

# APARNA SONI

---

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Kelley School of Business  
Indiana University  
1310 East Tenth Street  
Bloomington, IN 47405

Office: Hodge Hall 7400  
Phone: (508) 410-7533  
Email: [apsoni@indiana.edu](mailto:apsoni@indiana.edu)  
Website: [www.AparnaGSoni.com](http://www.AparnaGSoni.com)

## 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*, 4(1), 122-124.
- 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)

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)

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.”

**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 American Society of Health Economists (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**

### Instructor of Record

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

2018 Guest lecture on “US Health Care Reform and the Affordable Care Act” for P303 (Health Psychology) course

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**

### **Professor Kosali Simon**

Herman B. Wells Endowed Professor  
School of Public and Environmental Affairs  
Indiana University  
1315 East Tenth Street (Room 443)  
Bloomington, IN 47405  
[simonkos@indiana.edu](mailto:simonkos@indiana.edu)  
(812) 856-3850

### **Professor Jeffrey Prince**

Chairperson, Department of Business  
Economics & Public Policy  
Kelley School of Business  
Indiana University  
1309 East Tenth Street (Room 3080)  
Bloomington, IN 47405  
[jeffprin@indiana.edu](mailto:jeffprin@indiana.edu)  
(812) 856-2692