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I. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2007 - 2010 Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA
Internal Medicine / Primary Care Residency
Division of General Medicine
- 2002 - 2007 Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
M.D., *Cum Laude*
- 2000 - 2005 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. in Health Policy; Concentration in Economics
- 1996 - 2000 Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
B.A. in English, *Summa Cum Laude*; Minor in Jewish Studies

II. EMPLOYMENT

- 2018 - Professor of Health Policy & Economics
Department of Health Policy & Management
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH)
- 2017 - Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of General Medicine & Primary Care
Brigham & Women's Hospital / Harvard Medical School
- 2016 - 2018 Associate Professor of Health Policy & Economics
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- 2011 - 2016 Senior Advisor in Health Policy
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- 2011 - 2017 Assistant Professor of Medicine
Brigham & Women's Hospital / Harvard Medical School
- 2010 - 2016 Assistant Professor of Health Policy & Economics
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

III. TEACHING AND MENTORING

Teaching

- 2019-current: Course Instructor, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA
HPM 545: “Health Care Issues: Public vs. Market Solutions”
- 2013-current: Course Instructor, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA
HPM 211: “Health Care Safety Net & Vulnerable Populations”
- 2009-2010: Tutorial Group Leader, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
HCP 750: “Health Care Policy”
- 2002-2006 Instructor, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Math Review for Incoming Doctoral Students
- 2001-2005 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Economics 2020: “Introduction to Microeconomic Theory”

Dissertation Advisees

- Kao-Ping Chua (Harvard University Ph.D. in Health Policy: Evaluation and Statistics), 2015
Jacob Wallace (Harvard University Ph.D. in Health Policy: Economics), 2016
Nicole Dickelson (Harvard School of Public Health [HSPH] DrPH), 2017
Jeffrey Reynoso (HSPH DrPH), 2017
Jamie Daw (Harvard University Ph.D. in Health Policy: Evaluation and Statistics), 2018
Jackie Kaslow (HSPH DrPH), 2018
Alina Schnake-Mahl (HSPH, Social & Behavioral Sciences ScD), 2018
Sarah Gordon (Brown University Ph.D. in Health Services Research), 2019
Thalia Porteny (Harvard University Ph.D. in Health Policy: Ethics), 2019 - Chair
Maggie Sullivan (HSPH DrPH), current
Carrie Fry (Harvard University Ph.D. in Health Policy: Evaluation and Statistics), current

IV. HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Teaching Citation for “demonstrated excellence in teaching,” HSPH
2018 Finalist for Article of the Year, National Institute for Health Care Management
2017 AcademyHealth Health Services Research Impact Award
2016 Integrated Public Use Microdata Series Research Award, Univ. of Minnesota
2015 Article of the Year, AcademyHealth
2015 Alice Hersh New Investigator Award, AcademyHealth
2015 Outstanding Junior Investigator, Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM)
2015 Finalist for Article of the Year, National Institute for Health Care Management
2015 Member, National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI)
2014 Best Abstract, Coverage and Access/Medicaid, AcademyHealth Annual Meeting
2014 Mentoring Award (selected by students), HSPH
2013 Best Abstract, Coverage Dynamics and Access, AcademyHealth Annual Meeting
2013 Teaching Citation for “demonstrated excellence in teaching,” HSPH
2012-2013 NIH Health Disparities Loan Repayment Award
2012 Hamolsky Award, SGIM Annual Meeting
Awarded to the 3 best scientific presentations by junior faculty members
2012 Best Abstract, Coverage and Access, AcademyHealth Annual Meeting
2011 Best Oral Presentation, SGIM New England Regional Meeting
2011 Faculty Mentor Award, Brigham & Women’s Department of Medicine
2010 Best Residents and Fellows at Harvard Medical School

2010	Resident Mentor Award, Brigham & Women's Department of Medicine
2007	Daniel Ford Award in Health Services Research Johns Hopkins Division of General Internal Medicine
2007	Robert Ebert Award in Primary Care Medicine, Harvard Medical School Presidential Scholars Public Service Initiative Award Rose Seegal Prize for best research paper on "the relation of the medical profession to the community," Harvard Medical School
2006	National Dissertation Award, AcademyHealth
2006	Finalist for Article of the Year, National Institute for Health Care Management
2003-2004	Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
2002-2003	Award for Excellence in Teaching Economics to Graduate Students Harvard University
2001-2002	National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship, in Economics
2000-2001	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) Graduate Fellowship
2000	Pyne Prize, Princeton University - "The highest general distinction Princeton confers upon an undergraduate"
2000	Summa Cum Laude & Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University
1999	The Class of 1939 Princeton Scholar Award: For the senior with "the highest standing in all preceding college work at Princeton."

V. PROFESSIONAL AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

2018-current: Senior Associate Editor, *Health Services Research*

2003-current: Referee,

Academic Medicine, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Managed Care, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, American Journal of Public Health, Annals of Emergency Medicine, Annals of Internal Medicine, Archives of Internal Medicine, BMC Cancer, BMC Health Services Research, British Journal of Cancer, British Medical Journal, Cancer, Economic Inquiry, Forum for Health Economics and Policy, Health Affairs, Health Care, Health Outcomes Research in Medicine, Health Policy, Health Services Research, Inquiry, International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics, JAMA, JAMA Internal Medicine, JAMA Network Open, JAMA Pediatrics, JAMA Psychiatry, Journal of Adolescent Health, Journal of Clinical Oncology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Journal of Health Policy Politics and Law, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Medical Care, Medical Care Research & Review, Medicare & Medicaid Research Review, Milbank Quarterly, National Tax Journal, New England Journal of Medicine, Patient Preference and Adherence, Pediatrics, Public Health, Public Health Reports, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Social Science and Medicine, Sociological Perspectives

National Organizations and Grant Review

2019-current Grant Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

2016-2019 Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research Study Section

2017-2018 Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ), Ad Hoc Member
 Planning Committee, AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Meeting
 2016-2017 Grant Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 2016 Grant Reviewer, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)
 2016 Mentor, AcademyHealth New Investigator Small Grant Program
 2016 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth 2016 Annual Meeting
 2015- 2019 National Advisory Board, Institute for Medicaid Innovation
 2014-2015 Technical Advisory Group, U.S. Census Bureau
 Comparing Health Insurance Measurement Error
 2013-2014 Executive Planning Committee, AcademyHealth 2014 Annual Meeting
 2014 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth 2014 Annual Meeting
 2013-2014 Abstract Reviewer, Society for General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting
 2013-2014 Technical Expert Panel, HRSA
 Evaluation of Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Service
 2013 Technical Expert Panel, HRSA - Community Health Center Patient Survey
 2011-2012 Technical Advisory Group, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
 CHIP Express Lane Eligibility Evaluation
 2010 Abstract Reviewer, Society for General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting
 2010 Grant Reviewer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

University Service

2017- current Committee on Admissions and Degrees, Harvard School of Public Health
 2015 Faculty Committee on Admissions, DrPH Program in Public Health
 2014- current MPH Curriculum Committee, Harvard School of Public Health
 2013- current Standing Committee on Health Policy, Harvard PhD in Health Policy
 2013- current Faculty Committee on Admissions, Harvard PhD Program in Health Policy
 2013-2015 Zuckerman Scholarship selection committee, Harvard University
 2012- current Committee on Economics Concentration, Harvard PhD Program in Health Policy
 2011 Faculty Reviewer for Admissions, Harvard School of Public Health
 2010-2011 Faculty Committee for Community Service, Harvard Medical School

Professional Organizations

2015 - National Academy of Social Insurance, Member
 2013 - American Society of Health Economists, Member
 2010 - American Medical Association, Member
 2010 - American College of Physicians, Member
 2010 - AcademyHealth, Member
 2009 - Society of General Internal Medicine, Member

Clinical Licensure and Certification

2011-2012 District of Columbia Medical License
 2010- Board Certification, American Board of Internal Medicine
 2008- Massachusetts Medical License

VI. RESEARCH

Doctoral Dissertation

2002-2005 *The Dynamics of Public and Private Health Insurance Coverage in the United States.*
 Dissertation Advisor: Joseph P. Newhouse, Ph.D., Harvard University.
 Dissertation Committee: David Cutler, Ph.D., Harvard University.

Katherine Swartz, Ph.D., Harvard School of Public Health.

Funded Research (selected)

2018-2021	Policies for Action Grant Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Grant #72839	Sommers (PI)	\$1,226,808
	Title: Evaluating Health Insurance Innovations and Expansion Under the ACA Goal: To create a research hub based at the Harvard School of Public Health that will examine several innovative approaches in state policy under the Affordable Care Act, including the differential effects of public vs. private coverage, mortality changes after Medicaid expansion, and the impact of work requirements in several states' Medicaid programs. Role: Principal Investigator		
2019-2022	Research Grant Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)	Layton (PI)	
	Title: The Virginia Work Requirements Experiment Goal: To conduct a randomized-controlled trial of work requirements in Virginia's Medicaid program, leveraging state support for exempting a portion of Medicaid expansion enrollees from the state's new policy requiring 80 hours of work (or other qualifying activity) per month to maintain Medicaid coverage. Role: Co-Investigator		
2019-2020	Research Grant Commonwealth Fund, Grant #20192358	Sommers (PI)	\$622,479
	Title: Work Requirements and Cost-Sharing in Medicaid: Year 2 Evaluation of Southern State Waiver Programs Goal: To examine the two-year effects of Medicaid work requirements in Arkansas and consumer experiences in the aftermath of the 2019 court ruling that temporarily halted its implementation. Role: Principal Investigator		
2018-2019	Research Grant Commonwealth Fund, Grant #20181886	Sommers (PI)	\$600,000
	Title: A Longitudinal Analysis of Waiver Programs in Arkansas and Kentucky Goal: To examine the effects of new work requirements in Medicaid in Arkansas and Kentucky on coverage, access to care, employment, and consumer experience with Medicaid among low-income adults. Role: Principal Investigator		
2018-2021	1R01DK113298-01 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases / NIH	Trivedi (PI)	
	Title: Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities in End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Goal: To assess the effects of Medicaid expansion on pre-dialysis care and post-dialysis outcomes for low-income incident populations, and to evaluate early effects of Medicaid expansion on the incidence of ESRD. Role: Co-Investigator		
2017-2018	Research Grant Commonwealth Fund, Grant #20171081	Sommers (PI)	\$590,000
	Title: Examining Alternative Models of Medicaid Expansion:		

Assessing the Healthy Indiana Program

Goal: To assess current rates of insurance coverage, access to care, and satisfaction with coverage among low-income adults in three Midwestern states taking different approaches to the Affordable Care Act: Ohio, which expanded Medicaid; Kansas, which did not expand; and Indiana, which expanded via a federal waiver with distinctive features including health savings accounts and required premium contributions, with lock-out periods for non-payment.

Role: Principal Investigator

2017-2018	Research Grant Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Grant #74560	Sommers (PI)	\$207,258
	<p>Title: Using the Gallup Well-Being Index as an Early Monitoring System for Coverage and Access to Care After Changes to the Affordable Care Act</p> <p>Goal: To use the Gallup Healthways Well-Being Index (WBI) to provide an early monitoring system to assess national and state trends in insurance coverage, health care access, and self-reported health as various new policies revising and/or repealing the Affordable Care Act take effect.</p> <p>Role: Principal Investigator</p>		
2012-2018	K02 HS021291-01 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Sommers (PI)	\$762,559
	<p>Title: Medicaid Policy, Coverage, and Access to Care Among Low-Income Americans Under Health Reform</p> <p>Goal: To explore the effects of the Affordable Care Act (“health reform”) on health insurance coverage and access to care among low-income Americans. The study will identify the steps that state policymakers are taking to prepare for the expansion of Medicaid under health reform, and will measure the effects of these policies over the next 6 years.</p> <p>Role: Principal Investigator</p>		
2017-2018	Research Grant REACH Healthcare Foundation	Sommers (PI)	\$84,863
	<p>Title: Assessing Prospects for Medicaid Expansion in Kansas</p> <p>Goal: To survey low-income adults in Kansas regarding their access to health care, attitudes towards Medicaid, and experiences with the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>Role: Principal Investigator</p>		
2013-2017	Research Grant Commonwealth Fund	Sommers (PI)	\$2,093,397
	<p>Title: Comparing State Decisions on Medicaid Expansion and Their Impact on Low-Income Populations</p> <p>Goal: To evaluate the impact of three alternative state approaches to the Affordable Care Act’s coverage options for low-income adults: a traditional Medicaid expansion (Kentucky), using Medicaid dollars to purchase private insurance (Arkansas), and not expanding Medicaid (Texas). This multi-year study uses a telephone survey of low-income adults before and after the coverage expansions to evaluate the impact on utilization, access to care, and health.</p> <p>Role: Principal Investigator</p>		
2013	Research Grant National Institute for Health Care Management	Sommers (PI)	\$49,748

Title: Evaluating Coverage, Utilization, and Access to Care in Medicaid ‘Early-Expander’ States Under the Affordable Care Act
Goal: To measure changes in coverage and access to care for low income adults after six states’ expansions of Medicaid since the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, and explore the policy context for these expansions through qualitative interviews with key Medicaid officials in these states.
Role: Principal Investigator

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| 2010-2011 | <p>R03 HS19754-01 Sommers (PI) \$99,332
 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
 Title: Policy and Demographic Predictors of Medicaid Take-Up Among Non-Elderly Adults
 Goal: To explore why many uninsured adults who are eligible for Medicaid are not enrolled, and to identify the state policies and individual characteristics that affect enrollment in Medicaid (“take-up”) among eligible adults.
 Role: Principal Investigator</p> |
| 2005-2007 | <p>Fellowship, MD/PhD Program in Social Sciences, Harvard University
 National Institutes of Health, Grant T32 GM07753-28</p> |
| 2001-2002 | <p>Graduate Research Fellowship in Economics
 National Science Foundation (NSF)</p> |

Research Interests

- * Access to health care among low-income families
- * Medicaid
- * Health insurance markets and health reform
- * Health care costs
- * Health disparities

VII. PRESENTATIONS & MEDIA COVERAGE

Local Invited Presentations (*Last 2 Years Only*)

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| Oct. 2018 | <p>‘The Real-World Effects of the Affordable Care Act.’
 Massachusetts Medical Society</p> |
| May 2018 | <p>‘Potential Consequences of a Changing Employer Mandate: Employer Coverage in Massachusetts after the ACA’
 BU / Harvard Health Economics Seminar</p> |
| Mar. 2018 | <p>‘Healthcare Policy Under Obama and Trump’
 Harvard Medical School – Global and Continuing Education</p> |
| Mar. 2018 | <p>‘Coverage Expansion: A Case Study Approach to the Affordable Care Act’
 Partners Center of Expertise in Health Policy and Management</p> |
| Mar. 2018 | <p>‘Medicaid & the Affordable Care Act: Evidence, Policy, and Future Directions’
 Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement</p> |
| Dec. 2017 | <p>‘Evidence on Medicaid and the ACA’
 Petri-Flom Center, Harvard Law School</p> |
| Oct. 2017 | <p>‘Medicaid’s Recent Past & Uncertain Future’</p> |

Tufts Medical Center

- Sep. 2017 ‘Functions and Dysfunctions of the Affordable Care Act’
Radcliffe Institute
- May 2017 ‘Medicaid’s Uncertain Future’
Executive Education Program, Harvard School of Public Health
- Apr. 2017 ‘The Future of Medicaid’
Program on Healthcare Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

National Invited Presentations (selected)

- Mar. 2019 ‘Effects of the Affordable Care Act’s Insurance Expansion: A Research Update’
University of Rochester, Seward-Berg Honorary Lecture, Rochester, NY
- Sep. 2018 ‘Medicaid & Health Care Access in Kansas’
REACH Healthcare Foundation, Kansas City, KS
- June 2018 ‘Studying the Affordable Care Act’s Coverage Expansions: A Research Overview’
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
- Apr. 2018 ‘Medicaid & the Affordable Care Act: Evidence, Policy, & Future Directions’
Northwestern University, Medical Grand Rounds, Chicago, IL
- Apr. 2018 ‘Medicaid & the Affordable Care Act: Past, Present, and Uncertain Future’
University of Cincinnati, Department of Economics, Cincinnati, OH
- Sep. 2017 ‘Medicaid and Health Reform’
National Academy of Medicine (formerly Institute of Medicine), Washington, DC
- Sep. 2017 ‘Medicaid – A Researcher’s View’ (Webinar)
Nuna Health, San Francisco, CA
- Sep. 2017 ‘Long-Term Effect of Health Insurance on Health & Mortality’
Cato Institute, Washington, DC
- July 2017 ‘The Future of the Affordable Care Act’
International Health Economics Association Congress, Boston, MA
- June 2017 ‘Three-Year Impacts of the Affordable Care Act Among Low-Income Adults’
AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- June 2017 ‘State Budget Effects of the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid Expansion’
AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- May 2017 ‘Beyond Health Insurance: Remaining Disparities in Health Care in the Post-ACA Era’
Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- Apr. 2017 ‘Medicaid and Health Reform – Past, Present, and Uncertain Future’
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL
- Feb. 2017 ‘Medicaid and Health Reform – Past, Present, and Uncertain Future’
Case Western Reserve University and the City Club, Cleveland, OH
- Jan. 2017 ‘Medicaid Expansion, the ACA, and Future Research Priorities’
Milbank Memorial Fund, Reforming States Group, New York, NY
- Sep. 2016 ‘Medicaid Expansion vs. the Private Option: Changes in Access, Utilization and Health’

Clinical Directors' Network, Webinar

- June 2016 'Premium Subsidies, Medicaid Expansion & the Mandate: Coverage Impacts of the Affordable Care Act'
American Society for Health Economics Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- June 2016 'Medicaid Expansion, the Private Option, and Changes in Utilization and Health'
AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Boston, MA
- May 2016 'Health Reform and Coverage Changes among Native Americans'
Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Hollywood, FL
- May 2016 'Impact of the 2014 Medicaid Expansion on Coverage, Access to Care, and Health'
Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Hollywood, FL
- Mar. 2016 'Medicaid Expansion vs. Private Option: Changes in Access, Churning, and Health,'
Brown University School of Public Health, Providence, RI
- Feb. 2016 'The ACA's Medicaid Expansion: What We Know So Far'
AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, Washington, DC
- Oct. 2015 'Dental Care Utilization, Insurance Coverage, and Cost Barriers'
Health Policy Institute, American Dental Association (Webinar)
- July 2015 'Medicaid, the ACA, and the State Budget Conundrum'
Altarum Center for Sustainable Health Spending, Washington, DC
- June 2015 'Medicaid Expansion vs. Private Option: Changes in Coverage and Access after the First Year,'
AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- June 2015 'A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Mortality Changes after State Medicaid Expansions'
AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- May 2015 'Immigration and Health Policy at a Crossroads' – Keynote Address
Conference on Healthcare for Latino Immigrants
Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD
- Apr. 2015 'The Affordable Care Act: A Progress Report' – Keynote Address
National Conference for Clinician-Scholars in Social Sciences & Humanities
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- Oct. 2014 'Medicaid Expansion Populations: Implications for Beneficiaries and Health Plans'
America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) National Meeting, Washington, DC
- Sep. 2014 'Understanding "Churn" in Medicaid and CHIP and its Impact on Beneficiaries,
Providers, Health Plans and Quality of Care'
Congressional Staff Briefing, Washington, DC
- June 2014 'Coverage Impacts of Early Medicaid Expansions under Health Reform'
American Society of Health Economists Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- June 2014 'Early Changes in Insurance and Access to Care Associated with Health Reform
in 2014,' American Society of Health Economists Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- June 2014 'Medicaid Physician Participation, Eligibility, and Access to Care among Poor
Adults,' AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- June 2014 'Insurance Cancellations in Context: Stability of Coverage in the Non-Group
Market Prior to Health Reform,' AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

- May 2014 ‘Changes in Mortality After Massachusetts Health Care Reform’
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- Apr. 2014 ‘Medicaid and Health Reform in the Aftermath of the Supreme Court’
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- Mar. 2014 ‘New Evidence on Medicaid & the ACA: Lessons from Early Expansions’
MedPAC Staff Briefing, Washington, DC
- Jan. 2014 ‘Medicaid Expansion Under the ACA: Early Takers, No Shows and Alternatives National
Institute for Health Care Management (Webinar)
- June 2013 ‘Changes in Mortality After Massachusetts Health Care Reform’
AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- June 2013 ‘What We Know and What We Don’t: Medicaid Projections, Uncertainty,
& Competing Estimates,’ AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- May 2013 ‘Capacity and Access to Care: Issues and Innovations’
LA Health Collaborative (Webinar)
- April 2013 ‘Changes in Mortality After Massachusetts Health Care Reform’
Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- Oct. 2012 ‘Expanding Health Coverage in Georgia’
Policy Forum, Georgia Budget & Policy Institute, Atlanta, GA
- June 2012 ‘The Effect of State Medicaid Expansions on Mortality and Insurance Coverage Among
Non-Elderly Adults,’ AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- June 2012 ‘The Poverty-Reducing Effect of Medicaid: An Analysis Using the Census Bureau’s New
Supplemental Poverty Measure,’ AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- May 2012 ‘The Effect of State Medicaid Expansions on Mortality and Insurance Coverage
Among Non-Elderly Adults’
Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- Jan. 2012 ‘Medicaid & Health Reform: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead’
Medicine Grand Rounds, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Nov. 2011 ‘Shifting Between Medicaid and Exchange Eligibility Under the ACA’
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Washington, DC
- May 2011 ‘Eligible But Uninsured: Predictors of Medicaid Take-Up Among Adults’
Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
- May 2011 ‘Chronic Disease and the Medicaid Expansion Under Health Reform: Unmet
Medical Needs Among Uninsured Adults’
Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
- Feb. 2011 ‘Modernizing Medicaid after Health Care Reform: Improving Coverage
Continuity and Quality of Care,’ Congressional Staff Briefing, Washington, DC
- Jan. 2010 ‘Targeting in Medicaid: The Costs and Enrollment Effects of Medicaid’s
Citizenship Documentation Requirement,’ University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- June 2008 ‘Why Millions of Children Eligible for Medicaid & CHIP are Uninsured:
Poor Retention vs. Poor Take-up’

AcademyHealth Child Health Services Research Meeting, Washington, DC

- Dec. 2007 ‘Disenrollment Among Adults Enrolled in Medicaid’
Grand Rounds, Department of General Internal Medicine
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
- Dec. 2006 ‘Drop-out from Medicaid & CHIP: When children lose health insurance’
University of Pennsylvania College of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA
- June 2005 ‘Does a Patchwork Approach to Health Insurance Expansion Exacerbate
Public Insurance Drop-Out?,’ AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

Media Coverage (Selected)

- Jun 2019 *Los Angeles Times*. “Arkansas’ Medicaid Work Requirement Left People Uninsured without Boosting Employment.” <https://www.latimes.com/science/la-sci-arkansas-medicaid-work-requirements-backfire-20190619-story.html>
- Nov 2018 *Boston NPR CommonHealth* Op-Ed (joint with Amal Trivedi) “Medicaid Won The Midterms. Here’s Why That Could Save Lives.” <https://wbur.fm/2FlckZs>
- Nov 2018 *Vox*. “Medicaid’s Stunning Victory.” <https://bit.ly/2JNdefV>
- Jun 2018 *Los Angeles Times*. “Medicaid Strategy Favored by Trump May Make Care Less Affordable, New Studies Indicate.” <https://t.co/Zya5UeLPS9>
- Apr 2018 *Newsweek*. “Obamacare Improved Surgical Treatment, Likely Saved Lives, New Study Finds.” <http://www.newsweek.com/obamacare-barack-obama-saved-lives-790586>
- July 2017 *New York Times*. “Medicaid Worsens Your Health? That’s a Classic Misinterpretation of Research.” <https://nyti.ms/2tDHxQb>
- June 2017 *USA Today*, Op-Ed. “Weigh Facts Before You Gut ACA.” <https://usat.ly/2tK6E0r>
- Mar. 2017 *Washington Post*, Op-Ed. “The GOP health-care plan would quietly kill the Medicaid expansion. Here’s how.” http://wapo.st/2moH3YK?tid=ss_tw
- Jan. 2017 *CNN*. TV Interview. “What doctors think about the Affordable Care Act.” <http://cnn.it/2iPeZLD>
- Dec. 2016 *Boston Globe*. Op-Ed (joint with Jonathan Gruber). “Repealing the Affordable Care Act — Fact vs. Fiction” www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2016/12/08/repealing-affordable-care-act-fact-fiction/WPoX8WVAc0te2fbJV5JKTM/story.html
- Aug. 2016 *New York Times*. “Obamacare Appears to Be Making People Healthier.” <http://nyti.ms/2bfUhbJ>
- Aug. 2016 *Boston Globe*. “ACA may not be ‘terrific,’ but it’s making a difference.” <http://goo.gl/VyL5dG>
- Mar. 2016 *New York Times*. “How to Stop the Bouncing Between Insurance Plans Under Obamacare.” <http://nyti.ms/1XMIxs1>
- Jan. 2016 *Los Angeles Times*. “Obamacare helping improve access to medical care for the poor, new studies show.” <http://fw.to/i3zrFZY>
- Jan. 2016 *New York Times*. “Better Health Care Access in Kentucky and Arkansas, Study Says.” <http://nyti.ms/1mE4snA>

- Dec. 2015 CUNY TV *POTUS 2016 with Brian Lehrer*. TV Interview. (Minute 16:25-28:00): <http://www.cuny.tv/show/potus2016/PR2004841>
- July 2015 *Reuters*. “Americans report improved health, better healthcare: study.” <http://tinyurl.com/pbyrys4>
- July 2015 *USA Today*. “Obamacare reduces uninsured rates, improves access to care, study finds.” <http://usat.ly/1SchJC1>
- June 2015 Minnesota Public Radio. “How well is the Affordable Care Act working?” www.mprnews.org/story/2015/06/30/bcst-affordable-care-act-working
- Jan. 2015 *Washington Post*. “Health insurers may be finding new ways to discriminate against patients.” <http://wpo.st/M7DA0>
- Nov. 2014 National Public Radio. “Smooth Second Roll Out For MA Health Connector Site.” <http://bit.ly/1OvLgoK>
- Oct. 2014 *New York Times*. “Medicaid, Often Criticized, Is Quite Popular With Its Customers.” <http://nyti.ms/1sfrkZj>
- Aug. 2014 *New York Times*. “Why More, Not Fewer, People Might Start Getting Health Insurance Through Work.” <http://nyti.ms/1oZ6aJu>
- June 2014 *New York Times*. “In Texarkana, Uninsured and on the Wrong Side of a State Line.” <http://nyti.ms/1psHQTF>
- May 2014 *New York Times*. “Mortality Drop Seen to Follow '06 Health Law.” <http://nyti.ms/1sEJ27C>
- May 2014 MSNBC *Melissa Harris-Perry Show*. TV Interview. PART I: <http://on.msnbc.com/1nsSDi7>. PART II: <http://on.msnbc.com/1nsS7kn>
- May 2014 *Boston Globe*. “Study calls wide Massachusetts coverage a lifesaver.” <http://goo.gl/QQxGfw>
- May 2014 *Reuters Interview*. “Health Reform Watch: Study finds fewer deaths after MA health reform.” <http://goo.gl/riYM4u>
- Apr. 2014 *Politico*. “Study probes Obamacare impact on canceled plans.” <http://www.politico.com/story/2014/04/obamacare-affordable-care-act-canceled-plans-105964.html>
- Apr. 2014 *Washington Post*. “White, older and self-employed people want to keep their health plans.” <http://wpo.st/ZXG-1>
- Jan. 2014 *National Journal*. “Considering Medicaid Expansion for Your State? Read This Study.” <http://njour.nl/s/64042?oref=t.co>
- Jan. 2014 *USA Today*. “Momentum builds for Medicaid expansion in states.” <http://archive.freep.com/usatoday/article/4715903>
- May 2013 *Los Angeles Times*. “Some could have gaps in medical coverage under new law.” <http://goo.gl/DJmrg>
- July 2012 *New York Times*. “Medicaid Expansion May Lower Death Rate, Study Says.” <http://nyti.ms/OFzBhJ>
- July 2012 *Wall Street Journal*. “Death Rates Vary in Medicaid Study.” <http://on.wsj.com/Nvz3k0>

- Oct. 2011 *ABC News*. “New Study Says Government Should Prepare for Contingencies in Medicaid Expansion.” <http://goo.gl/mq59CO>
- Oct. 2011 *Washington Post*. “How Many Americans will gain insurance under health reform? Good question.” <http://wpo.st/8UG-1>
- July 2011 *National Public Radio*, interview. “How Much Do States Really Spend On Medicaid?” <http://www.npr.org/2011/07/01/137536342/how-much-do-states-really-spend-on-medicaid>
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