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**CURRENT POSITION: Assistant Research Professor** 2015 - Present  
Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California  
Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics

**POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP** 2013 - 2015  
USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics  
UCLA Department of Health Policy and Management

## EDUCATION

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**, Baltimore, MD August 2013  
Ph.D. in Health Policy and Economics  
Dissertation: Essays on Competition in US Private Health Insurance Markets

**Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD May 2005  
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering  
Minors in Mathematics and Bioethics

## PUBLICATIONS

Zhang X, Trish E, and Sood N. "Financial Burden of Healthcare Utilization in Consumer-Directed Health Plans" *American Journal of Managed Care*, forthcoming.

Trish E, Ginsburg P, Gascue L, and Joyce G. "Physician Reimbursement in Medicare Advantage" *JAMA Internal Medicine*, epub 2017 Jul 10.

Trish E and Herring B. "Does Limiting Allowable Rating Variation in the Small Group Health Insurance Market Affect Employer Self-Insurance?" *Journal of Risk and Insurance* (2016).

Trish E, Xu J, and Joyce G. "Medicare Beneficiaries Face Growing Out-Of-Pocket Burden for Specialty Drugs While in Catastrophic Coverage Phase." *Health Affairs* 2016 Oct 35:9:1564-1571.

Herring B and Trish E. "Explaining the Growth in U.S. Healthcare Spending using State-Level Variation in Income, Insurance, and Provider Market Dynamics." *Inquiry* 2015 Dec; 52.

Trish E and Herring B. “How Do Health Insurer Market Concentration and Bargaining Power with Hospitals Affect Health Insurance Premiums?” *Journal of Health Economics* 2015 Jul 42:104-114.

Herring B and Trish E. “The Distributional Effects of the Affordable Care Act’s Cadillac Tax by Worker Income” *AMA Journal of Ethics* 2015 Jul 17:7:672-9.

Trish E, Joyce G, and Goldman DP. “Specialty Drug Spending Trends Among Medicare And Medicare Advantage Enrollees, 2007-11.” *Health Affairs* 2014 Nov 33:11:2018-2024.

Weiner JP, Trish E, Abrams C, and Lemke K. “Adjusting for Risk Selection In State Health Insurance Exchanges Will Be Critically Important And Feasible, But Not Easy.” *Health Affairs* 2012 Feb 31:2:306-315.

## POLICY REPORTS and BLOGS

Trish E, Adler L, and Ginsburg P. “To promote stability in health insurance exchanges, end the uncertainty around cost-sharing and other rules.” Brookings Institution, April 20, 2017. Available: <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2017/04/20/to-promote-stability-in-health-insurance-exchanges-end-the-uncertainty-around-cost-sharing-and-other-rules/>

Trish E. “Why risk adjustment is a crucial component of individual market reform.” Brookings Institution, January 25, 2017. Available: <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2017/01/25/why-risk-adjustment-is-a-crucial-component-of-individual-market-reform/>

Trish E, Damico A, Claxton G, Levitt L, and Garfield R. “A Profile of Health Insurance Exchange Enrollees.” Kaiser Family Foundation Policy Brief, March 2011. Available: <http://kff.org/health-reform/report/a-profile-of-health-insurance-exchange-enrollees/>

## WORKING PAPERS

“Premiums for Provider-Owned Versus Traditional Insurers” (with David Howard, Brad Herring, and John Graves)

“Provider-owned health plans: Has the future arrived?” (with David Howard)

“Building Better Regulations: How to Address Balance Billing” (with Chapin White and Erin Duffy)

“There was Significant Variation in the Value of Care Delivered to Medicare Beneficiaries Hospitalized for Heart Attack in 2013” (with John Romley and Paul Ginsburg)

“Projecting the ACA’s Impact on Firm Self-Insurance and the Small Group Market” (with Brad Herring)

## AWARDED RESEARCH GRANTS

### **Evaluating Variation in Health Risk across Small Firms and its Implications for the Future of the Small Group Market**

RWJF Policy-Relevant Insurance Studies #73779 9/2016-8/2017

Principal Investigator \$149,978

This study evaluates the extent of variation in health risk and expenditures across small group market firms and evaluates the impact of policy changes on market stability.

### **Provider-led Plans and Insurance Affordability**

RWJF Policy-Relevant Insurance Studies #73800 9/2016-2/2017

Co-Investigator (PI: David Howard) \$86,420

This project assess the impact of provider-led plans on competition in the exchanges and how premiums compare to plans sold by traditional insurers.

### **Exploring the Relationship between Provider Prices for Commercial and Medicare Advantage Enrollees**

RWJF Changes in Healthcare Financing and Organization Initiative #72712 5/2015-11/2016

Principal Investigator \$170,406

This study evaluates prices paid to providers for treating Medicare Advantage beneficiaries and how they relate to commercial and Traditional Medicare prices and Medicare reimbursement generosity to Medicare Advantage plans.

### **Projecting the ACA's Impact on Firm Self-Insurance and the Small Group Market**

RWJF Policy-Relevant Insurance Studies #72672 5/2015-12/2015

Principal Investigator \$98,369

This study simulates the impact of the ACA's community rating regulations on firm self-insurance decisions and their implications for state-level small group market premiums.

### **Assessing Value at US Hospitals**

The Commonwealth Fund #20150135 1/2015-12/2015

Co-Investigator (PI: John Romley) \$247,045

The primary goal of this project is to develop and disseminate a clear and reliable measure of value in health care delivery for hospitals throughout the US.

### **How Do Medicare Advantage Plans Pay Providers?**

USC Provost's Postdoctoral Scholar Research Grant 7/2014-6/2015

Principal Investigator \$25,000

This pilot project explores prices paid to providers for treating Medicare Advantage beneficiaries.

### **Exploring the Impact of Hospital-Market Concentration on Price Competition in Insurance Markets**

RWJF Changes in Healthcare Financing and Organization Initiative #69070 6/2011-11/2012

Doctoral Student Researcher (PI: Brad Herring) \$148,835

This study examines the extent to which health insurance market concentration, hospital market concentration, and the interaction between the two impacts health insurance premiums.

## PRESENTATIONS

**2017:** RWJF/AcademyHealth Webinar, International Actuarial Association Health Section Webinar, Roybal Center for Health Decision Making and Financial Independence in Old Age Meeting, Society of Actuaries Webinar, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting  
**2016:** RWJF PRIS Grantee Briefing, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, RWJF HCFO Grantee Briefing  
**2015:** University of Chicago, AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group, Federal Trade Commission/Department of Justice, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Amgen  
**2014:** UCLA, ASHEcon, Colorado School of Public Health, Vanderbilt University  
**2013:** National Center for Health Statistics, Urban Institute, Emory University, Mathematica Policy Research, Analysis Group, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, RAND Corporation, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting  
**2012:** Congressional Budget Office, RWJF HCFO Grantee Briefing

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Price School of Public Policy, USC,</b> Los Angeles, CA<br>Fundamentals of Health Policy and Management (Undergraduate)  | Fall 2016                     |
| <b>Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health,</b> Baltimore, MD<br>Lead Teaching Assistant, Introduction to the US Healthcare System<br>Guest Lecturer, Microeconomic Models in Public Health<br>Lead Teaching Assistant, Managed Care and Health Insurance | 2008-13<br>2012-13<br>2008-09 |
| <b>Johns Hopkins University,</b> Baltimore, MD<br>Teaching Assistant, Fundamentals of Health Policy and Management  | 2008-09                       |

## HONORS and FELLOWSHIPS

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| USC Price School Junior Investigator Award                     | 2017    |
| AHRQ NRSA Postdoctoral Training Fellowship                     | 2013-15 |
| Alison Snow Jones Prize in Health Economics                    | 2013    |
| AHRQ NRSA Predoctoral Training Fellowship                      | 2008-10 |
| NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, <i>Honorable Mention</i>     | 2008    |
| NIMH Training Fellowship                                       | 2007-08 |
| Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering Vredenburg Scholar | 2003    |

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Harvard University,</b> Cambridge, MA<br>Research Assistant to Professors Kevin Eggan and Doug Melton, Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology | 2005-07 |
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## ACADEMIC AND POLICY SERVICE

### **Peer Review Activities – Journal Articles and Reports**

American Journal of Managed Care, Forum for Health Economics and Policy, Health Affairs, Health Services Research, Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Insurance Issues, Millbank Quarterly, Value in Health

### **Peer Review Activities – Scientific Meetings**

American Society of Health Economists Conference (2014, 2016)  
AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting (2014)  
Southeastern Health Economics Study Group (2013)

### **Academic Committee Service – University of Southern California**

Price School of Public Policy PhD Degree Committee (2016-Present)

### **Academic Committee Service – Johns Hopkins University**

Student Health Insurance Committee, *Student Representative* (2010-11)  
Technology Transfer Committee, *Student Representative* (2007-09)

### **Policy Service**

Ad hoc advisor to California Department of Insurance (2013-2015)