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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Health economics; Health policy

EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration & Policy, American University (Washington, DC)
2020- Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics
2021- Research Fellow, Center for Financial Security at University of Wisconsin-Madison
2014-19 Associate Instructor and Research Assistant, Department of Business Economics & Public Policy, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN)
2012-14 Economist, IHS Global Insight (Lexington, MA and Washington, DC)
2011 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Boston University (Boston, MA)
2010 Analyst, U.S. International Trade Commission (Washington, DC)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Business Economics & Public Policy, Indiana University (2019)
Dissertation: Effects of Financial and Non-Financial Incentives on Risky Health Behaviors and Health Outcomes ([Link](#))
Committee: Kosali Simon, Jeffrey Prince, Haizhen Lin, Daniel Sacks
M.A. in Economics, Boston University (2011)
B.A. in Economics and Journalism, Boston University (2011)

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

20. Suhay, Elizabeth, **Aparna Soni**, Claudia Persico, & Dave Marcotte. (2022). "Americans' Trust in Government and Health Behavior amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Russell Sage Foundation Journal*, accepted. ([Link](#))
19. **Soni, Aparna** & Erdal Tekin. (2022). "Mass Shootings in the United States: Population Health Impacts and State Policy Levers." *Health Affairs*. Health Policy Brief. September 15, 2022. ([Link](#))
18. *Rakus, Alexandra and **Aparna Soni**. (2022). "Association Between State Medicaid Expansion Status and Health Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Health Services Research*, forthcoming ([Link](#)).

17. *Wahlenmayer, Elizabeth & **Aparna Soni**. (2022). "Association Between State Unemployment Rate and Inpatient Hospitalizations for Tobacco Use Disorder." *Tobacco Prevention & Cessation*, 8(May), 21. ([Link](#))
16. **Soni, Aparna**. (2022). "The Impact of the Repeal of the Federal Individual Insurance Mandate on Uninsurance." *International Journal of Health Economics and Management*, forthcoming. ([Link](#))
15. **Soni, Aparna** & Taryn Morrissey. (2022). "The Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Home Production and Childcare." *Southern Economic Journal*, 88(3), 931-950. ([Link](#))
14. Lin, Lauren, **Aparna Soni**, Lindsay Sabik, & Coleman Drake. (2021). "Changes in Early- and Late-Stage Cancer Diagnosis Under Three Years of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 60(1), 104-109. ([Link](#))
13. **Soni, Aparna**. (2020). "The Effects of Public Health Insurance on Health Behaviors: Evidence from the First Five Years of Medicaid Expansion." *Health Economics*, 29(12), 1586-1605. ([Link](#))
12. **Soni, Aparna**, *Cong Gian, Kosali Simon, & Benjamin Sommers. (2020). "Levels of Employment and Community Engagement among Low-Income Adults: Implications for Work Requirements." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 45(6), 1059-1082. ([Link](#))
11. Wen, Hefei, **Aparna Soni**, Alex Hollingsworth, Seth Freedman, Joe Benitez, Kosali Simon, & Brendan Saloner. (2020). "Association Between Medicaid Expansion and Rates of Opioid-Related Hospital Use." *JAMA Internal Medicine*, 180(5), 753-759. ([Link](#))
10. **Soni, Aparna**, Laura Wherry, & Kosali Simon. (2020). "How Have Affordable Care Act Insurance Expansions Affected Health Outcomes? Findings from the Literature." *Health Affairs*, 39(3), 371-378. ([Link](#))
9. Woroncowicz, Joanna, **Aparna Soni**, Seth Freedman, & Kosali Simon. (2019). "How Have Recent Health Insurance Expansions Affected Coverage Among Artist Occupations?" *Journal of Cultural Economics*, 44, 117-154. ([Link](#))
8. Hollingsworth, Alex, **Aparna Soni**, Aaron Carroll, John Cawley, & Kosali Simon. (2019). "Gains in Health Insurance Coverage Explain Variation in Democratic Vote Share in the 2016 Presidential Election." *PLoS ONE*, 14(4), e0214206. ([Link](#))
7. Decker, Sandra, Asako Moriya, & **Aparna Soni**. (2018). "Coverage For Self-Employed and Others without Employer Offers Increased After 2014." *Health Affairs*, 37(8), 1238-1242. ([Link](#))
6. Cawley, John, **Aparna Soni**, & Kosali Simon. (2018). "Third Year of Survey Data Shows Continuing Benefits of Medicaid Expansions for Low-Income Childless Adults in the U.S." *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 33, 1495-1497. ([Link](#))
5. **Soni, Aparna**, Kosali Simon, John Cawley, & Lindsay Sabik. (2018). "Effect of Medicaid Expansions of 2014 on Overall and Early-Stage Cancer Diagnoses." *American Journal of Public Health*, 108(2), 216-218. ([Link](#))
4. **Soni, Aparna**, Lindsay Sabik, Kosali Simon, & Benjamin Sommers. (2018). "Changes in Insurance Coverage Among Cancer Patients After the Affordable Care Act." *JAMA Oncology*, 4(1), 122-124. ([Link](#))
3. **Soni, Aparna**, Marguerite Burns, Laura Dague, & Kosali Simon. (2017). "Medicaid Expansion Status and State Trends in Supplemental Security Income Program Participation." *Health Affairs*, 38(8), 1485-1488. ([Link](#))
2. **Soni, Aparna**, Michael Hendryx, & Kosali Simon. (2017). "Medicaid Expansions under the Affordable Care Act and Insurance Coverage in Rural and Urban Areas." *Journal of Rural Health*, 33(2), 217-226. ([Link](#))

1. Simon, Kosali, **Aparna Soni**, & John Cawley. (2017). “The Impact of Health Insurance on Preventive Care and Health Behaviors: Evidence from the First Two Years of the ACA Medicaid Expansions.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 36(2), 390-417. ([Link](#))

Other Published Work

Soni, Aparna. (2020). “Regarding “Association Between Medicaid Expansion and Rates of Opioid-Related Hospital Use” – Reply.” *JAMA Internal Medicine*, 180(10), 1402-1403. ([Link](#))

Simon, Kosali, Ausmita Ghosh, Angshuman Gooptu, & **Aparna Soni**. (2016). “Health Impacts of the Affordable Care Act Insurance Expansions and the 2010 Young Adult Provision.” Center Paper, Retirement and Disability Research Center, National Bureau of Economic Research. ([Link](#))

Papers under Review

Soni, Aparna & Erdal Tekin. “How do Mass Shootings Affect Community Wellbeing?” (revisions requested at *Journal of Human Resources*) ([Link](#))

Soni, Aparna, Lindsey Bullinger, Christina Andrews, Amanda Abraham, & Kosali Simon. “The Impact of State Medicaid Eligibility and Benefits Policy on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Hospitalizations.” (revisions requested at *Contemporary Economic Policy*)

*Castleberry, Neko, Taryn Morrissey, & **Aparna Soni**. “New York State’s Paid Family Leave Program and Health Behaviors.”

Ziedan, Engy, Sumedha Gupta, **Aparna Soni**, Kosali Simon, *Samantha Strong, & Brownsyne Tucker Edmonds. “Medicaid-Enrolled Mothers Saw Large Decreases in Prenatal Care Utilization During COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Soni, Aparna. “The Impact of Medicare Part D on Informal Caregiving: Evidence from Time Use Data.” ([Link](#))

Soni, Aparna. “Estimating Price Elasticities of Demand for Pain Relief Drugs: Evidence from Medicare Part D.” ([Link](#))

Works in Progress

Persico, Claudia, Dave Marcotte, Elizabeth Suhay, & **Aparna Soni**. “Unemployment and Trust in Government.”

Drake, Coleman, Jiebing Wen, Dylan Nagy, **Aparna Soni**, Julie Donohue, & Hefei Wen. “The Impact of Opioid Prescribing Limits on Opioid-Related Emergency Department Visits.”

Soni, Aparna. “Impacts of the Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Mandate on Young Adults’ Consumption.”

Soni, Aparna. “Drugs and Diet: The Impact of Prescription Drug Insurance on Food Consumption.”

Soni, Aparna, Kosali Simon, & John Cawley. “Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Self-Assessed Health in the Sixth Year After Expansion.”

*Student coauthor working under my guidance.

Conference Presentations

2022 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (forthcoming); Social Equity Leadership Conference

2021 American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

2020	Eastern Economic Association; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management
2019	American Economic Association; American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association
2018	American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association
2017	AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting; AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group (poster); Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Eastern Economic Association; International Health Economics Association; IU/UofL/VU Health Economics & Policy Workshop; Population Health Science Workshop (poster)
2016	American Society of Health Economists (poster); IU/UofL/VU Health Economics & Policy Workshop

Invited Seminars & External Presentations

2021	Los Angeles City Health Commission; Vanderbilt University
2020	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
2018	American University; Boston University; George Washington University; Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Pennsylvania State University; US Food & Drug Administration; University of Utah

Media Coverage of Research (Selected)

[Associated Press](#); [US News & World Report](#); [ABC News](#); [Florida Public Radio](#); [Los Angeles Times](#); [Reuters](#); [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#); [Indiana Public Radio](#); [West Virginia Public Radio](#); [Wisconsin Public Radio](#); [Jacksonville Public Radio](#); [CNBC](#); [Los Angeles Times](#); [AFP Fact Check](#); [The Hill](#); [The Detroit News](#); [Denver Post](#)

EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

2020-22	National Science Foundation, Standard Grant (\$199,933 direct costs) “Societal Trust and Health amidst COVID-19, and an Evaluation Framework for the Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN)” with Elizabeth Suhay, Dave Marcotte, and Claudia Persico Role: Co-PI
2019-20	National Bureau of Economic Research, P30 Pilot Research Grant (\$39,464 direct costs) “Pharmaceutical Access, Functional Outcomes, and Implications for Caregivers” Role: PI
2018	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, Research Grant (\$7,500) “Reducing Health Disparities among People Diagnosed with Cancer: The Role of Public Health Insurance Expansions” Role: PI

INTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

2022	School of Public Affairs Summer Research Award, American University (\$5,000)
2022	School of Public Affairs/Washington Institute for Public Affairs Research Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, American University (\$7,500)
2021	School of Public Affairs Summer Research Award, American University (\$5,000)

2021	Public Affairs and Policy Lab Faculty Scholar, American University (\$4,000)
2020	Faculty Research Support Grant, American University (\$10,000)
2020	School of Public Affairs Summer Research Award, American University (\$5,000)
2020	Public Affairs and Policy Lab Faculty Scholar, American University (\$4,000)
2018	Doctoral Student Research Productivity Grant, Indiana University (\$3,700)
2017	Doctoral Student Research Productivity Grant, Indiana University (\$3,700)
2017	Doctoral Research Travel Grant, Indiana University (\$600)
2016	Doctoral Student Research Productivity Grant, Indiana University (\$3,700)
2016	Travel Grant, Indiana University Graduate & Professional Student Government (\$500)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020	Best Student Paper Award, American Society of Health Economists
2018	Associate Instructor Teaching Award, Indiana University
2018	Panschar Teaching Award Finalist, Indiana University
2017	Best Poster Award, AcademyHealth-Health Economics Interest Group
2017	Panschar Teaching Award Finalist, Indiana University
2016	Clements & Clements Scholarship Essay Contest Winner
2011	Summa Cum Laude, Boston University
2007-11	Legacy Scholarship, Boston University
2007-11	Trustee Scholarship (full tuition), Boston University

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

2023	PUAD 685: Healthcare Policy; American University Spring 2023 (1 section) – forthcoming.
2021	PUAD 630: Public Managerial Economics; American University Spring 2021 (2 sections).
2019-23	PUAD 670: Economics for Policy Analysis; American University Fall 2019 (2 sections). Fall 2020 (2 sections). Spring 2023 (1 section).
2018	G202: Business, Government, and Society; Indiana University Summer 2018.
2015-18	G300: Intro to Managerial Economics; Indiana University Fall 2015. Spring 2016. Summer 2017. Summer 2018.

Guest Lectures

2019	H324: Health Policy; School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University “The Opioid Epidemic and Policy Responses”
2018	P303: Health Psychology; Department of Psychology, Indiana University “Health Care Reform and the Affordable Care Act”

Doctoral Student Advising

2022-	Samantha Luciani (Public Administration & Policy, American University)
2022	Angie Ahmadi (Economics, American University)
2020-	Alexandra Rakus (Public Administration & Policy, American University)
2020-	Neko Michelle Castleberry (Public Administration & Policy, American University)

SERVICE TO FIELD

Conference Organizing

- 2020 DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia) Health Economics Workshop (Co-Organizer)
[Conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic]

Conference Discussant

- 2021 American Society of Health Economists
2020 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management International Conference
2019 American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association
2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association
2017 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; International Health Economics Association; Eastern Economic Association

Journal Reviewing

Addiction; American Journal of Health Economics; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; American Journal of Public Health; Annals of Internal Medicine; BMC Health Services Research; Cancer; CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians; Contemporary Economic Policy; Economics & Human Biology; Health Affairs; Health Economics; Health Services Research; Inquiry; International Journal of Health Economics and Management; JAMA; JAMA Health Forum; JAMA Internal Medicine; JAMA Oncology; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of General Internal Medicine; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis & Management; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Rural Health; Journal of the National Cancer Institute; Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network; Medical Care Research & Review; Obesity; PLOS ONE; Preventive Medicine; Public Health Reports; Review of Economics & Statistics; Southern Economic Journal; The Lancet; USC Schaeffer for Health Policy & Economics; World Medical & Health Policy

Conference Abstract Reviewing

- 2022 Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference “Health Policy” area; ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization
2021 Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference “Health Policy” area
2020 Association for Public Policy and Management International Conference “Health Access and Coverage” area (Co-Chair); DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia) Health Economics Workshop
2018 American Society of Health Economists Conference “Demand for and Effects of Health Insurance” area; AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting “Coverage, Access, and Medicaid” area
2017 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting “Coverage, Access, and Medicaid” area

Professional Affiliations

AcademyHealth; American Economic Association; American Society of Health Economists; International Health Economics Association; Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Seminar Organizing

- 2020-21 Policy Brown Bag, American University
- 2016-18 Health Policy Workshop, Indiana University

Panels

- 2022 NYC Urban Fellows Mock Interviews Panel, American University
- 2021 Moderator for talk on Medicare for All with Dr. Abdul El-Sayed & Dr. Micah Johnson, American University ([Link](#))
- 2021 PhD Admit Day, American University
- 2021 MPA/MPP Top Prospect Day, American University
- 2020 Election 2020 Beyond the Talking Points: How Do We Move to Bipartisan Solutions, American University ([Link](#))
- 2020 Canvas Show and Tell, American University
- 2020 New Faculty Orientation, American University
- 2019 Doctoral Professional Development Seminar, American University
- 2019 Fulbright Review Panel, American University

Other

- 2022 PhD Admissions Committee, School of Public Affairs, American University
- 2021 NASPAA Reaccreditation Committee, School of Public Affairs, American University
- 2021- Mentor for Science City Fellows Program, American University
- 2020- Advisory Committee, Center for Neuroscience and Behavior, American University
- 2020 SPA Answers the Big Questions Film, American University ([Link](#))
- 2019 Expert Predictions for 2020 Film, American University ([Link](#))
- 2017-18 Mentor for summer health research scholars program, Indiana University
- 2017 University representative for “PhD Project” conference to support underrepresented minorities in pursuing graduate degrees