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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020 – Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Service, NYU Wagner Graduate School
2014 – 2020 Assistant Professor in Residence, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
2012 – 2014 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar, University of Michigan

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AND POSITIONS

2021 – Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Health Economics*
2020 – Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (Health Care and Health Economics)
2014 – 2020 Faculty Affiliate, California Center for Population Research

EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D., University of Chicago, Public Policy (Committee: Profs. Meltzer, Black, and Charles)
2003 B.A., William & Mary, Economics, *magna cum laude*, James Monroe Scholar

WORKING PAPERS

Kennedy-Moulton, Kate, Sarah Miller, Petra Persson, Maya Rossin-Slater, Laura R. Wherry, and Gloria Aldana. Maternal and Infant Health Inequality: New Evidence from Linked Administrative Data. NBER Working Paper No. 30693.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. Covering the Undocumented: The Effects of a Large-Scale Prenatal Intervention. NBER Working Paper No. 30299.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Steenland, Maria and Laura R. Wherry. 2023. Medicaid Expansion Led to Reductions in Postpartum Hospitalizations. *Health Affairs* 42(1): 18-25.

Alalouf, Mattan, Sarah Miller, and Laura R. Wherry. What Difference Does a Diagnosis Make? Evidence from Marginal Patients. Forthcoming at *American Journal of Health Economics*.

East, Chloe N., Sarah Miller, Marianne Page, and Laura R. Wherry. Multigenerational Impacts of Childhood Access to the Safety Net: Early Life Exposure to Medicaid and the Next Generation's Health. Forthcoming at *American Economic Review*.

Miller, Sarah, Laura R. Wherry, Diana Greene Foster. The Economic Consequences of Being Denied an Abortion. Forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

- Miller, Sarah, Laura R. Wherry, and Bhashkar Mazumder. 2021. Estimated Mortality Increases During the COVID-19 Pandemic by Socioeconomic Status, Race, and Ethnicity. *Health Affairs* 40(8): 1252-1260.
- Miller, Sarah, Norman Johnson, and Laura R. Wherry. 2021. Medicaid and Mortality: New Evidence from Linked Survey and Administrative Data. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 136(3): 1783-1829.
- Myerson, Rebecca, Samuel Crawford, and Laura R. Wherry. 2020. ACA Medicaid Expansions Increased Preconception Health Counseling, Folic Acid Intake, and Postpartum Contraception. *Health Affairs* 39(11): 1883-1890.
- Carey, Colleen M., Sarah Miller, and Laura R. Wherry. 2020. The Impact of Insurance Expansions on the Already Insured: The Affordable Care Act and Medicare. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 12(4): 288-318.
- Soni, Aparna, Laura R. Wherry, and Kosali I. Simon. 2020. How Have ACA Insurance Expansions Affected Health Outcomes? Findings from the Literature. *Health Affairs* 39(3): 371-378.
- Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2019. The Long-Term Effects of Early Life Medicaid Coverage. *Journal of Human Resources* 54: 785-824.
- Wherry, Laura R., Sarah Miller, Robert Kaestner, and Bruce D. Meyer. 2018. Childhood Medicaid Coverage and Later Life Health Care Utilization. *Review of Economics and Statistics* 100(2): 287-302.
- Wherry, Laura R. 2018. State Medicaid Expansions for Parents Led to Increased Coverage and Prenatal Care Utilization Among Pregnant Mothers. *Health Services Research* 53(5): 3569-3591.
- Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2017. Health and Access to Care during the First 2 Years of the ACA Medicaid Expansions. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 376: 947-56.
- Wherry, Laura R., Rachel Fabi, Adam Schickedanz, and Brendan Saloner. 2017. State and Federal Coverage for Pregnant Immigrants: Prenatal Care Increased, No Change Detected for Infant Health. *Health Affairs* 36(4): 607-615.
- Wherry, Laura R. and Bruce D. Meyer. 2016. Saving Teens: Using a Policy Discontinuity to Estimate the Effects of Medicaid Eligibility. *Journal of Human Resources* 51(3): 556-588.
- Wherry, Laura R. and Sarah Miller. 2016. Early Coverage, Access, Utilization, and Health Effects of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions: A Quasi-Experimental Study. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 164(12): 795-803.
- Lipton, Brandy, Laura R. Wherry, Sarah Miller, Sandra Decker, and Genevieve Kenney. 2016. Previous Medicaid Expansion May Have Had Lasting Positive Effects on Oral Health of Non-Hispanic Black Children. *Health Affairs* 35(12): 2249-2258.
- Wherry, Laura R., Genevieve M. Kenney, and Benjamin D. Sommers. 2016. The Role of Public Health Insurance in Reducing Child Poverty. *Academic Pediatrics* 16(3, Supplement): S98-S104.
- Leininger, Lindsey Jeanne, Brendan Saloner, and Laura R. Wherry. 2015. Predicting High Cost Pediatric Patients: Derivation and Validation of a Population-Based Model. *Medical Care* 53(8): 729-735.

Wherry, Laura R., Marguerite E. Burns, and Lindsey Jeanne Leininger. 2014. Using Self-Reported Health Measures to Predict High-Need Cases among Medicaid-Eligible Adults. *Health Services Research* 49(S2): 2147-2172.

Wherry, Laura R. 2013. Medicaid Family Planning and Related Preventive Care. *American Journal of Public Health* 103(9): 1577-1578.

Rodgers, Yana van der Meulen, Joseph E. Zveglich, Jr., and Laura Wherry. 2006. Gender Differences in Vocational School Training and Earnings Premiums in Taiwan. *Feminist Economics* 12(4): 527-560.

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2021. Response to “Mortality and Science: A Comment on Two Articles on the Effects of Health Insurance on Mortality. *Econ Journal Watch* 18(2): 220-229.

Miller, Sarah, Laura R. Wherry, Diana Greene Foster. 2020. What Happens After an Abortion Denial? Evidence from the Turnaway Study. *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 110: 226-230.

Miller, Sarah and Laura R. Wherry. 2019. Four Years Later: Insurance Coverage and Access Continue to Diverge Between ACA Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States. *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 109: 327-333.

Additional policy briefs and discussion papers here: <https://www.urban.org/author/laura-wherry>

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Miller, Sarah, Jaclyn Schess, Laura R. Wherry, Gloria Aldana, and Mitchell Wong. Health at Birth, Later Life Achievement, and the Intergenerational Transmission of Advantage.

Hawkins, Amelia, Christopher Hollrah, Sarah Miller, Laura R. Wherry, Gloria Aldana, and Mitchell Wong. The Long-Term Effects of Income for At-Risk Infants: Evidence from Supplemental Security Income.

GRANTS

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, Co-Investigator (PI: Maria Steenland), 2022-2024, Postpartum Health Care Receipt Among Immigrant Women in the United States

HUD’s Randomized Data Evaluation Competition, Principal Investigator (with co-PI Sarah Miller, in-kind services), 2019, Family Options Study: New Evidence from Linked Administrative Data

UC Office of the President, UCLA Site Leader (PI: Marianne Page), 2019-2020, UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Principal Investigator (\$250,000), 2018-2020, Understanding the Effects of Expanded Health Coverage for Low-Income Women on Maternal and Newborn Health

National Institute on Aging, Principal Investigator (\$1,468,494), R01AG059731, 2018-2023, Health at Birth and Later Life Outcomes: Evaluating the Returns to Policy-Driven Early Health Investments, with Sarah Miller

Chapin Hall and U.S. Census Bureau, Using Linked Data to Advance Evidence-Based Policymaking, funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Principal Investigator (with co-PI Sarah Miller, in-kind services), 2016-2019, Health at Birth and Later Life Outcomes: Evaluating the Returns to Policy-Driven Early Health Investments

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 Finalist, NIHCM Research Award, Medicaid and Mortality: New Evidence From Linked Survey and Administrative Data
- 2022 Runner-Up, *Financial Times* Responsible Business Education Awards, Medicaid and Mortality: New Evidence From Linked Survey and Administrative Data
- 2018 HCUP Outstanding Article of the Year, AHRQ-AcademyHealth, Childhood Medicaid Coverage and Later Life Health Care Utilization
- 2017 Article of the Year, AcademyHealth, Saving Teens: Using a Policy Discontinuity to Estimate the Effects of Medicaid Eligibility
- 2015 Best Abstract, Maternal and Child Health, AcademyHealth, The Long-Term Effects of Early Life Medicaid Coverage

INVITED SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2022-2023 (including scheduled): Brookings Institution; Columbia University School of Public Health; George Washington University; *Health Affairs* Journal Watch; Oregon Health & Science University Medicaid Insights Colloquium; SSRC Centennial Lecture; Smith College; University of Colorado Denver; University of Connecticut; University of Illinois Center for Business and Public Policy; USC Center for Economic and Social Research; Weill Cornell
- 2021-2022: APPAM; ASSA; Cornell University Health Economics Seminar; Columbia University Population Research Center; NBER Health Care; NBER Summer Institute Health Economics; NYU Applied Microeconomics; NYU Stern IO seminar; Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile; University of Maryland School of Public Health; University of Pennsylvania Leonard Davis Institute; U.S. Census Bureau Center for Economic Studies; William & Mary
- 2020-2021: American University; APPAM; Ohio State University; University of New Hampshire; Leonard Davis Institute: The Promise of Health Reform and a Public Option in a Biden Administration; Princeton University Center for Health and Wellbeing; University of Chicago Health Economics Workshop; University of Michigan Population Studies Center; UVA Batten; University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Demography and Ecology
- 2019-2020: APPAM; BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics; NYU Wagner; UC Davis Health Services Seminar; UC Riverside Applied Economics; UC Santa Barbara Labor Lunch; Yale SPH Health Policy
- 2018-2019: ASHEcon; APPAM; ASSA; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; iHEA Early Career Researcher Pre-Congress Session; O'Neill SPEA at Indiana University Bloomington; UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development
- 2017-2018: AcademyHealth (poster); All-California Labor Economics Conference; APPAM; Federal Statistical Research Data Centers Conference; UC Davis: Unintended Effects of the Safety Net; UCLA Extension; USC School of Pharmacy; VIVE-USC Schaeffer Center Workshop on Health Economics
- 2016-2017: AcademyHealth; APPAM
- 2015-2016: APPAM; RAND Health; UC Berkeley Health Services and Policy Analysis Colloquium; UCLA Department of Medicine Grand Rounds; UC Irvine Applied Microeconomics Seminar; U.S. Council of Economic Advisers

2014-2015: AcademyHealth; AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group; APPAM; NBER Cohort Studies; Population Association of America; UCLA Luskin/Law School Workshop; UCLA Pediatrics Health Services Research Workshop; USC Center for Economic and Social Research
2013-2014: Abt Associates; Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research; American Society for Health Economists; Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; Congressional Budget Office; George Washington University School of Nursing; Mathematica Policy Research; RTI International; RWJF Health and Society Scholars Annual Meeting; Tufts University School of Medicine; UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research; University of Maryland School of Public Health; Urban Institute
2012-2013: AcademyHealth; APPAM; Cornell University Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities; RWJF Health and Society Scholars Annual Meeting; University of Michigan Public Finance Free Lunch Seminar
2011-2012: APPAM; Analysis Group; Census Bureau; Congressional Budget Office; Department of Veteran's Affairs (Menlo Park); Georgia Health Policy Center; Mathematica Policy Research; Midwest Health Economics Conference; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research; Yale School of Public Health
2010-2011: AcademyHealth (poster); University of Chicago Center for Human Potential and Public Policy Workshop; University of Chicago Health Economics Workshop
2009-2010: University of Chicago Health Economics Workshop
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RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Primary Research Mentor: Chris Scannell (2022), UCLA National Clinician Scholar Program
Doctoral Committee Member: Kim Narain (2016), Department of Health Policy & Management, UCLA School of Public Health; Jacob Berman (2021), UCLA Department of Economics.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

UCLA: Co-Lead, Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research Noon Seminar Series, UCLA Department of Medicine (2018-2020)
NYU: Search Committee Member, Clinical Faculty in Healthcare Finance (2021-2022, 2022-2023)
Mentor: ASHEcon Conference Mentoring Session (2019); ASHEcon Virtual Mentoring Program (2020); "Successfully Navigating Your Economics PhD" Virtual Mentoring Workshop (2020, 2022); "Successfully Navigating Your PhD Workshop: Health Econ/Policy Edition" Virtual Mentoring Workshop (2021); APPAM Mentor Matching Program (2021-2022, 2022-2023)
Conference discussant: Annual Health Economics Conference (2017), APPAM (2012, 2014-2016, 2018-2020, 2021), ASHEcon (2019), ASSA (2019), Essen Economics of Mental Health Workshop (2021), NBER Inequalities in Mortality in the US and Beyond (2022), PAA (2015), UC Davis: Unintended Effects of the Safety Net (2017)
Conference abstract reviewer: Co-Lead, AcademyHealth ARM Coverage and Access Program (2019); Abstract Reviewer, APPAM Annual Research Meeting Health Policy Program (2019)
Grant reviewer: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2016), National Science Foundation (2018)
Other: APPAM Poster Judge (2019); Selection Committee Member for the JPAM Raymond Vernon Award (2019)

TEACHING

New York University, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service:

- Health Economics: Principles, Course #: HPAM-GP 4830, Spring 2022
- Introduction to Health Economics, Course #: MHA-GP 1853, Spring 2021-2022, Fall 2022

REFEREEING ACTIVITIES

Academic Pediatrics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Public Health, Annals of Internal Medicine, BMC Health Services Research, Forum for Health Economics & Policy, Health Affairs, Health Economics, Health Services Research, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, JAMA, JAMA Health Forum, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Medical Care, Medical Care Research & Review, New England Journal of Medicine, PLOS ONE, Population Research and Policy Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Social Science & Medicine

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007-2009 Research Assistant, Bruce Meyer and Tony Lo Sasso, Harris School
2003-2006 Research Assistant (2003-05), Research Associate (2006), Urban Institute