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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Research Professor, USC Price School of Public Policy	2015 – Present
Associate Director of Health Policy, USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics	2018 – Present
Nonresident Fellow, Brookings Institution	2018 – Present
Postdoctoral Fellow, USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics and UCLA Fielding School of Public Health	2013 – 2015

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Ph.D. in Health Policy and Economics Dissertation: Essays on Competition in US Private Health Insurance Markets	August 2013
Johns Hopkins University B.S. in Biomedical Engineering Minors in Mathematics and Bioethics	May 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Howard DH, Herring B, Graves J, Trish E. “Provider-owned insurers in the individual market” *American Journal of Managed Care*, forthcoming.

Trish E, Xu J, Joyce G. “Growing Number of Unsubsidized Part D Beneficiaries with Catastrophic Spending Suggests Need for an Out-of-Pocket Cap” *Health Affairs* 2018 Jul; 37(7):1048-1056.

Zhang X, Trish E, Sood N. “Financial Burden of Healthcare Utilization in Consumer-Directed Health Plans” *American Journal of Managed Care* 2018 Apr; 24(4):e115-e121.

Trish E, Ginsburg P, Gascue L, Joyce G. “Physician Reimbursement in Medicare Advantage Compared with Traditional Medicare and Commercial Health Insurance” *JAMA Internal Medicine* 2017 Sep; 177(9):1287-1295.

Howard D, Trish E. “Provider-Owned Insurers” *American Journal of Managed Care*, 2017 Sep 23:9:566-7.

Trish E, Herring B. “Does Limiting Allowable Rating Variation in the Small Group Health Insurance Market Affect Employer Self-Insurance?” *Journal of Risk and Insurance* (2016).

Trish E, Xu J, Joyce G. “Medicare Beneficiaries Face Growing Out-Of-Pocket Burden for Specialty Drugs While in Catastrophic Coverage Phase.” *Health Affairs* 2016 Oct 35:9:1564-1571.

Herring B, Trish E. “Explaining the Growth in U.S. Healthcare Spending using State-Level Variation in Income, Insurance, and Provider Market Dynamics.” *Inquiry* 2015 Dec; 52.

Trish E, Herring B. “How Do Health Insurer Market Concentration and Bargaining Power with Hospitals Affect Health Insurance Premiums?” *Journal of Health Economics* 2015 Jul 42:104-114.

Herring B, Trish E. “The Distributional Effects of the Affordable Care Act’s Cadillac Tax by Worker Income” *AMA Journal of Ethics* 2015 Jul 17:7:672-9.

Trish E, Joyce G, Goldman DP. “Specialty Drug Spending Trends Among Medicare And Medicare Advantage Enrollees, 2007-11.” *Health Affairs* 2014 Nov 33:11:2018-2024.

Weiner JP, Trish E, Abrams C, Lemke K. “Adjusting for Risk Selection In State Health Insurance Exchanges Will Be Critically Important And Feasible, But Not Easy.” *Health Affairs* 2012 Feb 31:2:306-315.

POLICY REPORTS and WHITE PAPERS

Lieberman SM, Adler L, Trish E, Antos J, Bertko J, Ginsburg PB. [A proposal to enhance competition and reform bidding in the Medicare Advantage program](#). USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy, May 2018.

Bertko J, Ginsburg PB, Lieberman S, Trish E, Antos J. [Medicare Advantage: Better information tools, better beneficiary choices, better competition](#). USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy, November 2017.

Trish E, Damico A, Claxton G, Levitt L, Garfield R. [A Profile of Health Insurance Exchange Enrollees](#). Kaiser Family Foundation Policy Brief, March 2011.

BLOG POSTS and OP-EDs

Lieberman S, Trish E, Adler L, Antos JR, Bertko J, Ginsburg PB. [The Case for Reforming Competitive Bidding in Medicare Advantage](#). *Health Affairs Blog*, May 10, 2018.

Trish EE, Goldman DP. [Why health price regulations in California are misguided](#). *Sacramento Bee*, May 2, 2018.

Goldman DP, Trish EE. [Walmart and CVS have 15,000 combined stores. Why are both trying to buy health insurance companies?](#) *Los Angeles Times*, April 10, 2018.

Trish E, Adler L, Ginsburg P. [To promote stability in health insurance exchanges, end the uncertainty around cost-sharing and other rules.](#) *Brookings Institution*, April 20, 2017.

Trish E. [Why risk adjustment is a crucial component of individual market reform.](#) *Brookings Institution*, January 25, 2017.

WORKING PAPERS

“There was Significant Variation in the Value of Care Delivered to Medicare Beneficiaries Hospitalized for Heart Attack in 2013” (with John Romley, Dana Goldman, Melinda Buntin, Yulei He, and Paul Ginsburg), *Under Review*

“Does Health Insurance Market Concentration Influence Hospital Patients’ Experience of Care?” (with Caroline Hanson and Brad Herring), *Under Review*

“Quantifying Overinsurance Tied to the Tax Exclusion for Employment-Based Health Insurance” (with Brad Herring), *Under Review*

“Complexity, Defaults, and Health Insurance Choice” (with Silvia Barcellos)

“Building Better Regulations: How to Address Balance Billing” (with Chapin White and Erin Duffy)

“Projecting the ACA’s Impact on Firm Self-Insurance and the Small Group Market” (with Brad Herring)

AWARDED RESEARCH GRANTS

Surprise Medical Bills: Prevalence, Drivers, and Policy Solutions

Arnold Foundation

8/2018-7/2020

Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Paul Ginsburg)

\$1,321,496

This project evaluates surprise out-of-network medical bills, including their prevalence, drivers, implications, and the impact of state laws intended to address the issue.

Quantifying the Inefficiency of the Tax Exclusion for Employment-Based Health Insurance

Mercatus Center, George Mason University

3/2017-2/2019

Co-Investigator (PI: Brad Herring)

\$30,000

This project estimates the magnitude and distribution of the inefficiency of the tax exclusion for employment-based health insurance.

Evaluating Variation in Health Risk across Small Firms and its Implications for the Future of the Small Group Market

RWJF Policy-Relevant Insurance Studies #73779 9/2016-8/2017

Principal Investigator \$149,978

This study evaluates the extent of variation in health risk and expenditures across small group market firms and evaluates the impact of policy changes on market stability.

Provider-led Plans and Insurance Affordability

RWJF Policy-Relevant Insurance Studies #73800 9/2016-2/2017

Co-Investigator (PI: David Howard) \$86,420

This project assesses the impact of provider-led plans on competition in the exchanges and how premiums compare to plans sold by traditional insurers.

Exploring the Relationship between Provider Prices for Commercial and Medicare Advantage Enrollees

RWJF Changes in Healthcare Financing and Organization Initiative #72712 5/2015-11/2016

Principal Investigator \$170,406

This study evaluates prices paid to providers for treating Medicare Advantage beneficiaries and how they relate to commercial and Traditional Medicare prices and Medicare reimbursement generosity to Medicare Advantage plans.

Projecting the ACA's Impact on Firm Self-Insurance and the Small Group Market

RWJF Policy-Relevant Insurance Studies #72672 5/2015-12/2015

Principal Investigator \$98,369

This study simulates the impact of the ACA's community rating regulations on firm self-insurance decisions and their implications for state-level small group market premiums.

Assessing Value at US Hospitals

The Commonwealth Fund #20150135 1/2015-12/2015

Co-Investigator (PI: John Romley) \$247,045

The primary goal of this project is to develop and disseminate a clear and reliable measure of value in health care delivery for hospitals throughout the US.

How Do Medicare Advantage Plans Pay Providers?

USC Provost's Postdoctoral Scholar Research Grant 7/2014-6/2015

Principal Investigator \$25,000

This pilot project explores prices paid to providers for treating Medicare Advantage beneficiaries.

Exploring the Impact of Hospital-Market Concentration on Price Competition in Insurance Markets

RWJF Changes in Healthcare Financing and Organization Initiative #69070 6/2011-11/2012

Doctoral Student Researcher (PI: Brad Herring) \$148,835

This study examines the extent to which health insurance market concentration, hospital market concentration, and the interaction between the two impacts health insurance premiums.

PRESENTATIONS & TESTIMONIES

2018: California Assembly Select Committee on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage, AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, USC-Brookings Event on Patient Cost Sharing for Prescription Drugs: Policy Issues, ASHEcon, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
2017: RWJF/AcademyHealth Webinar, International Actuarial Association Health Section Webinar, Roybal Center for Health Decision Making and Financial Independence in Old Age Meeting, Society of Actuaries Webinar, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group, Risk Adjustment Network Meeting
2016: RWJF PRIS Grantee Briefing, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, RWJF HCFO Grantee Briefing
2015: University of Chicago, AcademyHealth Health Economics Interest Group, Federal Trade Commission/Department of Justice, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Amgen
2014: UCLA, ASHEcon, Colorado School of Public Health, Vanderbilt University
2013: National Center for Health Statistics, Urban Institute, Emory University, Mathematica Policy Research, Analysis Group, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, RAND Corporation, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
2012: Congressional Budget Office, RWJF HCFO Grantee Briefing

TEACHING

University of Southern California

Price School of Public Policy

Fall 2016

Fundamentals of Health Policy and Management (Undergraduate)

Marshall School of Business

Summer 2018

Executive Health Care Leadership Program

ADVISING

Doctoral Committee Membership

Erin Duffy, RAND PRGS (Proposal Defense, 2018)

Ning Ning, USC Pharmacy School (Proposal Defense, 2018)

Yifan Xu, USC Pharmacy School (Proposal Defense, 2017)

Samira Massachi, USC Pharmacy School (Proposal Defense, 2017)

Xinke Zhang, USC Pharmacy School (Final Defense, 2016)

Doctoral Qualifying Exam Committee Membership

Jianhui Xu, USC Price School of Public Policy (2018)

Other Mentorship

Taara Prasad, Price Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (2016-2017)

Sucharita Yellapragada, Price Undergraduate Directed Research Supervisor (2016)

Schaffer Center Summer Internship Mentor (2014-2018)

HONORS and FELLOWSHIPS

USC Price School Junior Investigator Award	2017
USC Price Research Award (Bronze)	2017
AHRQ NRSA Postdoctoral Training Fellowship	2013-15
Alison Snow Jones Prize in Health Economics	2013
AHRQ NRSA Predoctoral Training Fellowship	2008-10
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, <i>Honorable Mention</i>	2008
NIMH Training Fellowship	2007-08
Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering Vredenburg Scholar	2003

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard University , Cambridge, MA	2005-07
Research Assistant to Professors Kevin Eggan and Doug Melton, Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology	

ACADEMIC AND POLICY SERVICE

Editorial Activities

Editorial Review Board - Inquiry

Peer Review Activities – Journal Articles and Reports

American Journal of Managed Care, Congressional Budget Office, Forum for Health Economics and Policy, Health Affairs, Health Services Research, Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Insurance Issues, Medical Care Research and Review, Millbank Quarterly, Value in Health

Peer Review Activities – Scientific Meetings

Research Insights Conference, Project Advisory Committee (2017-18)
American Society of Health Economists Conference (2014, 2016)
AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting (2014)
Southeastern Health Economics Study Group (2013)

Academic Committee Service – University of Southern California

Price School of Public Policy Research Committee (2017-Present)
Price School of Public Policy PhD Degree Committee (2016-Present)

Academic Committee Service – Johns Hopkins University

Student Health Insurance Committee, *Student Representative* (2010-11)
Technology Transfer Committee, *Student Representative* (2007-09)

Policy Service

Ad hoc advisor to California Department of Insurance (2013-2015)

DISCLOSURE

Dr. Trish serves as a consultant to a capital management firm.