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Curriculum Vita

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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Economics Department, Central Michigan University, 2016 - present
Tenured, Central Michigan University, February 2017
Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Central Michigan University, 2010 - 2016
Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy, University of Georgia, 2006 – 2010
Research Assistant, Health Policy Center, Urban Institute, Washington DC, 1998-2000

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, NY, 2006
B.A., Economics, Salem College, NC, 1998, *summa cum laude*

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Health Economics
Applied Econometrics
Household Economics

HONORS

Faculty Excellence Exhibition, Central Michigan University, 2011
Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2000-2005
President's Prize in Economics and Economics department honors, Salem College, 1998

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Amin, Vikesh and **Aparna Lhila** 2016. "Decomposing Racial Differences in Adolescent Smoking in the U.S." *Economics & Human Biology*, 22 (September 2016): 161-176
DOI: [10.1016/j.ehb.2016.05.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ehb.2016.05.001)

Lhila, Aparna and Sharon K. Long 2012. "What is Driving the Black-White Difference in Low Birthweight in the U.S.?" *Health Economics*, 21(3) 301-315.
DOI: 10.1002/hec.1715

Lhila, Aparna 2011. "Does Access to Fast Food Lead to Super-Sized Pregnant Mothers and Whopper Babies?" *Economics and Human Biology*, 9(4): 364-380.
DOI: 10.1016/j.ehb.2011.07.003

Lhila, Aparna and Kosali I. Simon 2010. "Relative Deprivation and Child Health in the USA." *Social Science and Medicine*, 71(4): 777-85.

DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2010.03.058

Lhila, Aparna 2009. "Does Government Provision of Healthcare Explain the Relationship Between Income Inequality and Low Birthweight?" *Social Science and Medicine*, 69(8): 1236-1245.

DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2009.07.011

Lhila, Aparna and Kosali I. Simon 2008. "Prenatal Health Investment Decisions: Does the Child's Sex Matter?" *Demography*, 45(4): 885-905

WORKING PAPERS

Crime and Pregnancies: Is Area Crime Related to Infant Health in the U.S.? (with Vikesh Amin), revising

Children of the Great Recession: The Impact of the Macroeconomy on Infant Health (with John Cawley and Kosali Simon), revising

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Does family structure interact with genetic susceptibility to determine child wellbeing? A causal model of gene-environment interaction (G*E) using an instrumental variables approach (with Vikesh Amin)

Early Evidence on the whether the Affordable Care Act is Associated with Improved Pregnancy and Neonatal Health Outcomes

GRANTS ACTIVITY

Co-Principal Investigator, Central Michigan University, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Early Career Grant (\$85,769) 2013-2016

Project title: "Neighborhoods and the Health of Infants, Pregnant Women, and Young Adults"

Principal Investigator, Central Michigan University, College of Business Administration, Summer Research Grant, (\$10,000) 2013

Project title: "The Effect of the Great Recession on Fertility and Pregnancy"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* indicates paper was presented by coauthor

(#) indicates number of papers presented, if greater than one

12th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, Boston, MA, July 2017

Long-presentation title: Early Evidence on the whether the Affordable Care Act is Associated with Improved Pregnancy and Neonatal Health Outcomes

85th Annual Meetings of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA Nov 2015

Presentation title: Decomposing the Racial/Ethnic Difference in Smoking Rate in the U.S.

5th Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Los Angeles, CA June 2014

Presentation title: Effect of Neighborhood Characteristics on the Health of Pregnant Women and their Newborns

Poster title: Children of the Great Recession: Recent Evidence on the Impact of the Macroeconomy on Fertility and Infant Health

Western Economic Association International, Denver, CO, July 2014

Presentation title: Effect of Neighborhood Characteristics on the Health of Pregnant Women and their Newborns

*Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2014**

Poster title: The Effect of Neighborhood Characteristics on the Health of Pregnant Women and their Infants

4th Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Minneapolis, MN, June 2012

Presentation title: Presumptive Eligibility for Medicaid: Is it Effective in Improving Low-Income Women's Prenatal Care Initiation and Pregnancy Outcomes?

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management's Fall Conference, Washington, DC, November 2011

Poster title: Presumptive Eligibility for Medicaid: Effective Means of Improving Access to Timely Care?

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management's Fall Conference, Los Angeles, CA, November 2008

Presentation title: What's Driving the Racial and Ethnic Differences in Birthweight in the U.S.?

2nd Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Durham, NC, June 2008

Presentation title: What's Driving the Racial Difference in Low Birthweight in the US?

Midwest Economics Association, Chicago, IL, March 2008

Presentation title: What's Driving the Racial and Ethnic Differences in Birthweight in the US?

Western Economic Association International, Honolulu, HI, July 2008

Presentation title: Bargaining for Prenatal Investment: How Decision-Making Power Affects the Health of Unborn Children

American Public Health Association meetings: 2007*

American Society of Health Economists meetings: 2006

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management fall meetings: 2005

International Health Economics Association's 6th World Congress, 2007

Midwest Economics Association meetings: 2005, 2006, 2007 (2)

Population Association of America meetings: 2005, 2006, 2007

Society of Labor Economists meetings: 2006*

Southern Economics Association meetings: 2007

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

Southern Economics Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2015

Western Economic Association International, Denver, CO, July 2014

2nd Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Durham, NC, June 2008

Midwest Economics Association, Chicago, IL, March 2008

American Society of Health Economists Meetings: 2006
 Midwest Economics Association Meetings: 2005, 2006, 2007
 Southern Economics Association Meetings: 2007

CONFERENCE SESSION CHAIR

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management’s Fall Meetings, Washington, DC, November 2008
 Midwest Economics Association, Chicago, IL, March 2008
 12th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, Boston, MA, July 2017

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Central Michigan University, Women and Gender Studies Brown Bag Seminar, Spring 2015
 Presentation title: Effect of Area Crime on the Health of Pregnant Women and their Newborns

Grand Valley State University, Economics Department, Spring 2014
 Presentation title: Children of the Great Recession: Recent Evidence on the Impact of the Macroeconomy on Infant Health

Central Michigan University, Economics Department, Spring 2010
Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Division of Public and Environmental Affairs, Spring 2010
Lafayette College, Economics Department, Spring 2010
Mills College, Public Policy, Spring 2010
 Presentation title: What is the Effect of Fast Food Availability on Mothers’ Prenatal Weight Gain and Infant Health?

University of Georgia, Food Sciences Department, Spring 2010
 Presentation title: Does Access to Fast Food Lead to Super-Sized Pregnant Women and Whopper Babies?

University of Georgia, Department of Public Administration and Policy, Fall 2009
 Presentation title: Prenatal Health Investments: What’s Sex Got to Do with It?

REFEREEING SERVICE

Semester	Number of manuscripts reviewed (since 2010)	Journal names
Spring 2017	1	Economics and Human Biology
Fall 2016	1	Non-profit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly
Fall 2015	3	Economics and Human Biology Social Science & Medicine
Spring 2015	3	Journal of Health Economics Social Science and Medicine
Fall 2014	1	Social Science and Medicine
Spring 2014	1	Journal of Family & Economic Issues
Fall 2013	1	Economics and Human Biology
Fall 2012	1	Population Studies

Spring 2012	1	Health Economics
Fall 2011	2	Economics and Human Biology Social Science and Medicine
Spring 2011	1	Social Science and Medicine
Fall 2010	3	Health Economics Journal of Family & Economic Issues Social Science and Medicine

National Science Foundation, *ad hoc* reviewer, 2007

TEACHING

(#) mean Student Opinion Score for Overall Effectiveness out of 4.0 for CMU courses

Applied Business Statistics, CMU BUS 300, Undergraduate level

Class size: ~40

Fall 2016 (3.86)

Spring 2016 section 1 (3.80) section 2 (3.67)

Fall 2015 section 1 (3.79) section 2 (3.88)

Spring 2015 section 1 (3.69) section 2 (4.00)

Fall 2014 section 1 (3.89) section 2 (3.82)

Spring 2013 section 1 (3.74) section 2 (3.71)

Fall 2012 section 1 (3.69) section 2 (3.77)

Fall 2011 (3.36)

Fall 2010 section 1 (3.80) section 2 (3.72)

Health Economics, CMU ECO 618, Master's level

Class size: ~11

Fall 2016 (3.86)

Fall 2014 (3.92)

Spring 2013 (3.5)

Spring 2011 (4.0)

Microeconomic Principles for Business, CMU ECO 203, Undergraduate level

Class size: ~45

Fall 2012 (3.8)

Fall 2011 section 1 (3.77) section 2 (3.77)

Spring 2011 (3.0)

Fall 2010 (3.67)

Data Analysis and Statistical Inference, UGA PADP 8120, Ph.D. level

Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis, UGA PADP 6950, Master's level

Economics of Health Policy, UGA PADP 8610, Master's and Ph.D. level

STUDENT ADVISING

Master's Plan-B paper supervisor (CMU) for:

2011: Preston Havens

2012: Cody Forsberg; Christopher Umphlett

2014: Edward Anderson

2015: Rezwana Choudhury

2016: Richard Amoah; Samuel Mehr; William Sullivan
In progress: Tareq Aldallal; Ryan Bergan; Moyosoreoluwa Ogundipe

Member, Doctoral comprehensive examination committee (UGA) for:
Amber Sinclair ; Jungin Kim
Second reader, Capstone (UGA) project for:
Kelcie Fincham, College of Public Health
Mentor, Honors Program – Roosevelt Scholars Program (UGA) to:
Naseem Esteghamat

SERVICE

Central Michigan University, Economics Department
Graduate Coordinator for MA Economics, 2015-present
Academic Programs Committee, Fall 2012, Spring 2015
Budget and Development Committee, 2011-present
Chair Search Committee, 2015-16
Graduate Programs Committee, 2014-present
Personnel Committee, 2010-2014
New Faculty Committee, Temporary member 2011-12
Central Michigan University, College of Business Administration
Curriculum Committee, 2016 – present
Central Michigan University
Women and Gender Studies Governance Council, Recorder, 2012 – 15
Academic Senate, Economics Department Representative, 2013 – present
University of Georgia, Department of Public Administration & Policy
Faculty Recruitment Strategic Planning Sub-committee, 2008-2009
Faculty Research Colloquium Committee, 2007-08
Busbee Chair Recruitment Committee, 2007-08