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FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION:

Public Economics (major), and Development Economics (minor)

DISSERTATION: Essays on Societal Impacts of Housing and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

Expected Date of Completion: May 2024
Principal Advisor: Brady Horn
Other Committee Members: Robert Berrens, Xiaoxue Li, and Janet Paige-Reeves

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:

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|--------------------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| The University of New Mexico, MA | 2019 | Economics |
| University of Memphis, MBA | 2015 | International Business |
| Kenyatta University, Bachelors of Commerce | 2011 | Finance and Accounting |

DESIRED RESEARCH/ TEACHING FIELDS (willing to teach broadly across the business curriculum)

| PRIMARY | SECONDARY |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Public Economics | Development Economics |
| Urban Economics | Money and Banking |
| Health Economics | Public Policy |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant, University of New Mexico, USA

Fall 2020-Date Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (Dr. Caroline Bonham)

- Collected data and conducted cost analysis for four separate pilot programs
- Analyzed Medicaid claims data and evaluated the impact of peer support services on costs
- Designed the Institutional Review Board (IRB) application intervention for justice-involved individuals reentering society

Faculty Assistant, University of New Mexico, USA

Summer 2022 Anderson School of Business (Dr. Sarah McCoy)

- Organized and reviewed the literature on Native American Government’s borrowing costs

PUBLICATION

Sitti, R. W. & Berrens, R. P., (2022) “Valuing fishing access on Lake Victoria’s Winam Gulf: A hedonic pricing model,” *International Journal of Ecological Economics & Statistics*, Issue No. 2, Vol. 43

WORK IN PROGRESS

Homeless in Seattle: Placement of Shelters and Effects by Type on Property Values (with Horn P. Brady and Berrens P. Robert) [**job market paper**]

The Impact of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Generosity on Food Away, and at Home Purchases (with Horn P. Brady, and Li, Xiaoxue)

Effect of Decreasing the Homeless Population on Crime: Evidence from the Built-For-Zero Program? (with Horn P. Brady and Li, Xiaoxue)

The Effect of Peer and Community Support Services on Medicaid Billing Charges (with Horn P. Brady, Caroline Bonham, Tyler Kincaid, and Xiaoya, Wu)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor of Record, University of New Mexico, USA

Fall 2023 Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECON 303), 20 students
Spring 2023 Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2120), 69 students

Teaching Fellow, Michigan State University in collaboration with American Economic Association Summer Program (AEASP)

Summer 2020 Advanced Research Methods (Synchronous) (ECOG 315), 27 students

Lab Recitation Instructor, University of New Mexico, USA

Spring 2019 Econometrics II (Econ 309), 31 students

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of New Mexico, USA

Spring 2020 Game Theory, 34 students
Fall 2019 Consumer Economics (ECON 330) (online), 25 students
Spring 2019 Economics of Race and Gender (Econ 239), 36 students
Fall 2018 Introductory Microeconomics (Econ 106), 71 students

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Memphis, USA

Fall & Spring 2014: Financial Management (FIR 3410), 80 students

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

2015–2016 Accounts Receivable Specialist, Cummins Mid-South, USA
2014–2015 Finance Lab Graduate Assistant, University of Memphis, USA
2014 May-Aug Wholesale Operations Analyst Intern, Cummins Mid-South L.L.C., USA
2013–2014 Customer Service Graduate Assistant, University of Memphis, USA

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2023 March The Impact of Homeless Shelters and Property Values presented at Midwest Economic Association Annual, Columbus, OH Conference
2022 June Does EITC Influence Budget Allocation between Food Away and at Home? Presented at the American Society of Health Economics Annual Conference (ASHEcon)
2022 May NBER Behavioral Public Economics Boot Camp
2021 July Public Health Expenditure on Life Expectancy: Evidence from Selected OECD States presented at the Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference (HPRC)
2020 Nov A Descriptive Study of Access to Substance Use Treatment in New Mexico presented at the Annual Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Research Showcase
2019 Apr Fast food versus a healthy diet: food choices for SNAP, WIC, and EITC presented at the New Mexico Public Health Association Conference (NMPHA)
2018 Feb Attended the Biennial Conference on Population and Public Policy, UNM

SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023 May Student Conference Award (S-CAP), UNM, USA
2023 April Michelle Elizabeth Canaday Memorial Endowed Scholarship, UNM, USA
2022 June Doctoral Conference Presentation Award, UNM, USA
2020 Dec Departmental Three Minutes Research Competition Award, UNM, USA
2020 Aug Outstanding Research Award, Michigan State University & American Economic Association
2020 Apr J. Raymond Stuart Award in Economics, UNM, USA
2020 May Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color (PNMGC) Scholarship, UNM, USA
2018 Apr Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival (FLEFF) Fellowship, Ithaca University, USA
2010 Dec The President's Award Kenya (PA-K) (Silver Award), Kenyatta University, Kenya

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association (AEA), American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), New Mexico Public Health Association (NMPHA), Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival (FLEFF), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Midwest Economic Association (MEA)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2020 - 2021 Treasurer, Economics Graduate Students Organization (EGSO), UNM, USA
2019 - 2023 Mentor, Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color (PNMGC), UNM, USA
2019 Apr Evaluator, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Conference, UNM, USA

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Python (basic), SAS (intermediate), R (Expert), STATA (proficient), SPSS (proficient), GIS (proficient),
TABLEAU (proficient)

REFERENCES

Dr. Brady P. Horn, Professor, Economics, bhorn@unm.edu
Dr. Robert P. Berrens, Professor, Economics, rberrens@unm.edu
Dr. Xiaoxue Li, Associate Professor, Economics, lix@unm.edu
Dr. Caroline Bonham, Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health,
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