doctoral), University of Washington
Summer 2016	<i>Visiting Instructor</i> , Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Beijing Jiaotong University, Beijing, China
Fall 2015 – Spring 2016	<i>Visiting Instructor</i> , Health Economics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Pomona College
Fall 2014	<i>Instructor</i> , Economics of Sports, University of Florida

Paper Presentations and Invited Talks

August 2020	Hamilton Project Presentation & Blog Post
July 2020	PPIA Junior Summer Institute (JSI), University of Minnesota
June 2020	Economics of Racism Seminar, Ohio State University
May 2020	Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Seminar
Jan. 2017 - 2020	American Economic Association Annual Meeting
Nov. 2014 - 2019	Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting
June 2019	UW-Madison Center for Financial Security Grant Proposal Presentation
Jan. 2019	National Economic Association Luncheon at the AEA Meetings
Aug. 2018	<i>Health Workshop & Policy Speaker Series</i> , Indiana University - SPEA
Jun. 2018	7th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists
Mar. 2018	Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology Seminar Series
Jan. 2018	APPAM & ASHecon Webinar: The Intersection of Opioid Addiction and Evidence-Based Policy
Nov. 2017	Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Research Conference
Oct. 2017	U.S. Air Force Academy Seminar Series, Colorado Springs, CO
Jul. 2017	International Health Economics Association Conference
Jun. 2014, 2015, 2017	Western Economic Association International Annual Conference
Jun. 2017	Vancouver Health Economics Methodology Meeting, Vancouver, BC
May 2017	Program in Health Economics and Outcomes Methodology, UW
Feb. 2016	Seminar Series Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy, UW
Jan. 2016	Poverty on Health, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Dec. 2015	Social Science Research Confab, Pomona College

Service

Current	ASHecon Diversity Committee Member
June 2020	Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession Panel (virtual)
April 2020	DC Econ Career Panel - Society of Government Economists Conference (virtual)
Feb. 2020	Sadie Collective Panel and Mentor

Referee

The Journal of Economics, Race and Policy, The Journal of Human Resources, The Review of Black Political Economy, The Review of Economics and Statistics

Professional Memberships

National Economic Association, American Society of Hispanic Economists, The Sadie Collective, American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Western Economic Association International, Southern Economics Association
