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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Florida, 2006
M.S., Economics, University of Texas (Austin), 1999
B.S., Economics, George Washington University, 1995

Employment

2006 – present
Assistant Professor
Sam Houston State University
Department of Economics and International Business
Huntsville, TX
1995 – 1997, 1999 – 2001
Senior Analyst
National Economic Research Associates
Washington, DC

Affiliations

Associate Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico

Research Interests

Health Economics, Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics

Publications

“Macroeconomic Changes and Mortality in Mexico” (with Fidel Gonzalez) *Empirical Economics* (2011-04), 40(2), 305-319.

“Are Recessions Good for Everyone’s Health? The Association Between Mortality and the Business Cycle by Race in the U.S.” (with Fidel Gonzalez and Matias Fontenla) *Applied Economics Letters* (2011-02), 18(3), 207-212.

“Mortality and Business Cycles by Level of Development: Evidence from Mexico” (with Fidel Gonzalez) *Social Science and Medicine* (2010-11), 71, 2066-2073.

“Did Federal Regulation Discourage Facilities-Based Entry into US Local Telecommunications Markets?” *Telecommunications Policy* (2008-09), 32(8), 572-581.

“Do Elected Public Utility Commissioners Behave More Politically than Appointed Ones?” *Journal of Regulatory Economics* (2008-06), 33(3), 318-337.

“Does the Quality of Care in Medicaid MCOs Vary with the Form of Physician Compensation?” (with David Sappington and Betsy Shenkman) *Health Economics* (2008-04), 17(4), 545-550.

Working Papers

“Is There a Relationship between HMO Quality of Care and Financial Performance? Evidence from Texas HMOs”

“Emergency Department Usage Under the Hurricane Katrina TexKat Emergency Medicaid Waiver” (with Karoline Mortensen)
(submitted to *Medicare & Medicaid Research Review*)

“The Relationship Between Mortality and Unemployment by Race and Cause of Death” (with Matias Fontenla and Fidel Gonzalez)
(submitted to *Health Economics*)

“Another Perspective on the Preston Curve: Mortality and Income in Mexico”
(with Fidel Gonzalez)

Honors and Awards

Faculty Research Grant (\$5000) for “Do HMO Profits Influence their Quality of Care?” Sam Houston State University, Faculty Research Council, 2010-03

Seed Grant (\$15,000) (co-investigator) for “The Effects of a Natural Disaster on Health Care Utilization: An Evaluation of the Hurricane Katrina TexKat Medicaid Waivers,” University of Maryland, Maryland Population Research Center, 2009-11

Faculty Research Grant (\$10,000) (co-investigator) for “Do Vulnerable Populations Enjoy Improved Health During Periods of Economic Growth?,” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico, 2009-05

Enhancement Research Grant (\$18,000) for “Recessions and Hispanic Mortality: The Case of Mexico,” Sam Houston State University, Faculty Research Council, 2009-04

Faculty recognition, Sam Houston State University, Alpha Chi honor society, 2008-12

Faculty Research Grant (\$10,000) (co-investigator) for “Analysis of the Relationship between Changes in Income and Mortality for Vulnerable Populations in the U.S.,” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico, 2008-06

Faculty Research Grant (\$5000) for “Does the Financial Performance of Medicaid Managed Care Organizations Influence the Quality of Care They Provide?,” Sam Houston State University, Faculty Research Council, 2007-03

Zabel Award (awarded to graduate student for best dissertation research), University of Florida, Department of Economics, 2005-12

Lockhart Travel Grant, University of Florida, Department of Economics, 2005-11

Graduate Student Paper Competition – 2nd Place, Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, 2005-09

Walter-Lanzillotti Dissertation Fellowship, University of Florida, Public Policy Research Center, 2004-04

Best Second-Year Paper Award, University of Florida, Department of Economics, 2004-04

Submitted Grant Proposals

“The Provision of Health Care Following a Natural Disaster: The Case of Hurricane Katrina”
(with Karoline Mortensen)
(NIH R21 Grant Application (2011-05))

“The Effects of Employment Assistance and Transfer Payments on Mortality by Race, Gender, and Age” (with Fidel Gonzalez)
NIH Challenge Grant (2009-04)

“An Evaluation of the Medicaid TexKat Waiver for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees: Can Enrollment and Utilization Patterns of Enrollees Inform Future Expansions?” (with Karoline Mortensen)
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) Initiative (2009-03)

Workshops

National Institutes of Health (NIH), Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration, Las Vegas, 2009-07

Research Data Assistance Center (ResDAC), CMS 102: Conducting Research with Medicaid Claims Data, University of Minnesota, 2008-08

Presentations

“The Mortality Kuznets Curve: Evidence from Mexico,” International Health Economics Association 8th World Congress, Toronto, Canada, 2011-07

“Is There a Relationship between HMO Quality of Care and Financial Performance? Evidence from Texas HMOs,” International Health Economics Association 8th World Congress, Toronto, Canada, 2011-07

“Are Recessions Good for Everyone’s Health? The Association Between Mortality and Income by Race,” European Conference on Health Economics, Helsinki, Finland, 2010-07

“The Relationship Between Quality and Profits for Commercial HMOs,” American Society of Health Economists, Cornell University, 2010-06

“Are Recessions Good for Everyone’s Health? The Association Between Mortality and Income by Race,” University of New Mexico, 2009-12 (invited speaker)

“Does the Relationship Between Mortality and the Business Cycle Vary by the Level of Economic Development? Evidence from Mexico,” University of Houston - Center for Public Policy, Houston, TX, 2009-09 (invited speaker)

“Are Recessions Good for Everyone’s Health? The Association Between Mortality and Income by Race,” 2009 Western Economic Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 2009-07

“Are Recessions Good for Everyone’s Health? The Association Between Mortality and Income by Race,” 2009 Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 2009-04

“Do Changes in Income Affect Mortality? The Case of Mexico,” Mexican National Institute of Public Health, Cuernavaca, Mexico, 2008-10 (invited speaker)

“Do Changes in Income Affect Mortality? The Case of Mexico,” 2008 American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, Durham, NC, 2008-06

“Do Changes in Profits Influence the Quality of Care Provided by Medicaid MCOs?” 2008 American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, Durham, NC, 2008-06

“Do Changes in Profits Influence the Quality of Care Provided by Medicaid MCOs?” 2008 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Washington, DC, 2008-06

“Do Changes in Profits Influence the Quality of Care Provided by Medicaid MCOs?” 2008 International Industrial Organization Conference, Washington, DC, 2008-05

“Do Changes in Income Affect Mortality? The Case of Mexico,” 2007 Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, 2007-11

“Did UNE-P Kill the UNE-L Star? An Analysis of U.S. Regulation of Local Telecommunications Markets,” 2007 International Industrial Organization Conference, Savannah, GA, 2007-04

“Are Elected Regulators More Political than Appointed Regulators?,” American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2007-01

“Does the Form of Doctor Compensation Affect the Quality of Care in Medicaid HMOs?” Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference, Miami, FL, 2006-10

“An Analysis of the Extent and Means of Entry into Local Telecommunications Markets,” 2006 International Industrial Organization Conference, Boston, MA, 2006-04

“An Analysis of the Extent and Means of Entry into Local Telecommunications Markets,” Federal Communications Commission Economics Seminar Series, Washington, DC, 2005-11

“How State Governments Implement Federal Policies: The Telecommunications Act of 1996,” 2005 Telecommunications Policy Research Conference, Washington, DC, 2005-09

“How State Governments Implement Federal Policies: The Telecommunications Act of 1996,” 2005 International Industrial Organization Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2005-03

Referee and Review Experience

Scientific Committee, 8th World Congress on Health Economics, International Health Economics Association, 2011-01

Contemporary Economic Policy

Health Economics

Journal of Applied Economics & Policy

Journal of Business Strategies

Journal of Economics

Journal of Media Economics

Journal of Economic Management and Strategy

Journal of Regulatory Economics

Oxford Economic Papers

Regulation & Governance

Review of Industrial Organization

Review of Network Economics

Telecommunications Policy

Teaching Experience

MBA courses

- Managerial Economics
- Techniques of Statistical Analysis

Undergraduate courses

- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Managerial Economics (live & online)
- Introductory Business Analysis
- Intermediate Business Analysis (live & online)

Supervised individual research

- Undergraduate
 - * Eric Mingle
- Graduate
 - * Jake Moore
 - * Alejandro Villegas
 - * John Moore

Committee service

- Portfolio committee (College of Criminal Justice)
 - * Valerie Mahfood

Professional training

- PURC / World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy, Gainesville, FL