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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

USC Schaeffer Center

Postdoctoral Scholar - Research Associate, 2022-present

UCLA Fielding School of Public Health & USC Schaeffer Center

AHRQ Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2020-22

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

Ph.D. in Economics, June 2020

California State University, Long Beach

M.A. in Economics, December 2013

University of California, Los Angeles

B.S. in Mathematics/Economics, June 2012

RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Empirical Industrial Organization

PUBLICATIONS

Trish, E., **Valdez, S.**, Ginsburg, P. B., Randall, S., and Lieberman, S. "Ubiquitous Growth in Medicare Advantage and Implications for Payment Reform." *Forthcoming - Health Affairs*.

Valdez, S. "Revisiting Early Structural Findings of Asymmetric Information's Non-existence in Health Insurance." *Economics Letters*. 2021. Vol. 207. p.110016.

Valdez, S. "Do Medicare's Facility Fees Incentivize Hospitals to Vertically Integrate with Oncologists?" *INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing*. 2021. Vol. 58. doi:10.1177/00469580211022968.

Valdez, S., and Jacobson, M. "Assessing the Quality of SK&A's Office-Based Physician Database for Identifying Oncologists." *Medical Care Research and Review*. 2021. doi:10.1177/10775587211013628.

Yabroff, K. R., **Valdez, S.**, Jacobson, M., Han, X., and Fendrick, A. M. "The Changing Health Insurance Coverage Landscape in the United States." *American Society of Clinical Oncology Educational Book*. 2020. Vol. 40. e264-e274.

POLICY REPORTS AND WHITE PAPERS

Fuse Brown, E. C., Adler, A., Duffy, E., Ginsburg, P. B., Hall, M., and **Valdez, S.** “Private Equity Investment As A Divining Rod For Market Failure: Policy Responses To Harmful Physician Practice Acquisitions.” *USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy*, October 2021.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative, University of Southern California
Post-Doctoral Researcher, 2020-present

Health Policy Research Institute and Paul Merage School of Business, University of California, Irvine
Graduate Research Assistant to Mireille Jacobson, 2016-20

Nicholas C. Petris Center on Health Care Markets and Consumer Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
Graduate Student Researcher, Summer 2019

Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
Contracted Employee working under Senior Vice President Dr. Christine Cooper at the Institute for Applied Economics, 2012-15

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California
Undergraduate Student Researcher Mentor, 2020 - present

University of California, Irvine
Teaching Assistant: Probability and Statistics for the Social Sciences (Summer I 2016), Intermediate Macroeconomics (Summer II 2016), Intermediate Microeconomics (Summer II 2015), Basic Economics I (Spring 2015, Fall 2015), Computer Research in Social Science (Winter 2015), Basic Economics II (Fall 2014)

California State University, Long Beach
Instructor: Introduction to Econometrics and Statistical Economics Lab, Spring 2013
Tutor: Managerial Economics, 2012-13

WORKING PAPERS

Valdez, S., Ginsburg, P. B., and Lieberman, S. “Medicare Advantage Plans Are Enrolling Lower Expense Medicare Beneficiaries.”

Valdez, S., “The Impact of Hospital-Physician Integration on Referral Networks: Evidence from Oncologists.”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Trends in Consolidation: Private Equity Penetration”

“Physician Speaker Fees Paid by Pharmaceutical, Medical Device Companies”

“Effects of Private Equity and Consolidation on Service Prices and Physician Quality”

“The Use of Benchmarks for Payment in Medicare Advantage with Low Traditional Medicare Fee-For-Service Sample Size”

HONORS AND AWARDS

Social Science Tuition Fellowship, UCI, 2014-19
Economics Summer Research Fellowship, UCI, 2017-18
Microeconomics Qualifying Exam, Distinctions, UCI, 2015
Merit Fellowship in Economics, UCI, 2014
Graduate Dean's List, CSULB, 2013
Ray and Marge Lancaster Graduate Scholarship Award Recipient, CSULB, 2013
National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant Recipient, UCLA, 2009-11
Blue and Gold Scholarship Recipient, UCLA, 2009-11
Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, 2008-09
ALPFA Scholarship Award Recipient, 2007

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Presenter, Schaeffer Center Seminar, USC, September 2022
Presenter, ASHEcon Conference, Austin, TX, June 2022
Participant, Department of Health Policy and Management Seminar, UCLA, Spring 2022
Presenter, AHRQ NRSA Trainees Research Conference, Virtual, June 2021
Presenter, Department of Health Policy and Management Seminar, UCLA, January 2021
Participant, Department of Health Policy and Management Seminar, UCLA, Spring 2021
Presenter, Department of Economics Seminar, UCI, November 2019
Participant, NBER Summer Institute 2019, Health Care Workshop, July 2019
Presenter, Transportation, Urban, and IO Seminar, UCI, May 2019
Participant, NBER Health Economics Research Boot Camp, December 2018
Presenter, Transportation, Urban, and IO Seminar, UCI, May 2018
Guest Lecturer, California State University, April 2018
Participant, Annual Economics Poster Session, UCI, October 2018
Presenter, Workshop in Industrial Organization/Corporate Welfare, UCI, November 2018
Participant, Workshop in Industrial Organization/Corporate Welfare, UCI, Fall 2018
Participant, Annual Economics Poster Session, UCI, October 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association (AEA)
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)

ACADEMIC AND POLICY SERVICE

Editorial Review Board - INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing

LANGUAGES/SOFTWARE

Proficient in R, SQL, SAS, Stata, LaTeX
Experienced in Python, MATLAB

PERSONAL

United States Citizen

REFERENCES

Mireille Jacobson
Associate Professor
Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
Co-Director, Aging and Cognition Program
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