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To Whom It May Concern:

I am applying to be a funded attendee at the Measurement and Tracking of Subjective Well-Being for Aging Research on July 28, 2018, in Cambridge, MA. I am an assistant professor in the Department of Economics at Michigan State University. My research focuses on health and public economics. I believe my research interests align well with the conference's objectives.

My current research focuses on the effectiveness of health care systems. My recent working paper "Medicare Payment to Skilled Nursing Facilities: The Consequences of the Three-Day Rule" (with Ginger Jin and Susan Lu) studies potential waste in Medicare payment for skilled nursing facilities and examines the effect of nursing home care on hospital readmission of the elderly. Other ongoing projects examine how hospital payment systems affect hospital practice patterns and patient health outcomes. In "How Do Hospitals Respond to Managed Care? Evidence from At-Risk Newborns," I study the effects of Medicaid Managed Care focusing on very low birth weight infants, one of the costliest populations treated in US hospitals. In addition, I am working on a project examining the effects of prospective payment systems under Medicaid on the most vulnerable populations, such as infants and the elderly.

In the future, I am interested in measuring the quality of long-term care based on the elderly's satisfaction and happiness, and how this subjective well-being varies with financial support from public health insurance programs. I also plan to study the role of both supply (such as provider payment systems) and demand factors (such as elderly preference and health) in explaining the geographical variation in Medicare spending. Moreover, I plan to work on how welfare and other social insurance programs influence families' decision-making process, building on my past research. In "Late-Career Job Loss and Retirement Behavior of Couples," I examine how Social Security affects old-age labor supply decisions in a household context.

For all my research, measuring and tracking subjective well-being of the elderly will be critical for a more complete welfare analysis. One of the main limitations I face in my area of research is that there are only a few measures of health or well-being such as hospital readmission and mortality. I believe understanding how to rigorously measure and track subjective well-being of the elderly would be invaluable for my research. In addition, an opportunity to learn methodologies from other disciplines would further enrich my future research designs.

I am enclosing a copy of my curriculum vitae, with a list of all completed PhD courses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Academic Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Michigan State University, 2017-present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Columbia University, 2017
M.A., Economics, Columbia University, 2013
B.A., Economics, *summa cum laude*, Yonsei University, 2011

Fields of Specialization

Health Economics, Public Economics

Publications

"Late-Career Job Loss and Retirement Behavior of Couples," Social Insurance and Lifecycle Events among Older Americans Special Issue, *Research on Aging*, December 2016, edited by Kenneth A. Couch, Mary C. Daly, and Julie M. Zissimopoulos.

"Impacts of Classifying New York City Students as Overweight" (with Douglas Almond and Amy Ellen Schwartz), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, March 2016.

Working Papers

"Medicare Payment to Skilled Nursing Facilities: The Consequences of the Three-Day Rule" (with Ginger Jin and Susan Lu)

"How Do Hospitals Respond to Managed Care? Evidence from At-Risk Newborns"

"Retention Heterogeneity in New York City Schools" (with Douglas Almond and Amy Ellen Schwartz)

Work in Progress

"Temperature Exposure and Children's Hospital Utilization" (with June Kim and Maya Rossin-Slater)

"Long-Term Effects of Medicaid Managed Care on Children's Health Care Utilization" (with Boris Vabson)

Research Grants

J-PAL North America "Can (E)mail Improve the Effectiveness of BMI Reporting?" (with Douglas Almond and Amy Ellen Schwartz), April 2015: $50,000.

Work Experience

Research Assistant for Douglas Almond, 2013-2014
Research Assistant for Wojciech Kopczuk, Summer 2013

Teaching Experience

Michigan State University

Issues in Public Policy (master's level), Fall 2017
Public Finance (master's level), Spring 2018

Columbia University (Teaching Assistant)

Intermediate Microeconomics, Qingmin Liu, Spring 2016
Intro to Econometrics, Jushan Bai, Spring 2015
Public Economics, Wojciech Kopczuk, Fall 2014, 2015
Intro to Econometrics II (*Ph.D. level*), Christoph Rothe, Spring 2014
Principles of Economics, Sunil Gulati, 2012-2013

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

2018: UM/MSU/UWO Lab(u)r Economics Day; ASHEcon (*scheduled*); KAEA-AEA Joint International Conference (*scheduled*); Yonsei Young Economist Workshop (*scheduled*)
2017: NBER Summer Institute Health Care Workshop; APPAM
2016: IIPF Doctoral School
2014: APPAM; Social Insurance and Lifecycle Events among Older Americans

Referee Service

Economics and Human Biology, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics

List of Completed PhD Courses

Microeconomic Analysis I & II
Macroeconomic Analysis I & II

Introduction to Econometrics I & II, Econometrics III
Math Methods for Economists
Perspectives on Economic Studies
Industrial Development
Political Economy: Theory & Empirics
Public Finance I
Economics of Labor II
Topics in Health Economics

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