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## EDUCATION

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

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2015-Present      University of Louisville  
Assistant Professor, Department of Health Management & Systems  
Sciences, School of Public Health & Systems Sciences  
  
Faculty Scholar, Commonwealth Institute of Kentucky, School of Public  
Health & Systems Sciences  
  
Associate, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Joseph Benitez**, E. Kathleen Adams and Eric Seiber (2017). Did Health Care Reform Help Kentucky  
Address Disparities among the Poor? *Health Services Research*. 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

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

**Joseph Benitez** with Eric Seiber. Health Care Reform and Rural Access to Care. *Under Review*

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

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

## FUNDED GRANT SUPPORT

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*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

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

**Joseph Benitez** with Aaron Yelowitz. Medicaid Expansion in Kentucky: Does Proximity to Health Care Providers Matter?

**Joseph Benitez**. What were the Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Hospital Financial Outcomes?

**Joseph Benitez** with Eric Seiber. The Effects of Restricting Medicaid Eligibility?

Elizabeth Munnich, Jose Fernandez, and **Joseph Benitez**. Health Insurance Expansion and Access to Medical Care.

**Joseph Benitez**. Did National Health Reform Relieve Job Lock among the Chronically Ill?

**Joseph Benitez**. Designated as Medically Underserved...Now Where's My Stuff? The Long-Run Effect of Medically Underserved Area Designation on Access to Care.

**Joseph Benitez**. Do Trauma Centers Save Lives? Evidence from Illinois Trauma Patients

**Joseph Benitez**. Dude, Where's my RD? Issues in Validly Estimating Causal Impacts of Social Programs with Implicit Regression Discontinuity Designs.

## UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

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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

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

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

## HONORS & AWARDS

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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

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“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**

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- 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**

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<u>Courses Taught</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Term(s)</u>
Health Economics	MPH	University of Louisville	Fall 2016
Health Services Research Methods I	PhD	University of Louisville	Spring 2017

<u>Courses Developed</u>	<u>University</u>
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Health Economics	University of Louisville
Health Services Research Methods I (Applied Regression Analysis)	University of Louisville
Health Services Research Methods II (Applied Econometrics for HSR)	University of Louisville

### **Student Advising**

University of Louisville	Maresa Corder - PhD Dissertation Committee Chair Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences 2015-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-Present
University of Louisville	Keith Sowards–PhD Program Advisor Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences 2016-Present
University of Louisville	Joshua Wilson–MPH Program Advisor Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences 2016-Present
University of Louisville	John Craycroft – MS Thesis Committee Member Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics School of Public Health and Information Sciences 2015-2016
University of Louisville	Anmol Kanotra – Senior Thesis Committee Member Department of Economics College of Business 2015-2016

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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AcademyHealth  
American Economic Association (AEA)  
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)  
American Statistical Association (AmStat)  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)  
International Health Economics Association (iHEA)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Journal Referee

- 2017-Present *American Journal of Public Health* (1)
- 2016-Present *Health Services Research* (3)
- 2016-Present *Healthcare: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation* (1)
- 2014-Present *Health Affairs* (3)
- 2016-Present *INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing* (2)
- 2014-Present *Medical Care* (6)
- 2017-Present *Journal of General Internal Medicine* (1)
- 2015-Present *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* (2)
- 2016-Present *Journal of Applied Economics and Policy* (1)

### University Service

- 9/2015-Present Introduction to Biostatistics Workgroup  
Health Management and Systems Sciences Representative  
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
- 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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*