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Education

Ph.D. Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016

Dissertation: “Essays Examining the Effects of Parity and Prescription Drug Policies on Individuals with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders”

Advisors: Marguerite Burns (Chair), John Mullahy, Nancy Pandhi, David Vanness, and Barbara Wolfe

M.S. Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2012

B.A. Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2009

Employment

Georgia State University, Georgia Health Policy Center, June 2016–Present

Senior Research Associate, Medicaid Research Team

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Population Health Sciences, October 2014–May 2016

Project Assistant for Professor Marguerite Burns

Advanced Analytical Consulting Group, March 2011–May 2011

Consultant

Econ One Research, Inc., June 2009–March 2011

Analyst

Econ One Research, Inc., Summer 2008

Intern

Research Interests

Health care coverage and access issues for individuals with behavioral health disorders, public health insurance, health policy, health economics, health services research, comparative effectiveness analysis

Publications

Burns ME, Huskamp HA, **Smith JC**, Madden JM, and Soumerai SB. “The Effects of the Transition from Medicaid to Medicare on Health Care Use for Adults with Mental Illness.” *Medical Care*. Forthcoming.

Work in Progress

“A Mixed-Treatment-Meta-Analysis of 16 New-Generation Antidepressants to Evaluate Comparative Efficacy,” with David Vanness.

“Coverage for Benzodiazepines and Incidence of Inpatient Admissions for Substance Abuse.”

“Does Parity Translate to Treatment? The Impact of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act on Health Care Utilization for Substance Use Disorders.”

“The Effect of Discontinuing Coverage for Benzodiazepines on Health Care Use in the Tennessee Medicaid Population.”

Training & Awards

University of Wisconsin–Madison Rankin/Skatrud Travel Stipend Award, 2015

Amount \$ 1,000

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program Population Health Dissertation Grant, 2014

Amount \$ 5,000

International Center of Mental Health Policy and Economics Second Meeting on Patient Reported Outcomes and Person Centered Care in Mental Health Scholarship, 2014

Amount \$ 750

Institute for Research on Poverty Graduate Research Fellow, 2013–2014

University of Wisconsin Health-Economics Research Collaboration, 2013–2014

National Institute of Mental Health Graduate Fellowship in the Economics of Health and Mental Health, 2011–2014

Outstanding Graduate in Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2009

Pearl E. and Edward R. Moore Memorial Scholarship for Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2008

Frank B. Ward Memorial Scholarship for Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2007

Presentations

“Understanding the Impact of Discontinuing Medicaid Coverage for Benzodiazepines on Health care Utilization and Prescription Drug Abuse.” Population Health Sciences Graduate Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison. November 13, 2013.

“Does Parity Translate to Treatment? The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and Treatment for Substance Use Disorders.” Poster Presentation, American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, University of Southern California. June 23, 2014.

“A Network Meta-Analysis of 16 New-Generation Antidepressants to Evaluate Comparative Efficacy.” Conference Presentation, Second Meeting on Patient Reported Outcomes and Person Centered Care in Mental Health, International Center of Mental Health Policy and Economics. Washington, DC. September 27, 2014.

“Coverage for Benzodiazepines and Incidence of Inpatient Admissions for Substance Abuse.” Conference Presentation, Addiction Health Services Research Conference 2015. Marina Del Rey, CA. October 15, 2015.

Professional Affiliations

Academy Health, American Society of Health Economists

References

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