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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UC Irvine, Joe C. Wen School of Population & Public Health <i>Postdoctoral Scholar in Health Economics</i>	2024 – Present Irvine, CA
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EDUCATION

Claremont Graduate University <i>PhD in Economics</i>	2024 Claremont, CA
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Claremont Graduate University <i>MA in Economics</i>	2021 Claremont, CA
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Nazarbayev University <i>BS in Mechanical Engineering</i>	2015 Astana, Kazakhstan
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied microeconomics; health economics; labor economics; public economics; public insurance and access to care; provider participation; maternal and child health; adolescent mental health

PUBLICATIONS

First author on seven of the nine papers listed under Publications and Working Papers.

California's Medi-Cal Expansion to Undocumented Adults Was Associated with Greater Primary Care Participation (*Forthcoming, Health Affairs, December 2026*)

Assamidanov A, Herring J, Vargas Nunez C, Vargas Bustamante A

WORKING PAPERS

Information Access and Transparency of Adult Vision Benefits in Medicaid Managed Care (*Minor Revision, American Journal of Managed Care*)

Assamidanov A, Hsieh TP, Patel N, De Leon C, McInerney M, Boudreaux MH, Lipton B

State Medicaid Audio-Only Telehealth Coverage and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Admissions: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis (*R&R*)

Assamidanov A, Masoumirad M

Impact of Medicaid Pregnancy Dental Benefits on Prenatal Dental Utilization and Birth Outcomes (*Under Review*) | [SSRN](#)

Assamidanov A, Qian X, Bruckner T, Steenland M, Manski R, Lipton B

When Parents Can Spare Time: Paid Sick Leave and Adolescent Mental Health (*Under Review*) | [SSRN](#)

Assamidanov A, Khalid S

Adult Hearing Health Care Coverage in Medicaid Managed Care Enrollee Handbooks (*Under Review*)

Assamidanov A, Loi NN, Tonti L, Pita M, Sandhu HK, Arnold ML, Pesko MF, Lipton B

The Effect of Paid Sick Leave Mandates on Individuals with Disabilities: Evidence from Social Security Disability Claims (*NBER Working Paper No. 34542*) | [NBER](#)

Assamidanov A, Dave D, Kim J, Lipton B, Qian X, Sabia J

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Was Associated With Growth in California's Active Medicaid Behavioral Health Workforce

Assamidanov A, Herring J, Zhu J

Impact of Medicaid Dental Coverage Expansion on Dental Care Utilization and Smoking Behavior Among Reproductive-Age Women

Qian X, Assamidanov A, Bruckner T, Manski R, Steenland M, Lipton B

WORK IN PROGRESS

- From Emergency-Only to Full-Scope Medi-Cal: Effects on Emergency Department Use, Avoidable Visits, and Spending (with Sultana S, Lipton B)
- Do Coverage Expansions Bring Specialists into Medicaid? Evidence from California's Medi-Cal Expansions to Undocumented Adults (with Vargas Bustamante A)
- Coverage Without Dentists? Local Dentist Supply and the Effects of Medicaid Pregnancy Dental Benefits (with Qian X, Bruckner T, Manski R, Steenland M, Lipton B)
- Medicaid Payments for Home and Community-Based Services and Hospital Use: Evidence from Alaska (with Lee A)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

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| • Computational Tools for Economists (Undergraduate), CSU Fullerton | Spring 2023 |
| • Python Programming (Undergraduate), Cal Poly Pomona | Spring 2023 |
| • Research Methods for Sociology Majors (Undergraduate), Pitzer College | 2022–2023 |
| • Machine Learning in Economics (Master's), CSU Fullerton | Spring 2022 |

Teaching Assistant

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| • Advanced Applied Econometrics, Claremont Graduate University | Spring 2023 |
| • Machine Learning in Asset Pricing (Master's), Claremont Graduate University | Fall 2021 |

Student Coauthors

- Coauthored papers with five undergraduate and two graduate students on applied health and labor policy

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

As Principal Investigator

California Health Care Foundation

2026–2027

From Emergency-Only to Full-Scope Coverage: How Medi-Cal Expansion Under AB 133 Affects Systemwide Emergency Care Costs

Total: \$93,482. Role: Principal Investigator.

Research roles on others' awards

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

2024–2028

Impact of Medicaid Pregnancy Dental Benefits on Dental Care Access Among Pregnant People and Young Children (R01DE033732)

Role: Research Lead. Principal Investigator: Lipton.

University of Wisconsin Retirement and Disability Research Center

2024–2025

Impact of Paid Sick Leave Policies on Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance Participation Among Children and Adults with Disabilities (WI25-05)

Role: Research Lead. Principal Investigator: Lipton.

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

2022–2027

Effect of Hearing Aid Insurance Coverage Requirements for Adults on Utilization (R01)

Role: Research Lead. Principal Investigator: Pesko.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

15th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Minneapolis, MN (2026); AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, WA (2026); 14th Annual Conference of the American

Society of Health Economists, Nashville, TN (2025); AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (2025); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Seattle, WA (2025); 93rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA (2023); 17th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Chicago, IL (2023); 16th All-California Labor Economics Conference, Santa Barbara, CA (2023); 98th Annual Conference, Western Economic Association International, San Diego, CA (2023).

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Institute of Justice Recidivism Forecasting Challenge	2021
Prize Winner. Amount: \$19,500.	
Criminal Justice Reform Fellowship	2020
Claremont Graduate University.	
Blaisdell Economics Fellowship	2019–2021
Claremont Graduate University.	
Claremont Graduate University Fellowship – Economics	2019–2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad hoc referee: *Health Affairs Scholar; Health Economics; Medical Care; Substance Use & Misuse*

DATA, METHODS, AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Administrative Data:	Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS), California all-payer claims data, National Vital Statistics System, Treatment Episode Data Set
Survey Data:	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, American Community Survey, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, National Survey of Children’s Health
Methods:	Difference-in-differences, event studies, regression discontinuity, two-way fixed effects, instrumental variables
Software:	Stata, R, Python, SQL, L ^A T _E X
Languages:	English (fluent), Kazakh (native), Russian (fluent), Turkish (fluent)

REFERENCES

Brandy Lipton Associate Professor Department of Health, Society, and Behavior University of California, Irvine blipton@uci.edu <i>Postdoctoral supervisor</i>	Ajin Lee Assistant Professor Department of Economics University of California, Riverside ajinl@ucr.edu <i>Coauthor</i>	Fernando Lozano Professor Department of Economics Pomona College Fernando.Lozano@pomona.edu <i>PhD advisor</i>
Tim Bruckner Professor Department of Health, Society, and Behavior University of California, Irvine brucknet@uci.edu <i>Coauthor and mentor</i>	Arturo Vargas Bustamante Professor Department of Health Policy and Management University of California, Los Angeles avb@ucla.edu <i>Coauthor and mentor</i>	Radha Bhattacharya Professor Department of Economics California State University, Fullerton rbhattachary@fullerton.edu <i>Teaching reference</i>