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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Health economics, Health policy, Applied microeconomics, Causal inference

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Business Economics and Public Policy, Indiana University, 2019 (expected)
Dissertation: Health Insurance, Price Changes, and the Demand for Pain Relief Drugs
Committee: Jeffrey Prince, Kosali Simon, Haizhen Lin, Daniel Sacks
M.A. in Economics, Boston University, 2011
B.A. in Economics and Journalism, Boston University, 2011

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Soni, Aparna**, Kosali Simon, John Cawley, & Lindsay Sabik. (2018). "[Effects of ACA Insurance Expansions on Cancer Diagnoses](#)." *American Journal of Public Health*, forthcoming.
- Soni, Aparna**, Lindsay Sabik, Kosali Simon, & Benjamin Sommers. (2017). "[Changes in Insurance Coverage Among Cancer Patients After the Affordable Care Act](#)." *JAMA Oncology*, forthcoming.
- Soni, Aparna**, Marguerite Burns, Laura Dague, & Kosali Simon. (2017). "[Medicaid Expansion Status and State Trends in Supplemental Security Income Program Participation](#)." *Health Affairs*, 38(8), 1485-1488.
- Soni, Aparna**, Michael Hendryx, & Kosali Simon. (2017). "[Medicaid Expansions under the Affordable Care Act and Insurance Coverage in Rural and Urban Areas](#)." *Journal of Rural Health*, 33(2), 217-226.
- Simon, Kosali, **Aparna Soni**, & John Cawley. (2017). "[The Impact of Health Insurance on Preventive Care and Health Behaviors: Evidence from the First Two Years of the ACA Medicaid Expansions](#)." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 36(2), 390-417.

Working Papers

- Cawley, John, **Aparna Soni**, & Kosali Simon. "Third Year of Evidence Shows Continuing Benefits of Medicaid Expansions." (under review)

Hollingsworth, Alex, **Aparna Soni**, Aaron Carroll, John Cawley, & Kosali Simon. “Gains in Health Insurance Coverage Explain Variation in Democratic Vote Share in the 2016 Presidential Election.” (under review)

Woroncowicz, Joanna, Seth Freedman, Kosali Simon, & **Aparna Soni**. “How Have Recent Health Insurance Expansions Affected Coverage Among Artist Occupations?” (under review)

Decker, Sandra, Asako Moriya, & **Aparna Soni**. “Expanded Insurance Coverage Options are Associated with Increased Coverage for Workers without Access to Group Insurance.” (under review)

Soni, Aparna, Michael Hendryx, & Kosali Simon. “The Impact of the Tennessee Medicaid Disenrollment on Rural vs. Urban Populations: An ACA Presage?”

Works in Progress

Impacts of State Alcohol Policies on Alcohol Purchases (with Christopher Carpenter)

Health Insurance, Price Changes, and the Demand for Pain Relief Drugs: Evidence from Medicare Part D

Consumption Effects of Health Insurance Expansions: Evidence from Scanner Data

Drugs and Diet: Ex-Ante Moral Hazard Effects of Prescription Drug Insurance

The Impact of Prescription Drug Insurance on Health Outcomes

Consolidation and Premiums in the Health Insurance Market (with Haizhen Lin)

PDMP Laws and Opioid Hospitalizations (with Seth Freedman, Alex Hollingsworth, & Kosali Simon)

Conference Presentations

2018 Midwest Economic Association (forthcoming)

2017 IU/UofL/VU Health Economics and Policy Workshop
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Population Health Science Research Workshop (poster)
International Health Economics Association
AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group (Best Poster Award)
Eastern Economic Association

2016 IU/UofL/VU Health Economics and Policy Workshop
American Society of Health Economists (poster)

Research Assistance

2017 **National Bureau of Economic Research, Disability Research Center**
RA for Kosali Simon, Bradley Heim, and Kathleen Mullen's NBER-funded project on “Impact of Affordable Care Act on Social Security Disability Benefits”

2016 **National Bureau of Economic Research, Retirement Research Center**

RA for Kosali Simon and Bradley Heim's NBER-funded project on “Effect of the Affordable Care Act on Retirement”

2015 - **Indiana University**

RA for Professor Kosali Simon (School of Public and Environmental Affairs)

RA for Professor Haizhen Lin (Dept of Business Economics and Public Policy)

2011 **Boston University**

RA for Professor Peter Doeringer (Department of Economics)

TEACHING

Sole Instructor

2018 G202: Business, Government, and Society; Indiana University

2015-18 G300: Intro to Managerial Economics; Indiana University

Teaching Assistant

2016 G350: Business Econometrics; Indiana University

2016-17 G202: Business, Government, and Society; Indiana University

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University Service

2017 Mentor for Indiana University summer health research scholars program

2017 University representative for “PhD Project” conference to support underrepresented minorities in pursuing graduate degrees

2016-17 Coordinator for weekly Indiana University health policy workshop

Referee Service

Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Rural Health; World Medical and Health Policy

Conference Abstract Reviewing

American Society of Health Economists; AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting

Conference Discussant

2017 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
International Health Economics Association
Eastern Economic Association

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017 Best Poster Award, Academy Health – Health Economics Interest Group (\$50)

2017 Doctoral Student Research Productivity Award, Indiana University (\$3,700)

2017 Doctoral Research Travel Award, Indiana University (\$750)

2017 Panschar Teaching Award Finalist, Indiana University

2016 Doctoral Student Research Productivity Award, Indiana University (\$3,700)

- 2016 Travel Award, IU Graduate and Professional Student Government (\$500)
2016 Clements & Clements Scholarship Essay Contest Winner (\$1,000)
2007-11 Legacy Scholarship, Boston University (\$4,000)
2007-11 Trustee Scholarship, Boston University (\$148,694)

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2012-14 Economist, IHS Global Insight, Lexington, MA
2010 Analyst, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC

OTHER

Professional Affiliations

Academy Health
American Economic Association
American Society of Health Economists
International Health Economics Association
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management
Eastern Economic Association
Midwest Economic Association

Software: Stata, Python (web scraping), R, High performance computing, Unix, LaTeX

Languages: English (native), Hindi (fluent), French (proficient)

Citizenship: USA

REFERENCES

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