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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Health economics; Health policy; Applied microeconomics

EMPLOYMENT

2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration and Public Policy, American University (Washington, DC) (starting August 2019)
2014-19 Associate Instructor and Research Assistant, Department of Business Economics and Public Policy, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN)
2012-14 Economist, IHS Global Insight (Lexington, MA and Washington, DC)
2011 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Boston University (Boston, MA)
2010 Analyst, U.S. International Trade Commission (Washington, DC)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Business Economics and Public Policy, Indiana University, 2019
Dissertation: Effects of Financial and Non-Financial Incentives on Risky Health Behaviors and Health Outcomes
Committee: Kosali Simon, Jeffrey Prince, Haizhen Lin, Daniel Sacks
M.A. in Economics, Boston University, 2011
B.A. in Economics and Journalism, Boston University, 2011

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

9. Woroncowicz, Joanna, **Aparna Soni**, Seth Freedman, & Kosali Simon. (2019). "How Have Recent Health Insurance Expansions Affected Coverage Among Artist Occupations?" *Journal of Cultural Economics*, accepted.
8. Hollingsworth, Alex, **Aparna Soni**, Aaron Carroll, John Cawley, & Kosali Simon. (2019). "Gains in Health Insurance Coverage Explain Variation in Democratic Vote Share in the 2016 Presidential Election." *PLoS ONE*, 14(4): e0214206. ([Link](#))
7. Decker, Sandra, Asako Moriya, & **Aparna Soni**. (2018). "Coverage For Self-Employed and Others without Employer Offers Increased After 2014." *Health Affairs*, 37(8), 1238-1242. ([Link](#))
6. Cawley, John, **Aparna Soni**, & Kosali Simon. (2018). "Third Year of Survey Data Shows Continuing Benefits of Medicaid Expansions for Low-Income Childless Adults in the U.S." *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 33, 1495-1497. ([Link](#))

5. **Soni, Aparna**, Kosali Simon, John Cawley, & Lindsay Sabik. (2018). "Effects of ACA Insurance Expansions on Cancer Diagnoses." *American Journal of Public Health*, 108(2), 216-218. ([Link](#))
4. **Soni, Aparna**, Lindsay Sabik, Kosali Simon, & Benjamin Sommers. (2018). "Changes in Insurance Coverage Among Cancer Patients After the Affordable Care Act." *JAMA Oncology*, 4(1), 122-124. ([Link](#))
3. **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. ([Link](#))
2. **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. ([Link](#))
1. 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. ([Link](#))

Papers under Review

Soni, Aparna. "Increasing Pharmaceutical Access for the Elderly Improves Functional Outcomes: Implications for Caregivers."

Soni, Aparna, Cong Gian, Kosali Simon, & Benjamin Sommers. "Levels of Employment and Community Engagement among Medicaid-Eligible Adults: Implications for Work Requirements."

Works in Progress

Soni, Aparna. "Health Insurance, Price Changes, and the Demand for Pain Relief Drugs: Evidence from Medicare Part D." ([Link](#))

Soni, Aparna. "Consumption Effects of Health Insurance Expansions: Evidence from Scanner Data."

Soni, Aparna. "Drugs and Diet: The Impact of Prescription Drug Insurance on Food Consumption."

Lin, Haizhen, **Aparna Soni**, & Yaying Zhou. "The Impact of Market Concentration on Premiums in the Employer Sponsored Insurance Market."

Soni, Aparna, Seth Freedman, Alex Hollingsworth, & Kosali Simon. "The Impacts of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs on Opioid Hospitalizations."

Conference Presentations

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| 2019 | American Economic Association; American Society of Health Economists (forthcoming) |
| 2018 | American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Southern Economic Association |
| 2017 | AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group (poster); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Eastern Economic Association; International Health Economics Association; IU/UofL/VU Health Economics and Policy Workshop; Population Health Science Workshop (poster) |
| 2016 | American Society of Health Economists (poster); IU/UofL/VU Health Economics and Policy Workshop |

Invited Seminars

2018 American University; Boston University; George Washington University; Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Pennsylvania State University; US Food and Drug Administration; University of Utah

Media Coverage of Research

US News & World Report; ABC News; Los Angeles Times; Reuters; MSN News; Philadelphia Inquirer; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Indiana Public Radio; West Virginia Public Radio; Wisconsin Public Radio

EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

2018 Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$7,500)
“Reducing Health Disparities among People Diagnosed with Cancer: The Role of Public Health Insurance Expansions”

INTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

2018 Doctoral Student Research Productivity Grant, Indiana University (\$3,700)
2017 Doctoral Student Research Productivity Grant, Indiana University (\$3,700)
2017 Doctoral Research Travel Grant, Indiana University (\$600)
“Impact of Tennessee Medicaid Disenrollment in Rural Areas”
2016 Doctoral Student Research Productivity Grant, Indiana University (\$3,700)
2016 Travel Grant, Indiana University Graduate and Professional Student Government (\$500)
“The Impact of Health Insurance on Preventive Care and Health Behaviors: Evidence from the First Two Years of the ACA Medicaid Expansions”

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 Associate Instructor Teaching Award, Indiana University
2018 Panschar Teaching Award Finalist, Indiana University
2017 Best Poster Award, AcademyHealth-Health Economics Interest Group
2017 Panschar Teaching Award Finalist, Indiana University
2016 Clements & Clements Scholarship Essay Contest Winner
2011 Summa Cum Laude, Boston University
2007-11 Legacy Scholarship, Boston University
2007-11 Trustee Scholarship (full tuition), Boston University

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

2019- PUAD670: Economics for Policy Analysis; American University
Fall 2019 (2 sections, forthcoming).
2018 G202: Business, Government, and Society; Indiana University
Summer 2018.
2015-18 G303: Intro to Managerial Economics; Indiana University
Fall 2015. Spring 2016. Summer 2017, 2018.

Teaching Assistant

- 2016 G350: Business Econometrics; Indiana University
Fall 2016.
- 2016-19 G202: Business, Government, and Society; Indiana University
Fall 2016, 2017, 2018. Spring 2017, 2018, 2019.

Guest Lectures

- 2019 H324: Health Policy; School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University
“US Opioid Crisis: How We Got Here and the Path Forward”
- 2018 P303: Health Psychology; Department of Psychology, Indiana University
“Health Care Reform and the Affordable Care Act”

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

- 2017-18 Mentor for summer health research scholars program; Indiana University
- 2017 University representative for “PhD Project” conference to support underrepresented minorities in pursuing graduate degrees; Indiana University
- 2016-17 Student coordinator for weekly health policy workshop; Indiana University

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Conference Discussant

- 2019 American Society of Health Economists (forthcoming)
- 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Southern Economic Association
- 2017 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; International Health Economics Association; Eastern Economic Association

Journal Reviewing

American Journal of Preventive Medicine; Annals of Internal Medicine; Health Affairs; Health Economics; Health Services Research; JAMA Oncology; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Rural Health; Obesity; Preventive Medicine; Southern Economic Journal; World Medical and Health Policy

Conference Abstract Reviewing

American Society of Health Economists; AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting

Professional Affiliations

AcademyHealth; 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; Southern Economic Association