

Joseph A. Benitez

Martin School of Public Policy & Administration
University of Kentucky
joseph.benitez@uky.edu

Personal Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/josephabenitezphd/home>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medicaid Policy and Medicaid Program Design, Health Economics; Roles of Public Policy in Addressing Access to Care; Health Care Safety Net Providers

EDUCATION

2015	PhD	Health Policy & Administration;	University of Illinois at Chicago
2007	MPH	Health Behavior;	University of Kentucky
2005	BS,	Psychology;	University of Georgia

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-Present	Assistant Professor, Martin School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Kentucky - Courtesy Appointment, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky
2018-2024	Assistant Professor, Department of Health Management & Policy, University of Kentucky
2015-2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Health Management & Systems Sciences, University of Louisville

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2022-2023	Non-Residential Fellow, KFF (<i>Formerly known as the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation</i>) Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured
2023-Present	Faculty Fellow, James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits, University of Kentucky
2022-Present	Faculty Affiliate, Commonwealth Institute for Black Studies, University of Kentucky
2022-Present	Faculty Affiliate, Department of African-American and Africana Studies, University of Kentucky
2020-Present	Research Affiliate, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research
2019-Present	Faculty Affiliate, University of Kentucky Center for Health Equity Transformation
2019-Present	Member, University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center Member, Cancer Prevention and Control Program
2019-2020	Visiting Scholar, American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM)
2017-2019	Visiting Scholar, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University; Bloomington, IN.
2015-Present	Faculty Scholar, Commonwealth Institute of Kentucky, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*Student; ^Postdoctoral fellow/scholar)

27. Kenneth Lim*, Demetri Goutos*, Monica Aswani, **Joseph Benitez**, Kathryn Thompson, and Paul Shafer (2025). Racial, Ethnic, and Rural Disparities in Access to Medicaid Offices. *Health Affairs Scholar*, qxaf072, <https://doi.org/10.1093/haschl/qxaf072>
26. Rachel Hogg-Graham, Teresa Waters, Emily Clear, Kendall Pearson, **Joseph Benitez**, Glen Mays (2024). Longitudinal Trends in Insurer Participation in Multisector Population Health Activities. *Inquiry*. 2024;61:469580241249092. doi: [10.1177/00469580241249092](https://doi.org/10.1177/00469580241249092).
25. **Joseph Benitez** with Kevin Callison and Kathleen Adams (2024). The Role of Medicaid Eligibility and Payment Generosity on Adverse Health Effects from the Great Recession. forthcoming at *Health Economics*. 33(7), 1426–1453. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4823>
24. **Joseph Benitez** with Salama S. Freed, Huang Huang^, and Tolulope Oladele* (2024). Did Medicaid Reimbursements shape the effects of Medicaid Expansion on Access to Health Care among the Low-Income Population? *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. 39, 1360-1368. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-023-08558-w>
23. **Joseph Benitez** with Huang Huang^ and Portia L. Johnson. The Relationship Between COVID-19 Pandemic-Linked Job Losses and Health Care Access and Household Financial Health in Medicaid Expansion and Non-expansion States (2023). *Medical Care*;61(12): 872-881. October 5, 2023. doi: [10.1097/MLR.0000000000001933](https://doi.org/10.1097/MLR.0000000000001933)
22. Paul Shafer, Kenneth Lim, Demetri Goutos, Nicole Huberfeld, **Joseph Benitez**, Kevin Hsu, Julia Raifman (2023). Making pandemic era Medicaid continuous coverage automatic for future crises (2023). *Health Services Research*; 58(6): 1157-1160. doi:[10.1111/1475-6773.14225](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.14225)
21. Rachel Hogg-Graham, **Joseph Benitez**, Mary Lacy, Joshua Bush, Maggie Lang, Emily Clear, Mac McCullough, and Teresa Waters (2024). Association Between Community Social Vulnerability and Preventable Hospitalizations. *Medical Care Research and Review*. 81(1):31-38. doi:[10.1177/10775587231197248](https://doi.org/10.1177/10775587231197248)
20. Chris Delcher, Amanda Gusovsky,* Yanning Wang, and **Joseph Benitez** (2023). Balancing Data Provision and Data Protection: A Natural Experiment with HIV and Syphilis Surveillance Data in the United States. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* 50(8):p 485-489, August 2023. | DOI: [10.1097/OLQ.0000000000001828](https://doi.org/10.1097/OLQ.0000000000001828)
19. Rachel Hogg-Graham, C.B. Mamaril, **Joseph Benitez**, Kelsey Gatton and Glen Mays (2023). (2023), Impact of State Medicaid Expansion on Cross-Sector Health and Social Service Networks: Evidence from a Longitudinal Cohort Study. *Health Services Research*; 58(3): 634-641. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.14144>
18. Teresa M. Waters, Natalie Burns, Cameron M. Kaplan, Ilana Graetz, **Joseph Benitez**, Roberto Cardarelli, and Michael J. Daniels. Combined impact of Medicare’s hospital pay for performance programs on quality and safety outcomes is mixed. *BMC Health Services Research* 22, 958 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-022-08348-w>
17. **Joseph Benitez** with Lisa Dubay (2022). COVID-19-Related Unemployment and Health Insurance Coverage in Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States. *Health Services Research*, 56: 20-20. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.13745>

- Abstract published in HSR Special Issue: AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM): A Selection of Abstracts Accepted for Oral Presentation, 2021.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.13745>
- 16. **Joseph Benitez** (2022). Comparison of Unemployment-Related Health Insurance Coverage Changes in Medicaid Expansion vs Nonexpansion States during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2022;3(6):e221632. [doi:10.1001/jamahealthforum.2022.1632](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamahealthforum.2022.1632)
- [Press Coverage: https://jamanetwork.altmetric.com/details/129830965/news](https://jamanetwork.altmetric.com/details/129830965/news)
- 15. Victoria Perez, **Joseph Benitez**, and Justin Ross (2021). The Role of Medicaid in Mitigating Pandemic-Related Fiscal Strain on Local Governments. *Public Budgeting & Finance* 41: 74– 97.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/pbaf.12298>
- 14. **Joseph Benitez** with Timothy Williams, Evan Goldstein, and Eric Seiber. The Effects of Unemployment on Coverage and Health—Before and after the Affordable Care Act’s Coverage Expansions. *Medical Care*. 2021 September 1;59(9):768-777. PMID: 34310457.
<https://doi.org/10.1097/MLR.0000000000001603>
- 13. **Joseph Benitez** with Victoria Perez and Jie Chen (2021). Did Medicaid Slow Declines in Access to Care during the Great Recession? *Health Services Research*. August 2021; 56: 655-667. Published online March 3, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.13645>
- 12. **Joseph Benitez** with Charles Courtemanche and Aaron Yelowitz (2020). Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19: Evidence from Six Large Cities. *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy* 3(4): 243–261. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41996-020-00068-9>.
- Also published as NBER Working Paper: <https://www.nber.org/papers/w27592>
- 11. Hefei Wen, Aparna Soni, Alex Hollingsworth, Seth Freedman, **Joseph Benitez**, Kosali Simon, and Brendan Saloner (2020). Association Between Medicaid Expansion and Opioid-Related Hospital Use. *JAMA-Internal Medicine*. Published online March 23, 2020.
<https://doi.org/10.1001/jamainternmed.2020.0473>
- 10. **Joseph Benitez** with Victoria Perez and Eric Seiber (2020). Medicaid Access during Economic Distress: Lessons Learned from the Great Recession. *Medical Care Research & Review*. 2021; 78(5): 490-501 (Epub online March 4, 2020). <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077558720909237>.
- 9. Jennifer Lobo, Soyoun Kim, Hyojung Kang, Gabrielle Ocker, Timothy McMurry, Rajesh Balkrishnan, Roger Anderson, Anthony McCall, **Joseph Benitez**, and Min-Woong Sohn (2020). Trends in Uninsured Rates Before and After Medicaid Expansion in the Diabetes Belt and Non-Belt Counties. *Diabetes Care*, Epub ahead of Print. <https://doi.org/10.2337/dc19-0874>
Press Coverage: [U.S. News & World Report: ‘Medicaid Expansion meant more Poor in Diabetes Belt Got Insurance’](https://www.foxnews.com/health/medicaid-expansion-meant-more-poor-in-diabetes-belt-got-insurance)
- 8. **Joseph Benitez** with Renuka Tipirneni, Victoria Perez, and Matthew M. Davis (2019). Post Expansion Medicaid Acceptability and the Influence of Provider Supply. *Medical Care*. 2019;57(5):348-352. [doi:10.1097/MLR.0000000000001110](https://doi.org/10.1097/MLR.0000000000001110)
- 7. Victoria Perez, **Joseph Benitez**, and Eric Seiber (2018). “Elasticity of Medicaid Access with Respect to State Financial Distress.” *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 108: 384–387.[doi: 10.1257/pandp.20181107](https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.20181107).

6. **Joseph Benitez** with Eric Seiber (2017). U.S. Health Care Reform and Rural America: Results from the ACA's Medicaid Expansions. *Journal of Rural Health*. 2018 Mar;34(2):213-222. [doi: 10.1111/jrh.12284](https://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12284). Epub 2017 Nov 6.
5. **Joseph Benitez**, E. Kathleen Adams and Eric Seiber (2017). Did Health Care Reform Help Kentucky Address Disparities among the Poor? *Health Services Research*. 2018 June; 53(3):1387-1406. [doi: 10.1111/1475-6773.12699](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.12699)
4. **Joseph Benitez**, Liza Creel, and J'Aime Jennings (2017). Who and Where are Kentucky's Remaining Uninsured? *Medical Care*. 55(3): 215-219. [doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000000646](https://doi.org/10.1097/MLR.0000000000000646)
3. **Joseph Benitez**, Liza Creel, and J'Aime Jennings (2016). Kentucky Medicaid Expansion Showing Early Promise on Coverage and Access to Care. *Health Affairs*. 35(3). [doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2015.1294](https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2015.1294)
Press Coverage:
 - [89.3 WFPL](https://www.wfpl.com/story/893-wfpl-study-medicaid-expansion-led-to-dramatic-drop-in-kentucky-uninsured/): 'Study: Medicaid Expansion Led to Dramatic Drop in Kentucky Uninsured'
 - [WTVQ](https://www.wtvq.com/story/36817800/citing-study-data-beshear-continues-bid-to-preserve-state-health-exchange/): 'Citing Study Data, Beshear Continues Bid to Preserve State Health Exchange'
2. **Joseph Benitez**, Bettie Coplan, Rick Dehn, and Roderick S. Hooker (2015). Payment Source and Provider Type in the U.S. Healthcare System. *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*. 28(3): 46-53. [doi: 10.1097/01.JAA.0000460924.36251.eb](https://doi.org/10.1097/01.JAA.0000460924.36251.eb)
1. Roderick S. Hooker, **Joseph Benitez**, Bettie Coplan, and Rick Dehn (2013). Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner Ambulatory Care and Chronic Disease Management. *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*. 36(4): 293-301. [doi: 10.1097/JAC.0b013e3182a12ea1](https://doi.org/10.1097/JAC.0b013e3182a12ea1).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (NOT PEER-REVIEWED)

9. **Joseph Benitez** with Elizabeth Williams and Robin Rudowitz. *Medicaid Enrollment among the Unemployed During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond*. KFF Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured Issue Brief. KFF. December 13, 2022. <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-enrollment-among-the-unemployed-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-and-beyond/>
8. **Joseph Benitez**. *Insuring America's Long-Term Care Workforce*. Tradeoffs Research Corner – Tradeoffs.org. November 22, 2022. <https://tradeoffs.org/2022/11/22/insuring-americas-long-term-care-workforce/>
7. **Joseph Benitez**. *Alleviating the Financial Burden of Poverty with Medicaid*. Tradeoffs Research Corner –Tradeoffs.org. August 16, 2022. <https://tradeoffs.org/2022/08/16/medicaid-relieves-financial-burden/>
6. **Joseph Benitez**. *How Safety Net Programs Work Together to Improve Health*. March 15, 2022. Tradeoffs Research Corner –Tradeoffs.org. Available at: <https://tradeoffs.org/2022/03/15/safety-net-medicaid/>
5. **Joseph Benitez**. *A Closer Look at Health Care Jobs and Recessions*. October 15, 2021. Last accessed October 15, 2021. Tradeoffs Research Corner –Tradeoffs.org. Available at: <https://tradeoffs.org/2021/10/15/health-care-jobs-recession-research/>
4. **Joseph Benitez**. *Expanding Medicaid Research Beyond Medicaid Expansion*. May 28, 2021. Last accessed June 10, 2021. Tradeoffs Research Corner –Tradeoffs.org. Available at: <https://tradeoffs.org/2021/05/28/expanding-medicaid-research-beyond-medicaid-expansion/>

3. **Joseph Benitez** with Julia Costich. For the Biden Administration's Agenda: Medicaid's Role as a Safety Net during COVID-19 Recession. *Journal of Health Care Finance*. 2021; 47(Special Feature 2): 3-4. Available from:
<https://www.healthfinancejournal.com/~junland/index.php/johcf/article/view/247>
2. **Joseph Benitez**. *How the ACA is Helping Us Catch Cancer Sooner*. March 5, 2021. Last accessed April 2, 2021. Tradeoffs Research Corner –Tradeoffs.org. Available at:
<https://tradeoffs.org/2021/03/05/how-the-aca-is-helping-us-catch-cancer-sooner/>
1. Anthony T. Lo Sasso, R. Tamara Konetzka, Coady Wing, & **Joseph Benitez**. *A Market for Long – Term Care Beds in Illinois: A Report for the Long – Term Care Subcommittee of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board*. Supported by Contract #42700018B, “Study of Viability of LTC Bed Buy/Sell Program in Illinois Department of Public Health. April 2014.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- **Joseph Benitez**, Huang Huang[^], Katherine Yewell, and Katie Fitzpatrick. Did Medicaid Protect against Rising Food Insecurities due to Job Loss during the COVID-19 Pandemic? *Revisions Requested at Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*
- **Joseph Benitez**, Coleman Drake, Sumedha Gupta, Wendy Xu. Insurance Carrier Overlap and Transitions from Medicaid to Individual Marketplace Coverage during the Unwinding
- **Joseph Benitez**, Ashley M. Fox, and Jason Coupet. Could Racial Disparities in Coverage due to Medicaid Administrative Burden be Rooted in Racist Origins?
- **Joseph Benitez** with Gerald Daniels. Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness and the Implications for Health Care Affordability.
- **Joseph Benitez**. Changes in the Composition of the Medicaid Population
- Xiaochu Hu, Bettie Coplan, Alison Essary, Michael Dill, and **Joseph Benitez**. Inter-professions complementarity between physicians, Physician Assistants (PA), and Nurse Practitioners (NP) – Does local physician supply matter?

OTHER PRESS COVERAGE

Kristen Kennedy. [*WKYT Investigates: Four years of healthcare progress for Kentuckians*](#). WKYT. Featured Interview. October 31, 2024.

Dan Diamond and Isaac Stanley-Becker. [*JD Vance's mom got health coverage under Trump — by using Obamacare*](#). The Washington Post. Commentary. October 12, 2024.

Alex Acquisto. [*This group just paid off \\$8 million in medical debt for people in Eastern Kentucky*](#). Lexington Herald-Leader. August 1, 2019.

Chris Larson. [*What it means for Kentucky if Trump cuts health insurance subsidies*](#). Louisville Business First. Commentary. August 1, 2017.

Chris Larson. [*What does the Humana departure from ACA exchanges mean for Obamacare?*](#) Louisville Business First. Commentary. February 17, 2017

Karen Pllarito. [*Obamacare's Medicaid Expansions May Be Improving Care.*](#) U.S. News & World Report. Commentary. August 8, 2016.

FUNDED GRANT SUPPORT

Awarded Grant Proposals

- Project Title: *Medicaid Managed Care Network Adequacy after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*
 - Sponsor: State-University Partnership. Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026.
 - Role: Principal Investigator
 - Funded Amount: \$254,061.49
- Project Title: *Food Insecurity and Child Medicaid Spending.*
 - Sponsor: State-University Partnership. Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026.
 - Role: Principal Investigator
 - Funded Amount: \$356,643.66
- Project Title: *Exploring the Dynamics of Access to Care in Kentucky's Medicaid Managed Care Networks.*

Sponsor: State-University Partnership. Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$85,881
ID Number: SUP2413_Benitez

Completed Grant Projects

- Project Title: *Exploring the Effects of Joss Loss during the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Protective effects of Medicaid Expansion among Middle-aged Workers across the Rural-Urban Continuum*

Sponsor: Pennsylvania State University Population Research Institute/ Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging. January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023.
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Huang)
Funded Amount: \$22,730
- Project Title: *Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement.*

Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration. September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2024.
Role: Co-Investigator (2020-2022; PI: Borders)
Funded Amount: \$2,800,000
ID Number: 3200003589
- Project Title: *Disparities in Receipt of Guideline-Compliant Care.*

Sponsor: State-University Partnership. Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022.
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Sohn)
Funded Amount: \$325,950
ID Number: PON2 746 2000004151

- Project Title: *Exploring the viability of Medicaid Coverage as a Safety-Net Resource for Households Impacted by Job Loss.*
Sponsor: Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Policy and Law Research. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. April 1, 2020-September 1, 2022.
Role: Principal Investigator
Funded Amount: \$249,570
ID Number: 77341
- Project Title: *Impact of Medicare Value Programs on Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQIs) and Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs).*
Sponsor: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. April 1, 2020 – July 31, 2022
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Waters)
Funded Amount: \$1,084,759
ID Number: R01 HS025148
- Project Title: *The Recession, Health Disparities, and Access to Medicaid.*
Sponsor: Disparities Researchers Equalizing Access for Minorities (DREAM) Scholars Program in the Center for Health Equity Transformation in the University of Kentucky. September 15, 2018-September 14, 2019.
Role: Principal Investigator
Funded Amount: \$8,000
- Project Title: *The Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Source of Hospital Care.*
Sponsor: Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise at the University of Kentucky College of Business and Economics. August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019.
Role: Principal Investigator
Funded Amount: \$8,000
- Project Title: *What are the Effects of Medicaid Non-Expansion on Disproportionate Share Hospital Care?*
Sponsor: AcademyHealth New Investigator Small Grant Program. January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016.
Role: Principal Investigator
Funded Amount: \$10,000
ID Number: 2016.997.002.
- Project Title: *The Effects of Medically Underserved Area designation on Access to Care.*
Sponsor: Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) Health Services Research Dissertation Award (R36). April 1, 2014-July 31, 2015.
Role: Principal Investigator
Funded Amount: \$37,197
ID Number: 1R36 HS23053-01
- Project Title: *Rural Analysis for Policy, Innovation, and Decision-Making.*
Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration.
Projected Project Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$2,500,000

Unfunded Proposals

- Project Title: *Changes in Medicaid Provider Participation after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.*
 - Sponsor: State-University Partnership. Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026.
 - Role: Principal Investigator
 - Requested Amount: \$254,061.49

- Project Title: *The Impact of Alleviating Food Insecurity on Children's Medical Utilization and Spending in Kentucky.*
 - Sponsor: Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). Projected Project Period: November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2025.
 - Role: Principal Investigator
 - Requested Amount: \$239,000

- Project Title: *The Impacts of Community Eligibility Provisions on Health Care Spending and Health Inequalities among School-Aged Children.*
 - Sponsor: Humana Foundation.
 - Projected Project Period: January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.
 - Role: Co-Principal Investigator with Katherine Yewell (Florida State University)
 - Requested Amount: \$183,152.00

- Project Title: *School-Based Community Eligibility Provisions, Food Insecurity, and Medical Spending among Low-Income and Near-Poor Kentuckians.*
 - Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Healthy Eating Research Program. Projected Project Period: November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2025.
 - Role: Co-Principal Investigator with Katherine Yewell (Florida State University)
 - Requested Amount: \$241,016
 - ID Number: 122226
 - Note: This project was selected as a semifinalist on May 10, 2023: *"Your proposal has been selected to continue to the next step of the competitive process for the Healthy Eating Research 2023 Call for Proposals program. This means that, of the 246 total concept papers submitted, yours was among the 35 selected as semifinalists."*

- Project Title: *Impact of Accountable Care Organizations on Annual Wellness Visits and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias*
 - Sponsor: National Institute on Aging (R21). April 1, 2024 – March 30, 2026.
 - Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Hanchate [Wake Forest University])
 - Requested Amount: \$275,000
 - ID Number: 1 R21 AG082282-01

- Project Title: *Network Adequacy among VA Medicaid-Enrolled Leukemia patients.*
 - Sponsor: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Equity in Access Research Program. June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026.
 - Role: Co-Principal Investigator with Ty Borders
 - Requested Amount: \$545,543

- Project Title: *The Joint Effects of Medicaid and SNAP on Household Food Insecurity during the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
 - Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Healthy Eating Research Program. April 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024.
 - Role: Co-Principal Investigator with Katherine Yewell (University of Louisville)

Requested Amount: \$175,270

ID Number: 118422

Note: Although unfunded, this proposal was selected as a semifinalist on October 5, 2022:

*“Congratulations, your Full Proposal has been selected to continue to the next step of the competitive proposal process for the Healthy Eating Research Special Solicitation on Evaluating Pandemic Policies. This means that, **of the 81 total concept papers submitted, yours was among the 21 selected as semifinalists.**”*

- Project Title: *The Impact of Paid Sick Leave Mandates on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employee Leave, Access to Care, and Health.*
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Policies to Build and Sustain Economic Security and Wealth for Families and Communities of Color 2022 P4A Call for Proposals.
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Ukert; Texas A&M University)
ID Number: 118370
- Project Title: *The Effects of Medicaid on the Racial Wealth Gap.*
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Policies for Action Program. April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022.
Role: Principal Investigator
Funded Amount: \$295,828
ID Number: 117260
- Project Title: Research Improving Treatment Equity (RITE)
Sponsor: National Institute on Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse (RFA-MD-21-004)
Projected Project Period: April 1, 2022 – March 30, 2027
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$3,742,253
- Project Title: *School COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and Staff Health and Well-Being Study*
Sponsor: National Institute of Health
Projected Project Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Erin Haynes)
Requested Amount: \$3,723,471
- Project Title: *COVID 19: State Policy Facilitators of Medicaid as a Safety Net during COVID and Beyond.*
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Policies for Action Program (P4A) – Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems.
Projected Project Period: May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2025.
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$320, 927
- Project Title: The Effects of Unemployment-Linked Medicaid Enrollments during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Sponsor: National Institute for Health Care Management (NICHM) Foundation
Projected Project Period: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$46,807
- Project Title: *The Relationship Between SNAP and Medicaid Expansion Policies and Food and Other Hardships During an Economic Downturn.*
Sponsor: United States Department of Agriculture (Sub-Award through Vassar College).

Projected Project Period: May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022.

Role: Co-Investigator

Requested Amount: \$11,657

- Project Title: *Spillover effects of Affordable Care Act on Financial Vulnerability and Housing Instability*
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Data for Action (HD4A)
Projected Project Period: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022
Role: Co-Investigator (Sub-award through Virginia Tech)
Requested Amount: N/A. Access to restricted data from TransUnion was requested.
- Project Title: *Disparities in Guideline-Compliant Care Receipt and Outcomes among Medicaid Patients with Diabetes in the Diabetes Belt.*
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health.
Projected Project Period: September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2025
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$2,250,099
- Project Title: *Understanding and Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Incidence of COVID-19*
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Systems for Action: Supplemental Research on COVID-19 Response and Recovery
Projected Project Period: November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$100,000
- Project Title: *Disparities in Guideline-Compliant Care Receipt and Outcomes among Medicaid Patients with Diabetes in the Diabetes Belt.*
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health.
Projected Project Period: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2024
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$2,118,106
- Project Title: *Medicaid and its Role for Transitionally Poor Households*
Sponsor: Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
Projected Project Period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$720,075
- Project Title: *Tobacco Health Insurance Premium Surcharges - Anti-Smoking or just Anti-Smoker?*
Sponsor: American Cancer Society (Sub-award through Ohio State University)
Projected Project Period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$114,209
- Project Title: *Tobacco Health Insurance Premium Surcharges - Anti-Smoking or just Anti-Smoker?*
Sponsor: American Cancer Society (Sub-award through Ohio State University)
Projected Project Period: April 1, 2020 – May 31, 2024
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$196,816
- Project Title: *Medicaid Expansion and Utilization of Cancer Screening Services*

Sponsor: American Cancer Society (Sub-award through University of Louisville)
Projected Project Period: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$82,637

- Project Title: *Tobacco Health Insurance Premium Surcharges - Anti-Smoking or Just Anti-Smoker?*
Sponsor: American Cancer Society (Sub-award through Ohio State University)
Projected Project Period: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023
Role: Co-Investigator
Requested Amount: \$190,519
- Project Title: *Economic Downturns and Access to Medicaid Coverage for Economically Vulnerable Americans*
Sponsor: Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
Projected Project Period: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$747,739
- Project Title: *Economic Downturns and Access to Medicaid Coverage*
Sponsor: National Institute for Health Care Management (NICHM) Foundation
Projected Project Period: January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$45,000
Note: Although unfunded, this project was selected as a finalist to submit a full proposal on August 8, 2018: ***“We are writing with the good news that your proposed study has been selected as a finalist for this year’s NICHM Investigator-Initiated Research Grant program. Competition was again very stiff this year, and your study idea was advanced from a pool of more than 160 LOIs. We are inviting 24 full proposals with the intent of funding 7 to 8 grants.”***
- Project Title: *Meeting Increased Medicaid Demand—Did athenahealth Providers Increase Access Effectively and Efficiently?*
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Data for Action (D4A) Program
Projected Project Period: January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$137,200
- Project Title: *Health Insurance Expansion and Access to Care*
Sponsor: Passport Health Plan
Projected Project Period: September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$48,400
- Project Title: *The Affordability in the Affordable Care Act: What are the Effects of Kentucky’s Medicaid Expansion on Out-of-Pocket Spending?*
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Projected Project Period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
Role: Principal Investigator
Requested Amount: \$57,904

HONORS & AWARDS

2021-2022	University of Kentucky Research Scholars Program
2018-2010	Disparities Researchers Equalizing Access for Minorities (DREAM) Scholars Program in the Center for Health Equity Transformation in the University of Kentucky
2016-2017	Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellowship
2015	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Program: Ninth Annual Research and Coaching Clinic Attendee
2014	American Society of Health Economics Scholarship for Women & Underrepresented Minorities
2013	International Conference on Health Policy Statistics Student Travel Award
2011-2012	University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health Traineeship Award
2011	Lyman T. Johnson Torch of Excellence Award, University of Kentucky
2011	Delta Omega, Public Health Honor Society, Alumni Inductee
2007	Promising Practitioner Award, University of Kentucky College of Public Health
2006	Academic Enhancement Scholarship, University of Kentucky College of Public Health
2005-2007	Lyman T. Johnson Fellow, University of Kentucky Graduate School

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

Benitez JA, Drake C, Gupta S, Xu W. Medicaid's Unwinding and Transitions to Marketplace Enrollment during the Unwinding.

- 2025 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; Minneapolis, MN.
<https://academyhealth.confex.com/academyhealth/2025arm/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/72804>
- 2024 APPAM Fall Research Conference; National Harbor, MD. November 21, 2024.
<https://appam.confex.com/appam/2024/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/53877>

Guldi M, Benitez JA, Wang LX, and Friedson A. AI and Teaching: What Works, What Doesn't, and What Else Do We Wish We Knew? ASHEcon Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 18, 2024.
<https://ashecon.confex.com/ashecon/2024/meetingapp.cgi/Session/5498>

Benitez JA, Huang H, Yewell K, Fitzpatrick K. Did Medicaid Protect Against Rising Food Insecurities Due to Job Loss during the COVID-19 Pandemic? ASHEcon Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 17, 2024. <https://ashecon.confex.com/ashecon/2024/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/15534>

Benitez JA, Fox A, Coupet JA. Could Racial Disparities in Coverage due to Medicaid Administrative Burden be Rooted in Racist Origins?

- American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) 2025 Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN. June 24, 2025. <https://ashecon.confex.com/ashecon/2025/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/17792>
- Spring 2024 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. Cambridge, MA. May 17, 2024. <https://www.nber.org/conferences/racial-and-ethnic-health-disparities-spring-2024>.

- Brown University Department of Political Science and Watson Institute Medicaid at 60 Conference: '*Medicaid at 60: From Welfare Medicine to America's Most Important Health Care Program.*' Providence, RI. October 26, 2023. <https://home.watson.brown.edu/research/research-briefs/medicaid-60-conference>

Benitez JA, Huang H, and Johnson PL. The Relationship between COVID-19 Pandemic-Linked Job Losses and Health Care Access and Household Financial Health in Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States. APPAM Fall Research Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 9, 2023. <https://appam.confex.com/appam/2023/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/49672>

Huang H and Benitez JA. The Aging Population: Financing, Long-Term Care, and Racial-Ethnic Disparities - Spillover or Isolation: The Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Primary Care Provision for Medicare Beneficiaries. APPAM 2023 Fall Research Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 9, 2023. <https://appam.confex.com/appam/2023/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/49881>

Huang H, Benitez JA, Yewell K. Medicaid Protected Food Security for Working-Aged Populations with Job Losses during the COVID-19 Pandemic. AcademyHealth 2023 Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, WA. June 26, 2023. <https://academyhealth.confex.com/academyhealth/2023arm/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/58295> (Peer Reviewed)

Benitez JA, Huang H, Johnson PL. Differences in Health Care Affordability and Household Financial Hardships Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Medicaid Expansion States and Non-Expansion States. American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) 12th Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. June 14, 2023. <https://ashecon.confex.com/ashecon/2023/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/14010> (Peer Reviewed)

Benitez JA, Callison K, Adams EK. The Joint Effect of Medicaid Eligibility and Payment Generosity on Recession-Linked Declines in Access to Health Care and Self-Reported Health. APPAM 2022 Fall Conference. Washington, DC. November 17, 2022. <https://appam.confex.com/appam/2022/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/44915> (Peer Reviewed)

Joseph Benitez. Unemployment-Linked Changes in Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States: New Evidence from the Household Pulse Survey

- 2022 ASHEcon Meeting; June 27, 2022
- 2022 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM); June 4, 2022

Joseph Benitez and Lisa Dubay. COVID-19 Related Medicaid Enrollment in Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States: New Evidence from the Household Pulse Survey

- 2021 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference (*Held March 27-29, 2022; Panel Presentation); March 27, 2022.

Joseph Benitez, Andrew Friedson, Elizabeth Munnich, Priyanka Anand, Monica Aswani, Yulya Triskinovsky, and Seth Freedman. *Teaching Health Economics: What we can learn from the Past Year Under COVID-19*

- 2021 ASHEcon Meeting (Spotlight Session)

Joseph Benitez with Lisa Dubay. COVID-19 Related Unemployment and Health Insurance Coverage in Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States.

- 2021 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (Panel presentation)
- 2021 ASHEcon Meeting (Panel presentation)

Joseph Benitez with Ewan Cobran and Tomi Akinyemiju. *Changes in Breast, Cervical, and Colon Cancer Screening during the Great Recession in States with Restrictive and Generous Medicaid Eligibility Guidelines*

- 2021 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (Poster presentation)
- 2021 ASHEcon Meeting (Panel presentation)

Mary Elizabeth Lacy Leigh with Joseph Benitez, and Min-Woong Sohn. *Social Deprivation Index and Diabetic Ketoacidosis in the Kentucky Statewide Inpatient Database*

- 2021 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (Poster presentation)

Joseph Benitez. *Better Understanding Medicaid's Place in the U.S. Social Safety Net.*

- 2021 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation RELevent, January 14, 2021

Joseph Benitez with Victoria Perez and Jie Chen. *Did Medicaid Slow Declines in Access to Health Care during the Great Recession?*

- Virtual presentation at 2020 Western Economic Association International (*Accepted as parts of panel presentations; in-person conference cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak).
- 2020 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting as part of virtual poster session.

Joseph Benitez with Mingling Dai, and Lars Peterson. *Could the ACA's Coverage Expansion Strain the Primary Care Workforce? Evidence from Family Physicians*

- 2020 American Society of Health Economics (*Accepted as parts of panel presentations; Conference cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak).

Joseph Benitez. *Medicaid Access and Home Instability: Did Medicaid Mitigate Recession-Linked Rental Evictions*

- 2020 American Society of Health Economics (*Accepted as parts of panel presentations; Conference cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak).

Joseph Benitez with Timothy Williams, Evan Goldstein, and Eric Seiber. *Did the Affordable Care Act Soften the Impact of Unemployment on Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care? Lessons from Kentucky*

- 2020 American Society of Health Economics (*Originally accepted as parts of panel presentations; panel cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak).
- 2020 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting as part of virtual poster session.

Joseph Benitez with Teresa Waters and Gloria Bazzoli. *Trends in Hospital Financial Outcomes By State Medicaid Expansion Status and Dependency on Disproportionate Share Hospital Funding, 2011-2018*

- 2020 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting as part of virtual poster session.

Joseph Benitez with Julia Costich, Evan Goldstein, and Eric Seiber. *A Chill in the Air: Enrollment Declines Following Announcement of Medicaid Work Requirements*

- 2020 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting as part of virtual poster session.

Mary E. Lacy, Joseph Benitez, John L. Fowlkes, Min-Woong Sohn. *Trends in Diabetes Ketoacidosis in Kentucky: 2008-2018 (Poster)*

- 2020 American Diabetes Association Annual Meeting. (*In-person meeting canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic; works presented as part of virtual poster session).

Joseph Benitez. *The Affordable Housing Act? What was the Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Rental Evictions?*

- Podium presentation at 2018 Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Conference. Washington, DC. November 9, 2018

Joseph Benitez with Victoria Perez and Eric Seiber. Medicaid, Access to Care and Times of Economic Downturn.

- American Economic Association annual meeting. Podium presentation. Philadelphia, PA. January 6, 2018

Joseph Benitez with Benjamin Sommers. Isolating the Impact of Medicaid Expansion: Changes in Coverage, Access, and Preventive Care after Medicaid Expansion in Higher- vs. Lower-Need Areas.

- APPAM. Podium presentation. Chicago, IL. November 4, 2017

Joseph Benitez. DSH Dependent Hospitals and the Affordable Care Act.

- AcademyHealth. Podium presentation. New Orleans, LA. June 26, 2017

Joseph Benitez. The Effects of Medically Underserved Area Designation on Access to Care.

- American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting. Boston, MA (Poster Presentation). January 5, 2015.

Joseph Benitez and Pavel Dramski. What are the Effects of Smoking in the Labor Market?

- American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) 5th Biennial Meeting. Los Angeles, CA (Oral Presentation). June 25, 2014.

Joseph Benitez. The Effects of a Trauma Center Closure on Health Care Outcomes and Costs: An Instrumental Variable Based Approach.

- 10th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics. Chicago, IL (Poster). October 9, 2013.

Joseph Benitez, Bettie Coplan, Rick Dehn, and Roderick S. Hooker. Payment for Health Care Services Differs Depending on the Type of Providers: Results from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.

- AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Baltimore, MD (Poster). June 24, 2013

Joseph Benitez. Community health Center effects on the Medically Underserved: A Panel Data Analysis of U.S. County Mortality Rates, 2000 - 2008."

- National Conference on Health Statistics. Washington, DC (Poster). August 7, 2012

Joseph Benitez. Community Health Center Coverage Effects on Financial Barriers to Care.

- AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Orlando, FL (Poster). June 25, 2012

Joseph Benitez. Medically Underserved School Children: Expanding Access to School Nurse Services.

- AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, WA (Poster). June 12, 2011

Invited Panels

"Understanding the Health and Fiscal Impacts of Medicaid Policy Proposals."

- Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Invited panelist for Expanding Coverage through Medicaid. April 4, 2025.
- Available at: <https://ldi.upenn.edu/events/understanding-the-health-and-fiscal-impacts-of-medicaid-policy-proposals/>

"What's at Stake: Medicaid Policy and the Future of Black Men's Health."

- Surgeon General Initiative of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
- Virtual Seminar
- March 20, 2025
- Available at: https://www.youtube.com/live/cXr4h3mIJkA?si=jNgGIxJ_-5wvjRdF

“Learning from Kentuckians: New Research on the Impact of Medicaid During Crisis and Recovery”

- Kentucky Voices for Health Annual Meeting
- Lexington, KY
- December 5, 2023

“Medicaid at 60: From Welfare Medicine to America’s Most Important Healthcare Program”

- Brown University Department of Political Science; Providence, RI.
- October 20-21, 2023

“Changing Faces: Ebbs and Flows in the Composition of the Medicaid Population”

- Medicaid Insights Colloquium
- August 23, 2023
- Available at: <https://www.medicaidinsightscolloquium.com/past-events>

“Addressing the Rising Mental Health Needs of an Aging Population.”

- National Academies of Sciences, engineering, and Medicine’s (NASEM) Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Invited panelist. May 15-16, 2023. Available at: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/05-15-2023/addressing-the-rising-mental-health-needs-of-an-aging-population-a-workshop>.

“The Promise of Health Reform and a Public Option in the Biden Administration.”

- Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Invited panelist for Expanding Coverage through Medicaid. May 7, 2021. Available at: <https://ldi.upenn.edu/healthreform2021>

“Research Designs and Data (oh my!): Strategies to Measure Impacts of Expanding Medicaid.”

- Institute for Public Health at Washington University – Center for Health Economics and Policy. Invited panelist for Medicaid Expansion Policy Research Workshop. March 12, 2021. Available at: <https://vimeo.com/527803718>

“Health Reform and Kentucky’s Economy.”

- Central Kentucky Association of Health Underwriters Annual Symposium. Lexington, KY (Invited Panelist). February 21, 2017

Invited Presentations

“The Interactive Effect of Medical Eligibility & Fee Guidelines on Medicaid’s role as Safety Net during the Great Recession.”

- University of Utah Division of Health System Innovation and Research (HSIR) Research Seminar
- Virtual
- May 23, 2023

“Shaping Medicaid’s Role as a Safety Net Program in the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

- RAND Corporation
- Arlington, VA
- April 10, 2023

“Did Expanded Access to Medicaid Insulate Households from Financial Disruptions Linked to the COVID-19 Pandemic”

- Urban Institute, Health Policy Center Brownbag Seminar
- August 25, 2022.

“Unemployment-Linked Changes in Health Insurance Coverage in Medicaid Expansion and Non-Expansion States during the COVID-19 Pandemic”

- University of California – Irvine Health Policy Seminar
- Program in Public Health, Department of Health, Society & Behavior
- May 25, 2022.

“The Effects of Medicaid Eligibility and Payment Generosity on Recession-Linked Declines in Access to Health Care”

- Claremont Graduate University ‘Tuesday Talks’
- Division of Policies and Economics
- October 5, 2021. <https://research.cgu.edu/dpe-events-and-conferences/tuesday-talks/>

“Did Medicaid Slow Declines in Access to Health Care during the Great Recession?”

- University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy and Administration Seminar, October 30, 2020.
- University of Colorado School of Public Health – Department of Health Systems, Management & Policy Seminar, October 15, 2020.
- University of Maryland School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management Seminar, November 5, 2020.

“Racial and Ethnic disparities in COVID-19: Evidence from Six Large Cities.”

- University of Kentucky Department of Epidemiology Doctoral Seminar, September 10, 2020.

“Medicaid as a Safety Net: Can Access to Medicaid Coverage Mitigate the Effects of Economic Downturns?”

- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Health Economics Seminar. April 2018

“Different Votes, Same Strokes: Did the Impacts of Kentucky’s Health Reform Cross Party Lines?”

- Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Bloomington, IN (Invited Speaker). December 1, 2016

“Six Years After the ACA: Where Are We?”

- Kentucky Economic Association Annual Meeting. Lexington, KY (Invited Panelist). October 21, 2016

“The Affordability in the Affordable Care Act: Did Kentucky’s Medicaid Expansion Affect Out-of-Pocket Medical Spending?”

- University of Kentucky Center for Health Services Research Work in Progress Seminar. Lexington, KY (Invited Presentation). March 11, 2016

“Early Evidence on the Effects of Kentucky’s Medicaid Expansion on Coverage and Access to Care.”

- University of Louisville School of Medicine Child and Adolescent Health Research Design and Support (CAHRDS) Weekly Seminar Series. December 15, 2015
- University of Louisville School of Public Health and Systems Sciences Research Incubation Seminar. November 19, 2015

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2007-2010 ORISE Research Fellow, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Division of Adult & Community Health
- 2006 Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Disease Fellow, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, National Center for Public Health Informatics, Division of Emergency Preparedness & Response

TEACHING

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Term(s)</u>
<i>University of Louisville</i>	Health Economics	MPH	Fall 2016, Fall 2017
	Health Services Research Methods I	PhD	Spring 2017, Spring 2018
	Health Services Research Methods II	PhD	Fall 2017
	Economic Evaluation for Health Care	PhD	Spring 2018
<i>University of Kentucky</i>	Introduction to Health Care Organizations & Policy	Undergraduate	Fall 2018
	Health Economics	MPH/MHA	Spring 2020 Spring 2021 Spring 2022 Spring 2023 Fall 2024
	Special Topics: Policy Solutions to Health Inequality	Undergraduate	Fall 2024

Student Advising***Doctoral***

- University of Kentucky Emily Johnson – PhD Dissertation Committee Member
Department of Family Sciences
College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Fall 2022 - Present
- University of Kentucky Paris Wheeler – PhD Dissertation Committee Outside Examiner
Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology
College of Education
Spring 2022
- University of Kentucky Mutlaq Alotaibi – DrPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2020 – Spring 2021
- University of Kentucky Timothy Williams – DrPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health

Spring 2019-Spring 2020

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| University of Kentucky | Aaron Smith – PhD Dissertation Committee Outside Examiner
Department of Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences
Spring 2019 |
| University of Kentucky | Krista Stewart-DrPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Fall 2019-Spring 2020 |
| University of Louisville | Gabriel Jones – PhD Dissertation Committee Member
Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2017-2021 |
| University of Louisville | Warren King – PhD Dissertation Committee Member
Department of Pan-African Studies
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
2016-2018 |
| University of Louisville | Carmen Mitchell –
PhD Dissertation Committee Member
Fall 2020-Present

PhD Program Advisor
Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2016-2018 |
| University of Louisville | Maresa Corder - PhD Dissertation Committee Chair
Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2015-2017 |

Masters

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| University of Kentucky | Emily Yellman - MPA Capstone Committee Member
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
Spring 2025
Title: ‘Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati Strategic Plan’ |
| University of Kentucky | Ratwah Alhazmi - MPA Capstone Committee Member
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
Spring 2025

Aku Fiagbeto - MPA Capstone Committee Member
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
Spring 2025 |

Title: *'From Campus to Career: Enhancing Career Support Services for Graduate International Students at the University of Kentucky'*

University of Kentucky Jonnisa Ferguson - MPA Capstone Committee Member
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
Spring 2025

Samantha Metzger - MPA Capstone Committee Member
Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
Spring 2025

Title: *'Strategic Alignment of Lexington Public Library and Art Community'*

University of Kentucky Sarah Seeney - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2024

University of Kentucky Kennedi Cave - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2024

University of Kentucky Sarah Helmy - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2024

University of Kentucky Mahlet Mengesha - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2024

University of Kentucky Kate Cox - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2023

University of Kentucky Corbin Kirksey - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2023

University of Kentucky Kaitlyn Shell - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2023

University of Kentucky Michael Hatfield – MPA Capstone Committee Member
Martin School of Public Policy & Administration
Spring 2022

University of Kentucky	Micah Eastham - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2022
University of Kentucky	Abbi Strennen - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2022
University of Kentucky	Josh Shepherd - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2022
University of Kentucky	Dakota Reuland - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2022
University of Kentucky	William “Stone” Begley - MHA Integrated Final Exam Panelist Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2022
University of Kentucky	Madison Penix – MPH Capstone Committee Member Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2022
University of Kentucky	Jacob Hauser – MPH Capstone Committee Member Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2022
University of Kentucky	Cory Reinert – MPH Capstone Committee Member Department of Epidemiology College of Public Health Spring 2021
University of Kentucky	Elizabeth Graves-MPH Capstone Committee Member Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2021
University of Kentucky	Nicholas Guerra-MPH Capstone Committee Member Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health Spring 2020
University of Kentucky	Katherine Youngen –MPH Capstone Committee Member

Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2019

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| University of Kentucky | Bongiwe Malinga–MPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2019 |
| University of Kentucky | Robert West–MPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Fall 2018 |
| University of Louisville | Sonali Salunkhe –MPH Program Advisor
Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2017-2018 |
| University of Louisville | Joshua Wilson–MPH Program Advisor
Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2016-2018 |
| University of Louisville | John Craycroft – MS Thesis Committee Member
Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2015-2016 |

Undergraduate

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| University of Kentucky | Dacey Shook
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
Fall 2021; Spring 2022 |
| University of Kentucky | Kianna Reinnert
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
Spring 2021
'Medicaid Policy Database' |
| University of Kentucky | Lauren Blalock
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
Spring 2021
'Medicaid Policy Database' |
| University of Kentucky | Maanasa Manchikanti
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
Fall 2019 |
| University of Kentucky | Alexis Nuara
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
Spring 2019 |
| University of Kentucky | Shaelyn Richardson |

	CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor Spring 2019
University of Kentucky	Sivling Lo CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor College of Public Health Fall 2018
University of Louisville	Anmol Kanotra – Senior Thesis Committee Member Department of Economics College of Business 2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Affiliations

2010-Present	AcademyHealth
2013-Present	American Economic Association (AEA)
2012-Present	American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)
2013-Present	Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
2012-Present	International Health Economics Association (iHEA)

Journal Referee

2022-Present	<i>American Journal of Managed Care</i>
2019-Present	<i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i>
2017-Present	<i>American Journal of Public Health</i>
2019-Present	<i>BMC Health Services Research</i>
2022-Present	<i>BMC Public Health</i>
2023-Present	<i>Demography</i>
2017-Present	<i>Economics and Human Biology</i>
2021-Present	<i>Forum for Social Economics</i>
2014-Present	<i>Health Affairs</i>
2020-Present	<i>Health Economics</i>
2025-Present	<i>Health Policy</i>
2016-Present	<i>Health Services Research</i>
2016-Present	<i>Healthcare: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation</i>
2016-Present	<i>INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing</i>
2023-Present	<i>JAMA Health Forum</i>
2022-Present	<i>JAMA Network Open</i>

2022-Present	<i>JAMA Pediatrics</i>
2016-Present	<i>Journal of Applied Economics and Policy</i>
2017-Present	<i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i>
2017-Present	<i>Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved</i>
2015-Present	<i>Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health</i>
2024-Present	<i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>
2018-Present	<i>Journal of Rural Health</i>
2014-Present	<i>Medical Care</i>
2020-Present	<i>Medical Care Research & Review</i>
2025-Present	<i>New England Journal of Medicine</i>
2024-Present	<i>Poverty & Public Policy</i>
2020-Present	<i>PlosOne</i>
2019-Present	<i>Southern Economic Journal</i>

University Service

2024-Present	Internal Advisory Board Member UNITE Research Priority Area
2024-2025	Seminar Committee Member Martin School of Public Policy and Administration University of Kentucky
2024-2025	Undergraduate Committee Martin School of Public Policy and Administration University of Kentucky
Spring 2023	Search Committee Member Position: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator College of Public Health University of Kentucky
2023-2024	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Member College of Public Health University of Kentucky
2023-Present	Start-to-Finish Mentor Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Graduate School University of Kentucky
2022-2024	Research Committee Member College of Public Health University of Kentucky
2022-2024	University of Kentucky Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Faculty Advisory Group

- Spring 2022 Search Committee Member
Position: Regular Title Series: Associate/Full Professor
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- Spring 2021 Search Committee Member
Position: Regular Title Series: Associate/Full Professor
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- Spring 2020 Search Committee Member
Position: Regular Title Series: Assistant/Associate Professor
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- Fall 2019 Search Committee Member
Position: Special (Research) Title Series: Assistant/Associate Professor
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- Spring 2019 Search Committee Member
Position: Director
Center for Innovation in Population Health
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- Spring 2019 Search Committee Member
Position: Regular Title Series: Assistant/Associate/Full Professor
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- 2019-2024 Health Services Research PhD Committee
Department of Health Management and Policy
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- Fall 2018 Undergraduate Committee Member
College of Public Health
University of Kentucky
- Spring 2018 Search Committee Member
Department of Epidemiology & Population Health
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
University of Louisville
- 9/2015-2017 Introduction to Biostatistics Workgroup
Health Management and Systems Sciences Representative

Department of Bioinformatics & Biostatistics
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
University of Louisville

9/2015-2018 Health Services Research PhD Committee
Health Management and Systems Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
University of Louisville

National Service

- 2025 Planning Committee, National Academies Workshop on Advancing Diagnostic Excellence in Rural Areas
- 2024-Present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*
- 2024 Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Systems for Action (S4A) Call for Proposals -- *Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research to Address Systemic Racism*
- 2024 Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Call for Proposals – *Policy Research to Advance the Inclusion of Immigrant Families and Children.*
- 2024, 2025 Selection Committee, AcademyHealth Alice S. Hersh Student Scholarship for AcademyHealth’s Annual Research Meeting
- 2024 Reviewer, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) via Westat’s Community Engagement Technical Assistance Center (CETAC).
- 2024 Reviewer, Pilot Program Rutgers Addiction Research Center (RARC) at the Rutgers University Brain Health Institute.
- 2024, 2025 Theme Co-Leader—‘*Medicaid, Coverage, and Access*’ for AcademyHealth’s Annual Research Meeting
- 2023-Present Mentor, AcademyHealth ASHEcon Diversity Mentorship Program
 - 2023-Present Mentee, Deborah Lefkowitz (University of California, Riverside)
- 2023-Present Reviewer, National Institutes of Health’s Healthcare and Health Disparities (HHD) study section
- 2021-Present Advisory committee member, State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funded Medicaid Equity Dashboard project
- 2021 Chair/Discussant, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
Session: *Medicaid Coverage and Access for Special Populations*
- 2021-2023 Tradeoffs Podcast Research Council Member
- 2020- Editorial Board Member, *Medical Care Research & Review*
- 2020- ASHEcon Diversity Committee Member
- 2017-2019 Advisory Board Member, AcademyHealth State Health Research & Policy Interest Group

- 2019 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
State Health Research and Policy Interest Group
Health Disparities Interest Group
- 2018 ASHEcon Scientific Review Committee
- 2017 Discussant, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting:
Session: *Effect of Coverage Changes on Vulnerable Populations*
- 2017 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
- 2016 Panelist, 'Medicaid Evaluation Workshop' (November 16, 2016)
Jointly sponsored by: *Urban Institute, AcademyHealth, The School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University*
- 2016 Panelist, 'Kentucky Health: Making Data Count' Webinar (September 28, 2016)
Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
- 2016 Objective Reviewer, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH),
ASPPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellowship Program
- 2016 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
State Health Research and Policy Interest Group
- 2015 Abstract Reviewer, ASHEcon, 6th Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists
Health, Labor Markets, and the Economy Session
Health Systems, Health Reform and Health Care Financing Session
Maternal and Child Health Session
- 2012, 2013 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Health Disparities Theme
- 2012 Moderator, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
Session: *Addressing Disparities: The Role of Safety Net Providers*