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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Health economics; Health policy

EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration & Policy, American University (Washington, DC)
- 2019- Research Economist, Center for Aging & Health Research, National Bureau of Economic Research (temporary position associated with grant)
- 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 (May 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 (May 2011)
- B.A. in Economics and Journalism, Boston University (May 2011)

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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*, forthcoming. ([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). "Effects of ACA Insurance Expansions on 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](#))

Papers under Review

Soni, Aparna. "Health Insurance, Price Changes, and the Demand for Pain Relief Drugs: Evidence from Medicare Part D." ([Link](#))

Soni, Aparna. "Increasing Pharmaceutical Access for the Elderly Improves Functional Outcomes: Implications for Caregivers."

Soni, Aparna, Cong Gian, Kosali Simon, & Benjamin Sommers. "Levels of Employment and Community Engagement among Medicaid-Eligible Adults: Implications for Work Requirements."

Wen, Hefei, **Aparna Soni**, Alex Hollingsworth, Seth Freedman, Kosali Simon, & Brendan Saloner. "Impacts of Medicaid Expansion on Opioid-Related Hospital Events."

Works in Progress

Lin, Lauren, Coleman Drake, **Aparna Soni**, & Lindsay Sabik. "Affordable Care Act Marketplace Enrollment and Cancer Diagnosis."

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

Bailey, James, Nathan Blascak, Slava Mikhed, & **Aparna Soni**. "Impacts of the Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Mandate on Young Adults' Consumption."

Friedson, Andrew & **Aparna Soni**. "Impacts of the Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Mandate on Households."

Simon, Kosali, **Aparna Soni**, & Laura Wherry. "Health Impacts of the Affordable Care Act over the Past 10 Years."

Lin, Haizhen, **Aparna Soni**, & Yaying Zhou. "The Impact of Market Concentration on Premiums in the Employer Sponsored Insurance Market."

Conference Presentations

2019 American Economic Association; American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (forthcoming); Southern Economic Association (forthcoming)

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

- 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

US News & World Report; ABC News; Los Angeles Times; Reuters; MSN News; Philadelphia Inquirer; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Indiana Public Radio; West Virginia Public Radio; Wisconsin Public Radio

EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2019 P30 Pilot Research Grant, National Bureau of Economic Research (\$35,000)
“Effects of Increasing Pharmaceutical Access on Elderly People’s Functional Outcomes and Implications for Caregivers”
- 2018 Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$7,500)
“Reducing Health Disparities among People Diagnosed with Cancer: The Role of Public Health Insurance Expansions”

INTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 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

- 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

- 2019- PUAD670: Economics for Policy Analysis; American University
Fall 2019 (2 sections, forthcoming).
- 2018 G202: Business, Government, and Society; Indiana University
Summer 2018.
- 2015-18 G303: Intro to Managerial Economics; Indiana University
Fall 2015. Spring 2016. Summer 2017, 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”

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

- 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; Indiana University
- 2016-17 Student coordinator for weekly health policy workshop; Indiana University

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Conference Discussant

- 2019 American Society of Health Economists; Association for Public Policy Analysis &
Management (forthcoming); Southern Economic Association (forthcoming)
- 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

American Journal of Preventive Medicine; Annals of Internal Medicine; Health Affairs; Health Economics; Health Services Research; JAMA Oncology; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis & Management; Journal of Rural Health; Obesity; Preventive Medicine; Southern Economic Journal; World Medical & Health Policy

Conference Abstract Reviewing

American Society of Health Economists; AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting

Professional Affiliations

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