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EDUCATION

2015	PhD, Health Policy & Administration;	University of Illinois at Chicago
2007	MPH, Health Behavior;	University of Kentucky
2005	BS, Psychology;	University of Georgia

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medicaid, Health Economics; Applied Econometrics; Roles of Public Policy in Addressing Access to Care; Health Care Safety Net Providers

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Primary Appointments

2019-Present	University of Kentucky, Markey Cancer Center Member, Cancer Prevention and Control Program
2018-Present	University of Kentucky Assistant Professor, Department of Health Management & Policy
2015-2018	University of Louisville Assistant Professor, Department of Health Management & Systems Sciences, School of Public Health & Systems Sciences

Secondary Appointments

2017-Present	Indiana University Visiting Scholar, School of Public and Environmental Affairs
2016-Present	University of Louisville Faculty Scholar, Commonwealth Institute of Kentucky, School of Public Health & Systems Sciences
2015-2018	University of Louisville Associate, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Joseph Benitez with Victoria Perez and Eric Seiber. Can Access to Medicaid Coverage Mitigate the Effects of Economic Downturns? *Revise and Re-submit at Medical Care Research & Review.*

Joseph Benitez with Renuka Tipirneni, Victoria Perez, and Matthew M. Davis (2019). Post Expansion Medicaid Acceptability and the Influence of Provider Supply. *Medical Care*. 2019;57(5):348-352. doi:10.1097/MLR.0000000000001110

Victoria Perez, **Joseph Benitez**, and Eric Seiber (2018). “Elasticity of Medicaid Access with Respect to State Financial Distress.” AEA Papers and Proceedings, 108: 384–387. doi: 10.1257/pandp.20181107.

Joseph Benitez with Eric Seiber (2017). U.S. Health Care Reform and Rural America: Results from the ACA’s Medicaid Expansions. *Journal of Rural Health* doi: 10.1111/jrh.12284

Joseph Benitez, E. Kathleen Adams and Eric Seiber (2017). Did Health Care Reform Help Kentucky Address Disparities among the Poor? *Health Services Research*. 2018 June; 53(3):1387-1406. doi: 10.1111/1475-6773.12699

Joseph Benitez, Liza Creel, and J’Aime Jennings (2017). Who and Where are Kentucky’s Remaining Uninsured? *Medical Care*. 55(3): 215-219. doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000000646

Joseph Benitez, Liza Creel, and J’Aime Jennings (2016). Kentucky Medicaid Expansion Showing Early Promise on Coverage and Access to Care. *Health Affairs*. 35(3). doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2015.1294

Press Coverage:

[89.3 WFPL](#): ‘Study: Medicaid Expansion Led to Dramatic Drop in Kentucky Uninsured’

[WTVQ](#): ‘Citing Study Data, Beshear Continues Bid to Preserve State Health Exchange’

Joseph Benitez, Bettie Coplan, Rick Dehn, and Roderick S. Hooker (2015). Payment Source and Provider Type in the U.S. Healthcare System. *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*. 28(3): 46-53. doi: 10.1097/01.JAA.0000460924.36251.eb

Roderick S. Hooker, **Joseph Benitez**, Bettie Coplan, and Rick Dehn (2013). Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner Ambulatory Care and Chronic Disease Management. *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*. 36(4): 293-301. doi: 10.1097/JAC.0b013e3182a12ea1.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Joseph Benitez with Victoria Perez and Renuka Tipirneni. Did Medicaid Expansion Reduce Access among the Privately Insured? *Under Review*

Jose Fernandez, Elizabeth Munnich, and Joseph Benitez. Demand Induced Supply? Health Insurance Expansion and the Supply of Health Care Providers. *Under Review*

FUNDED GRANT SUPPORT

The Recession, Health Disparities, and Access to Medicaid. Disparities Researchers Equalizing Access for Minorities (DREAM) Scholars Program in the Center for Health Equity Transformation in the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. September 15, 2018-September 14, 2019. Principal Investigator, \$8,000.00

The Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Source of Hospital Care. Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise at the University of Kentucky College of Business and Economics. August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019. Principal Investigator, \$8,000.00.

What are the Effects of Medicaid Non-Expansion on Disproportionate Share Hospital Care?
AcademyHealth New Investigator Small Grant Program. Award ID: 2016.997.002. January 1, 2016-
December 31, 2016. Principal Investigator, \$10,000.00

The Effects of Medically Underserved Area designation on Access to Care. Agency for Health Care
Research and Quality (AHRQ) Health Services Research Dissertation Award (R36). Grant #1R36
HS23053-01. April 1, 2014-July 31, 2015. Principal Investigator, \$37,197.00

OTHER WORKS IN PROGRESS

Hefei Wen, **Joseph Benitez**, and Julie Donohue. The Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Opioid-Related Hospitalizations.

Joseph Benitez with Kenton Johnston, E. Kathleen Adams, and Edmond Becker. Medicaid Expansion and Changes in Hospital Choice

Joseph Benitez. The Affordable *Housing* Act? The Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Rental Evictions.

Joseph Benitez with Susie Camilleri and Ryan McKenna. Medicaid Expansion and DSH-Dependent Hospitals.

Joseph Benitez with Stephanie Boone and Michael Eggers. Early Effects of Kentucky's Medicaid Expansion on Disparities in Cancer Diagnosis Patterns.

Joseph Benitez with Benjamin D. Sommers. Level of Need and the Impact of Medicaid Expansion.

Eric Seiber, Wendy Xu, Brian Hilligoss, and **Joseph Benitez.** Dependent Employer Sponsored Insurance Coverage in Two Worker Families during the Affordable Care Act.

Joseph Benitez with Susan Camilleri and Salama Freed. Different Votes, Same Strokes: Did the Impacts of Kentucky's Health Reform Cross Party Lines?

Victoria Perez and **Joseph Benitez.** Hospital Capacity Changes in response to Medicaid Expansion.

UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

Anthony T. Lo Sasso, R. Tamara Konetzka, Coady Wing, & Joseph Benitez. *A Market for Long – Term Care Beds in Illinois: A Report for the Long – Term Care Subcommittee of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.* Supported by Contract #42700018B, “Study of Viability of LTC Bed Buy/Sell Program in Illinois Department of Public Health. April 2014.

OTHER PRESS COVERAGE

Chris Larson. [*What it means for Kentucky if Trump cuts health insurance subsidies.*](#) Louisville Business First. Commentary. August 1, 2017.

Chris Larson. [*What does the Humana departure from ACA exchanges mean for Obamacare?*](#) Louisville Business First. Commentary. February 17, 2017

Karen Pllarito. [*Obamacare's Medicaid Expansions May Be Improving Care.*](#) U.S. News & World Report. Commentary. August 8, 2016.

HONORS & AWARDS

2016-2017	Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellowship
2015	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Program: Ninth Annual Research and Coaching Clinic Attendee
2014	American Society of Health Economics Scholarship for Women & Underrepresented Minorities
2013	International Conference on Health Policy Statistics Student Travel Award
2011-2012	University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health Traineeship Award
2011	Lyman T. Johnson Torch of Excellence Award, University of Kentucky
2011	Delta Omega, Public Health Honor Society, Alumni Inductee
2007	Promising Practitioner Award, University of Kentucky College of Public Health
2006	Academic Enhancement Scholarship, University of Kentucky College of Public Health
2005-2007	Lyman T. Johnson Fellow, University of Kentucky Graduate School

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Affordable *Housing* Act? What was the Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Rental Evictions? Podium presentation. APPAM. Washington, DC. November 9, 2018

“Medicaid as a Safety Net: Can Access to Medicaid Coverage Mitigate the Effects of Economic Downturns?” Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Health Economics Seminar. April 2018

“Medicaid, Access to Care and Times of Economic Downturn.” American Economic Association annual meeting. Podium presentation. Philadelphia, PA. January 6, 2018

“Isolating the Impact of Medicaid Expansion: Changes in Coverage, Access, and Preventive Care after Medicaid Expansion in Higher- vs. Lower-Need Areas.” APPAM. Podium presentation. Chicago, IL. November 4, 2017

“DSH Dependent Hospitals and the Affordable Care Act.” AcademyHealth. Podium presentation. New Orleans, LA. June 26, 2017

“Achieving Quality Outcomes in Youth Prescribed Antipsychotic Medications: What Matters.” AcademyHealth. Podium presentation. New Orleans, LA. June 24, 2017

“Health Reform and Kentucky’s Economy.” Central Kentucky Association of Health Underwriters Annual Symposium. Lexington, KY (Invited Panelist). February 21, 2017

“Diff’rent Votes, Same Strokes: Did the Impacts of Kentucky’s Health Reform Cross Party Lines?”
Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Bloomington, IN (Invited Speaker).
December 1, 2016

“Six Years After the ACA: Where Are We?” Kentucky Economic Association Annual Meeting.
Lexington, KY (Invited Panelist). October 21, 2016

“The Affordability in the Affordable Care Act: Did Kentucky’s Medicaid Expansion Affect Out-of-Pocket Medical Spending?”

- University of Kentucky Center for Health Services Research Work in Progress Seminar.
Lexington, KY (Invited Presentation). March 11, 2016

“Early Evidence on the Effects of Kentucky’s Medicaid Expansion on Coverage and Access to Care.”

- University of Louisville School of Medicine Child and Adolescent Health Research Design and Support (CAHRDS) Weekly Seminar Series. December 15, 2015
- University of Louisville School of Public Health and Systems Sciences Research Incubation Seminar. November 19, 2015

“The Effects of Medically Underserved Area Designation on Access to Care.” American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting. Boston, MA (Poster Presentation). January 5, 2015.

“What are the Effects of Smoking in the Labor Market?” American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) 5th Biennial Meeting. Los Angeles, CA (Oral Presentation). June 25, 2014.

“The Effects of a Trauma Center Closure on Health Care Outcomes and Costs: An Instrumental Variable Based Approach.” 10th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics. Chicago, IL (Poster). October 9, 2013.

“Payment for Health Care Services Differs Depending on the Type of Providers: Results from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.” AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Baltimore, MD (Poster). June 24, 2013

“Community health center effects on the medically underserved: a panel data analysis of U.S. county mortality rates, 2000 - 2008.” National Conference on Health Statistics. Washington, DC (Poster). August 7, 2012

“Community Health Center Coverage Effects on Financial Barriers to Care.” AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Orlando, FL (Poster). June 25, 2012

“Medically Underserved School Children: Expanding Access to School Nurse Services.” AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, WA (Poster). June 12, 2011

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2007-2010 ORISE Research Fellow, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Division of Adult & Community Health

2006 Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Disease Fellow, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, National Center for Public Health Informatics, Division of Emergency Preparedness & Response

TEACHING

<u>Courses Taught</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Term(s)</u>
Health Economics	MPH	University of Louisville	Fall 2016, Fall 2017
Health Services Research Methods I	PhD	University of Louisville	Spring 2017, Spring 2018
Health Services Research Methods II	PhD	University of Louisville	Fall 2017
Economic Evaluation for Health Care	PhD	University of Louisville	Spring 2018
Introduction to Health Care Organizations & Policy	Undergraduate	University of Kentucky	Fall 2018

<u>Courses Developed</u>	<u>University</u>
Health Economics	University of Louisville
Health Services Research Methods I (Regression Models in HSR)	University of Louisville
Health Services Research Methods II (Applied Econometrics for HSR)	University of Louisville
Economic Evaluation for Health Care	University of Louisville
Introduction to Health Care Organizations and Policy	University of Kentucky

Student Advising

Doctoral

University of Kentucky	Timothy Williams – DrPH Capstone Committee Member Department of Health Management & Policy College of Public Health 2019-Present
University of Louisville	Gabriel Jones – PhD Dissertation Committee Member Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences 2017-Present
University of Louisville	Warren King – PhD Dissertation Committee Member Department of Pan-African Studies College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 2016-Present
University of Louisville	Carmen Mitchell – PhD Program Advisor Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences 2016-2018
University of Louisville	Maresa Corder - PhD Dissertation Committee Chair Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences 2015-2017

Masters

- University of Kentucky Katherine Youngen –MPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2019
- University of Kentucky Bongwiwe Malinga–MPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Spring 2019
- University of Kentucky Robert West–MPH Capstone Committee Member
Department of Health Management & Policy
College of Public Health
Fall 2018
- University of Louisville Sonali Salunkhe –MPH Program Advisor
Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2017-2018
- University of Louisville Joshua Wilson–MPH Program Advisor
Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2016-2018
- University of Louisville John Craycroft – MS Thesis Committee Member
Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
2015-2016

Undergraduate

- University of Kentucky Alexis Nuara
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
Spring 2019
- University of Kentucky Shaelyn Richardson
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
Spring 2019
- University of Kentucky Sivling Lo
CPH 395 – Independent Study Advisor
College of Public Health
Fall 2018
- University of Louisville Anmol Kanotra – Senior Thesis Committee Member
Department of Economics
College of Business
2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Affiliations

2010-Present AcademyHealth
 2013-Present American Economic Association (AEA)
 2012-Present American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)
 2013-Present Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
 2012-Present International Health Economics Association (iHEA)

Journal Referee

2017-Present *American Journal of Public Health*
 2017-Present *Economics and Human Biology*
 2016-Present *Health Services Research*
 2016-Present *Healthcare: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation*
 2014-Present *Health Affairs*
 2016-Present *INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing*
 2014-Present *Medical Care*
 2017-Present *Journal of General Internal Medicine*
 2017-Present *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*
 2015-Present *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*
 2016-Present *Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*

University Service

Spring 2019 Search Committee Member
 Center for Innovation in Population Health
 College of Public Health
 University of Kentucky

Spring 2019 Search Committee Member
 Department of Health Management & Policy
 College of Public Health
 University of Kentucky

Fall 2018 Undergraduate Committee Member
 College of Public Health
 University of Kentucky

3/2018 Search Committee Member
 Department of Epidemiology & Population Health
 School of Public Health and Information Sciences
 University of Louisville

9/2015-2017 Introduction to Biostatistics Workgroup
 Health Management and Systems Sciences Representative
 Department of Bioinformatics & Biostatistics

School of Public Health and Information Sciences
University of Louisville

9/2015-Present Health Services Research PhD Committee
Health Management and Systems Sciences
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
University of Louisville

Other Service

- 2016-Present Advisory Board Member, AcademyHealth State Health Research & Policy Interest Group
- 2019 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
State Health Research and Policy Interest Group
Health Disparities Interest Group
- 2018 ASHEcon Scientific Review Committee
- 2017 Discussant, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting:
Session: *Effect of Coverage Changes on Vulnerable Populations*
- 2017 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
- 2016 Panelist, 'Medicaid Evaluation Workshop' (November 16, 2016)
Jointly sponsored by: *Urban Institute, AcademyHealth, The School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University*
- 2016 Panelist, 'Kentucky Health: Making Data Count' Webinar (September 28, 2016)
Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
- 2016 Objective Reviewer, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH),
ASPPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellowship Program
- 2016 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
State Health Research and Policy Interest Group
- 2015 Abstract Reviewer, ASHEcon, 6th Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists
Health, Labor Markets, and the Economy Session
Health Systems, Health Reform and Health Care Financing Session
Maternal and Child Health Session
- 2012, 2013 Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Health Disparities Theme
- 2012 Moderator, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
Session: *Addressing Disparities: The Role of Safety Net Providers*