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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Vanderbilt University, Department of Medicine, Health and Society and Public Policy Studies
Assistant Professor August 2022-
Brown School of Public Health, Department of Health Services, Policy and Practice
Postdoctoral Research Associate 2021-2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University 2021
Committee: John Cawley (chair), Yuhua Bao, Colleen Carey, Nicolas Ziebarth
M.S., Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University 2018
M.P.P., University of Michigan 2013
B.A., Economics, Bowdoin College 2010

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Cawley J, **Wen K**. Policies to Prevent Obesity and Promote Healthier Diets: A Critical Selective Review. *Clinical Chemistry*. 2018;64(1):163-72.
2. Bao Y, **Wen K**, Johnson P, Jeng PJ, Meisel ZF, Schackman BR. Assessing the Impact of State Policies for Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs on High-risk Opioid Prescriptions. *Health Affairs*. 2018;37(10):1596-604.
3. Cawley J, Thow AM, **Wen K**, Frisvold D. The Economics of Taxes on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: A Review of the Effects on Prices, Sales, Cross-Border Shopping, and Consumption. *Annual Review of Nutrition*. 2019;39:317-38.
4. Rosen T, Zhang Y, Bao Y, Clark S, Elman A, **Wen K**, Jeng P, Lachs MS. Can Artificial Intelligence Help Identify Elder Abuse and Neglect? *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*. 2020;32(1):97-103.
5. **Wen K**, Johnson P, Jeng PJ, Schackman BR, Bao Y. State Policies for Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Adverse Opioid-related Hospital Events. *Medical Care*. 2020;58(7):610-6.
6. Bao Y, **Wen K**, Johnson P, Witkin LR, Reid MC. Abrupt Discontinuation of Long-Term Opioid Therapies Among Privately Insured or Medicare Advantage Adults, 2011–2017. *Pain Medicine*. 2020; 22(7):1702-1704.

7. Pichler S, **Wen K**, Ziebarth NR. COVID-19 Emergency Sick Leave Has Helped Flatten The Curve In The United States. *Health Affairs*. 2020;39(12):2197-204.
8. Rosen T, Bao Y, Zhang Y, Clark S, **Wen K**, Elman A, Jeng P, Bloemen E, Lindberg D, Krugman R, Campbell J. Identifying Patterns of Health care Utilisation Among Physical Elder Abuse Victims Using Medicare Data and Legally Adjudicated Cases: Protocol for Case–Control Study Using Data Linkage and Machine Learning. *BMJ Open*. 2021;11(2):e044768.
9. Pichler S, **Wen K**, Ziebarth NR. Positive Health Externalities of Mandating Paid Sick Leave. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 2021;40(3):715-743.
10. Bao Y, Zhang H, **Wen K**, Johnson P, Jeng PJ, Witkin LR, Nicholson S, Reid MC, Schackman BR. Robust Prescription Monitoring Programs and Abrupt Discontinuation of Long-term Opioid Use. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2021;61(4):537-544.
11. Rosen T, **Wen K**, Makaroun LK, Elman A, Zhang Y, Jeng PJ, LoFaso VM, Lachs MS, Clark S, Bao Y. Diagnostic Coding of Elder Mistreatment: Results from a National Database of Medicare Advantage and Private Insurance Patients, 2011-17. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. 2022;41(4):918-927.
12. Rosen, T, Zhang H, **Wen K**, et al. Comparison of Emergency Department and Hospital Utilization Among Older Adults Before and After Identification of Elder Mistreatment. *JAMA Network Open*. 2023;6(2):e2255853.
13. Montoya, A, **Wen K**, Travers J.L., Rivera-Hernandez M, White E, Mor V, Berry S. Resident Factors Associated with Breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 Infections. *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association*. 2023;24(6):901-905.
14. Hayes KN, Harris DA, Zullo AR, Chachlani P, **Wen K**, Smith-Ray RL, Djibo DA, McCarthy EP, Pralea A, Singh TG, McMahill-Walraven C, Taitel MS, Deng Y, Gravenstein S, Mor V. Racial and ethnic disparities in COVID-19 booster vaccination among U.S. older adults differ by geographic region and Medicare enrollment. *Frontiers in Public Health*. 2023;11:1243958.
15. Hayes KN, Harris DA, Zullo AR, Djibo DA, Smith-Ray RL, Taitel MS, Singh TG, McMahill-Walraven C, Chachlani P, **Wen K**, McCarthy EP, Gravenstein S, McCurdy S, Baird KE, Moran D, Fenson D, Deng Y, Mor V. Data Resource Profile: COVid VAXines Effects on the Aged (COVVAXAGE). *International Journal of Population Data Science*. 2023;8(6).
16. Zhang H, Bao Y, Baek D, Clark S, Elman A, Hancock D, Chang E, Jeng P, Gassoumis Z, Fetting N, Zhang Y, **Wen K**, Lachs M, Pillemer K, Rosen T. Healthcare Costs for Elder Mistreatment Victims in Comparison to Non-Mistreated Older Adults. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. Forthcoming.
17. **Wen K**, Harris DA, Chachlani P, Harris KN, McCarthy EP, Zullo AR, Smith-Rae R, Djibo A, McMahill-Walraven C, Hiris J, Mor V. U.S. Regional Variation in Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA COVID-19 Vaccination. *Health Affairs*. Forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

“The health and employment effects of employer vaccination mandates” (with Ashvin Gandhi, Ian Larken, Brian E. McGarry)

“COVID-19 and influenza vaccine co-administration among older US adults” (with Daniel Harris, Preeti Chachlani, Kaleen Hayes, Ellen McCarthy, Yalin Deng, Andrew Zullo, Audrey Djibo Djeneba, Cheryl McMahill-Walraven, Stefan Gravenstein, Vincent Mor; revised & resubmitted at *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*)

“Public insurance expansions, HIV, and risk behavior: The role of PrEP” (with Ben Harrell, Alex Hollingsworth, Sam Mann, and Shyam Raman)

“Influenza vaccination requirements in skilled nursing facilities: impacts on vaccination, illness, and mortality”

OTHER REPORTS AND OPINION PIECES

1. Connor P, Bartlett B, Mendelson M, Lawrence K, **Wen K**, et al. *WIC participant and program characteristics 2010, WIC-1-PC*. 2011. Alexandria, VA: Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
2. Pozniak P, **Wen K**, Olson K, Daley K, Klerman J. *Family and Medical Leave in 2012: Detailed results appendix*. 2012. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates.
3. Klerman J, Koralek R, Miller A, **Wen K**. *Job search assistance programs - A review of the literature*. OPRE Report No. 2012-39. 2012. Washington DC: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
4. Huckelbridge D, **Wen K**. “Washington: Trust the Experts, Save Paid Sick Leave” The Morning Consult, December 15, 2020.
5. Pichler S, **Wen K**, Ziebarth NR. “Sick? Stay Home!” VoxEU, March 5, 2021.

RESEARCH GRANTS

NIA AD/ADRD Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory. Supported by the National Institute on Aging (U54AG063546). Role: Consultant (\$81,167)	2023-2024
Cornell University Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities (\$1,000)	2019
Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorders, HCV, and HIV. “Policies to improve prescriber use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Opioid-Related Inpatient and Emergency Department Events.” Supported by National Institute on Drug Abuse (P30DA040500). Role: Principal Investigator (\$10,000)	2018-2019

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

⁺scheduled, ⁺⁺canceled due to COVID-19, ^{*}presented by co-author, ^{**}poster, ^{***}accepted but unable to attend

American Society of Health Economists Conference AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting* NBER Summer Institute – Aging Vanderbilt University Medical Center Grand Rounds	2023
American Society of Health Economists Conference NBER Summer Institute – Health Economics* Association for Policy Analysis and Management* Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*	2022
American Society of Health Economists Conference Association for Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference*** Bowdoin College+ Brown University School of Public Health Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting*** Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Office of Tax Analysis University of Georgia School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health Vanderbilt University	2021
American Society of Health Economists Conference** Association for Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference Bowdoin College Cornell University Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities Seminar Cornell University Policy Analysis and Management Seminar Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting Southern Utah University Triangle Health Economics Workshop	2020
AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting** – best poster nomination American Society of Health Economists Conference Association for Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference* Cornell University Institute on Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities Seminar Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting University of Michigan H2D2 Research Day	2019
American Society of Health Economists Conference** Association for Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference	2018

MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

The Real Reason Americans Aren't Isolating, The Atlantic , January 13.	2022
In This Latest COVID Surge, Americans Are Struggling to Make Ends Meet Without Sick Leave, The Nation, February 3.	
State Lawmakers Should Restore Local Authority on Paid Leave, The Tennessean , February 22.	

Railroad Workers Are Far From Alone In Being Denied Paid Sick Time. We Need a Federal Law, [The Hill](#), December 19.

Op-Ed: The U.S. Needs Paid Sick Leave. Here's How to Get it Right, [Yahoo News](#), May 22.
Biden Stimulus Calls for Expanded Paid Sick Leave to Help Workers Facing Coronavirus Challenges, [Washington Post](#), January 15. 2021

How Biden's Proposed Paid Sick Leave Would Work, [New York Times](#), January 17.

Covid Hand-outs: How Other Countries Pay if You are Sick, [BBC News](#), January 23.

The GOP Stimulus Counteroffer, Explained, [Vox](#), February 1.

COVID recovery requires addressing economic inequities, [The Hill](#), March 4.

Nearly 200 Businesses Urge Congress to Pass Paid Family Leave, [Washington Post](#), March 23.

How the First Confirmed State with a COVID-19 Outbreak Used Paid Sick Leave to Slow Infection Rates, [Forbes](#), May 1.

Positive Health Externalities of Mandating Paid Sick Leave, [JPAM Closer Look Podcast](#), June 28.

Avoiding Coronavirus May Be a Luxury Some Workers Can't Afford [New York Times Upshot](#), March 1. 2020

We are Ignoring One Obvious Way to Fight the Coronavirus, [New York Times Op-Ed](#), March 3.

As Coronavirus Spreads, the People Who Prepare Your Food Probably Don't Have Access to Paid Sick Leave, [Washington Post](#), March 4.

Coronavirus Pandemic Prompts Lawmakers to Push Paid Leave, [Pew Charitable Trusts](#), March 18.

Paid Sick Leave Significantly Reduces COVID-19, Study Finds, [HuffPost](#), October 16.

Factsheet: New Study Shows that Emergency Paid Sick Leave Reduced COVID-19 Infections in the United States, [Washington Center for Equitable Growth](#), October 26.

America Chose Sickness, and lost the Economy, [The Atlantic](#), November 2.

Paid Sick Leave Prevents Thousands of COVID Cases Daily, Study Says, [NPR Marketplace](#), November 5.

Millions of Americans Are About to Lose Emergency Paid Leave During the Pandemic, [Vox](#), December 18.

The Daily 202: Stimulus Deal Will Not Extend Emergency Paid Sick Leave, Which Helped Slow the Spread of COVID-19, [Washington Post](#), December 18.

TEACHING

Economics of Health (undergraduate)
Vaccine and Public Health Policy (undergraduate)

Spring 2023, Fall 2023
Spring 2024

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee chair, Publicity Committee, Dept. Medicine, Health, and Society 2023-2024
 Committee member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Dept. Medicine, Health, and Society 2023-2024

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Reviewer

- *American Journal of Health Economics*
- *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*
- *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*
- *BMJ Global Health*
- *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*
- *Health Affairs*
- *Health Economics*
- *Journal of Health Economics*
- *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
- *Journal of Public Health Policy*
- *Pain Medicine*

Conference Discussant or Chair

- Association for Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference (2020, 2021)
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2020)
- American Society of Health Economists Conference (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)

Conference Program Reviewer

- American Society of Health Economists Conference (2022)
- AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Conference (2024)

Grant Reviewer

- Pilot Project & Training Core of the Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorders, HCV, and HIV (CHERISH) (2022)
- Advancing Workforce Analysis and Research for Dementia (AWARD) Network Fellowship Program

Affiliations & Memberships

- AcademyHealth
- American Society of Health Economists
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management
- Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorder, HCV, and HIV (CHERISH)
- Cornell Population Center
- Cornell University Institute for Health Economics, Health Behaviors & Disparities
- Special Sworn Status (US Census)