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Employment

THE COMMONWEALTH FUND (New York, NY; 2002–present). As assistant vice president and director of the Program on the Future of Health Insurance, responsibilities include survey development, research and policy analysis, as well as program development and management for the Fund’s national coverage program. Directed and co-directed five major national surveys on health insurance coverage, directing questionnaire development, analysis and presentation of data, and writing over 20 reports, issue briefs and journal articles, most often as the lead author. Quoted extensively in major national press outlets including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *NPR*, *CNN Radio*. Provided invited Congressional testimony on five occasions before the Senate Budget Committee, Senate Finance Committee-Subcommittee on Health, the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee-Subcommittee on Health. Invited to speak at numerous conferences and public forums to both policy and industry audiences. In addition to intramural research, direct and manage a \$1.5 million annual portfolio of research grants on the extent and quality of health insurance coverage and policy solutions to expand coverage and make it more affordable. Promoted to assistant vice president from senior program officer in 2006.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, DIVISION OF HEALTH AND SCIENCE POLICY (New York, NY; 1998–2002) As an associate director/senior research associate, conducted research projects and wrote grant proposals on health care organization and finance, cost and use of services, the uninsured, access to care, and cost-outcome analysis, using quantitative and qualitative research methods. Co-investigator of Robert Wood Johnson-funded study of physicians’ perceived ability to provide quality care and the impact of managed care and practice setting. Lead responsibility for Commonwealth Fund-supported case-study analysis of eight nonprofit hospitals that sold to for-profit owners. Other research includes an analysis of immigrant women’s ability to apply for health insurance and a study of state regulation of hospital conversions. Promoted to associate director/senior research associate in 2001.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH, HEALTH CARE POLICY & AGING RESEARCH (New Brunswick, NJ; 1997–1998) As an assistant research professor, conducted research on health care access and cost among vulnerable populations. Research projects included a study funded by the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation on home care use and expenditures by people with AIDS in the overall New Jersey Medicaid program compared to those enrolled in a 1915c home and community based care program; a study of health care use of dually eligible individuals with AIDS; and a National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded study of health care utilization among injection drug users with HIV/AIDS in the New Jersey Medicaid program.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK (New York, NY; 1996–1997) As a senior health care advisor to the Public Advocate, an elected New York City official, researched and wrote reports and briefs on health care policy, gave talks on health care issues, and participated in multi-disciplinary committees on Medicaid managed care. Wrote report that documented the characteristics of New York City’s uninsured and their ability to access health care services in an era of managed care and budget tightening. Report was a page one news story in the *New York Times* as well as the subject of a *Times* editorial.

HEALTH ECONOMICS RESEARCH, INC. (Boston, MA; 1995–1996) As a senior economist, wrote proposals and conducted quantitative and qualitative research for federal and state governments and foundations. Projects included an estimation of the costs of implementing AHCPR clinical practice guidelines using Medicare and private claims data, a manual on cost-effectiveness methods for evaluating substance abuse prevention programs, an evaluation of a substance abuse treatment program for pregnant women, and a report on state efforts to integrate substance abuse prevention services into managed care.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (Washington, DC; 1990–1995) As an associate editor, authored and co-authored over 55 articles on the economy, business, and health care. As a key health care reporter during the debate over the Clinton Administration’s proposal for national health care reform, wrote articles on the impact of reform on industry and consumers. Articles included the contribution of technological change to health care cost growth, impact of health care reform on the poor, employment effects of health care reform, medical cost inflation, industry winners and losers from health care reform. Promoted to associate editor in 1993.

Education

A.B. Economics – Washington University, St. Louis, MO – 1985

Ph.D. Economics – George Washington University, Washington, DC – 1994

Dissertation: Estimation of a Multiproduct Translog Cost Function for Maryland Hospitals

Fellowships

Graduate Teaching Assistant & University Fellow in Economics – George Washington University – 1985–1989

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"The 2nd Annual EBRI/Commonwealth Fund Consumerism in Health Care Survey, 2006: Early Experience With High-Deductible and Consumer-Driven Health Plans" EBRI Policy Forum, Washington, DC, December 7, 2006.

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