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Positions Held

- 09/23 – Associate Research Scientist, University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, Survey Research Center
- 08/17 – Co-Director, Michigan Federal Statistical Research Data Center
- 07/16 – 08/23 Assistant Research Scientist, University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, Survey Research Center
- 07/16 – 07/17 Interim Director, Michigan Federal Statistical Research Data Center
- 07/13 – 07/16 Economist, U.S. Census Bureau, Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division, Health and Disability Statistics Branch
- 06/12 – 08/12 AEA CSWEP Summer Fellow, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Economics
- 03/11 – 06/13 Research Assistant for Professor Anirban Basu, University of Washington School of Public Health
- 01/11 – 03/11 Research Assistant for Professor Seik Kim, University of Washington Department of Economics
- 07/06 – 08/08 Intercompany Pricing Analyst, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- 01/06 – 05/06 Research Intern, Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Office of Competition and Economic Analysis
- 05/04 – 08/04 Research Assistant for Professor Reza Ghorashi, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Department of Economics

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, June 2013

M.A., Economics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, March 2011

B.S., Economics, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, May 2006

Fields of Interest

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Economics of the Household, Labor Economics, Econometrics

Dissertation

Title: Essays on Health, Family, and Work Choices

Committee: Judith Thornton (Chair), Anirban Basu, Seik Kim, and Robert Plotnick

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2025. Comparing Survey and Administrative Measures of Self-Employment Income: New Implications from the Health and Retirement Study, *National Tax Journal*, 78(1).

Abramowitz, Joelle, and Marcus Dillender. 2024. Effects of California’s Paid Family Leave Law on Caregiving by Older Adults, *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, 36(4): 490-507.

- Press Coverage: “Older ‘sandwich generation’ Californians spent more time with parents and less with grandkids after paid family leave law took effect,” in Yahoo News, Fortune, The Conversation, August 2023

Le, Phuc, Thanh C. Bui, **Joelle Abramowitz**, William H. Herman, Anita D. Misra-Hebert, and Michael B. Rothberg. 2023. Trends in Use of High-Cost Antihyperglycemic Drugs among US Adults with Type 2 Diabetes, *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 38: 49-56.

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2020. Infertility Insurance Mandates and Maternal Mortality, *Fertility and Sterility Dialog: Consider This*.

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2020. The Effect of ACA State Medicaid Expansions on Medical Expenditures, *Medical Care Research and Review*, 77(1): 19-33.

- Cited in the 2025 Economic Report of the President

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2018. Planning Parenthood: The Affordable Care Act Young Adult Provision and Pathways to Fertility, *Journal of Population Economics*, 31(4): 1097-1123.

- Press Coverage: “How Obamacare changed the love lives of young adults,” in HuffPost, Salon, Raw Story, The Conversation, November 2017

Abramowitz, Joelle, and Brett O’Hara. 2017. New Estimates of Offer and Take-up of Employer-Sponsored Insurance, *Medical Care Research and Review*, 74(5): 595-612.

Abramowitz, Joelle, Brett O’Hara, and Darcy Steeg Morris. 2017. Risking Life and Limb: Estimating a Measure of Medical Care Economic Risk and Considering its Implications, *Health Economics*, 26(4): 469-485.

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2017. Assisted Reproductive Technology and Women’s Timing of Marriage and Childbearing, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 38(1): 100-117.

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2016. Saying, “I Don’t”: The Effect of the Affordable Care Act Young Adult Provision on Marriage, *Journal of Human Resources*, 51(4): 933-960.

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2016. The Connection between Working Hours and Body Mass Index in the U.S.: A Time Use Analysis, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 14(1): 131-154.

- Press Coverage: “Get a life—or get fat,” in The Economist *Free Exchange* blog, October 14, 2014

Abramowitz, Joelle, and Brett O’Hara. 2015. The Financial Burden of Medical Spending: Estimates and Implications for Evaluating the Impact of ACA Reforms, *Medical Care Research and Review*, 72(2): 187-199.

Abramowitz, Joelle. 2014. Turning Back the Ticking Clock: The Effect of Increased Affordability of Assisted Reproductive Technology on Women’s Marriage Timing, *Journal of Population Economics*, 27(2): 603-633.

Manuscripts under Review

“Understanding Non-Traditional Work Arrangements in the United States” with Andrew Joung (Revision Requested)

“Finding Needles in Haystacks: Multiple-Imputation Record Linkage Using Machine Learning” with John M. Abowd, Margaret C. Levenstein, Kristin McCue, Dhiren Patki, Trivellore Raghunathan, Ann M. Rodgers, Matthew D. Shapiro, Nada Wasi, and Dawn Zinsser (Revision Requested)

“Seasonal Allergies and Mental Health: Do Small Health Shocks Affect Suicidality?” with Shooshan Danagouliau and Owen Fleming (Revision Requested)

Working Papers

“Underreporting of Self-Employment Income by Sex and Race and Implications for Poverty Measurement: Insights from Comparing the Health and Retirement Study and Tax Data”

“Understanding Self-Employment Trajectories and their Effects on Wellbeing in the United States”

“Self-Employment at Older Ages: Differences in Roles, Characteristics, and Wellbeing”

“How is Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Changing in Response to an Aging Workforce?” with Kristin McCue, Britni Wilcher, and Alice Zawacki

Grants

Principal Investigator, National Institute on Aging grant through the Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging, “Using Novel Data to Understand Informal Work and Health over the Life Course” \$54,600 (2024-2025)

Principal Investigator, Pilot Project Grant for the Study of Rural Contexts through the Institute for Social Research, “Understanding the Effects of Pollen on Suicide and Mental Health and Disparities across Rural and Urban Areas” with Carina Gronlund (Co-Principal Investigator), Allison Steiner (Co-Principal Investigator), and Shooshan Danagouliau (Co-Principal Investigator) \$150,000 (2024-2026)

Co-Principal Investigator, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, “Seasonal Allergy Blues: Is Mental Health Worse on High Pollen Days?” with Shooshan Danagouliau (Principal Investigator) \$125,000 (2023-2025)

Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation, “FW-HTF-P Understanding Gig Work and its Effects on Wellbeing over the Life Course in the United States: A Machine Learning Approach” \$150,000 (2021-2022)

Principal Investigator, National Institute on Aging grant through the Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging, “Effects of California’s Paid Family Leave on Work and Caregiving of Older Adults” \$54,592 (2021-2022)

Principal Investigator, Social Security Administration grant through the Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center, “What We Talk about When We Talk about Self-Employment: Examining Self-Employment and the Transition to Retirement among Older Adults in the United States” \$90,000 (2020-2021)

Principal Investigator, Steven H. Sandell Award through the Social Security Administration, administered by Boston College and the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, “Examining Self-employment and the Transition to Retirement among Older Adults in the United States” \$45,000 (2019-2020)

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

2025 (including scheduled): National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on Research in Income and Wealth Conference on the Changing Nature of Work, Likert Symposium, University of Kentucky, Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging Pilot Symposium

2024: Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, Federal Computer Assisted Survey Information Collection Workshops, National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on Research in Income and Wealth Pre-Conference Meeting on the Changing Nature of Work, National Science Foundation Big Three Meeting, Longitudinal Studies of Aging Meeting

2023: Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center Researcher Workshop, Outsourcing Research Network Workshop, National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, Federal Statistical Research Data Center Annual Research Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

2022: Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center Researcher Workshop, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, 2021 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging Pilot Symposium, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, University of Minnesota Life Course Center’s Data-Intensive Research Conference, 2022 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference

2021: The New School Political Economy of Aging Workshop, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Poster Session), Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging Pilot Symposium, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference

2020: Eastern Michigan University Women in Economics Club, Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, U-M Data Science Annual Symposium, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

2019: University of Michigan H2D2 Research Day, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, Retirement and Disability Research Consortium Meeting (Poster Session), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference

2018: Annual Research Data Center Research Conference

2017: University of Michigan H2D2 Research Day, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference

2016: University of Michigan Survey Research Center, Dickinson College, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Poster Session), American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Indiana University

2015: Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, American Community Survey Data Users Conference, Society of Government Economists Annual Meeting, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research Conference

2014: Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Annual Research Data Center Research Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference

2013: Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Poster Session)

2012: Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings

2011: Western Economic Association International Meetings

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Mentor, University of Michigan: 2021-2022

Understanding Social and Economic Data, Facilitator, University of Michigan: Autumn 2017

Principles of Microeconomics, University of Washington: Summer 2010 and Autumn 2010

Principles of Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant, University of Washington: Autumn 2009 and Winter 2010

Principles of Macroeconomics, Teaching Assistant, University of Washington: Spring 2010

Awards & Honors

A. Regula Herzog Young Investigators Fund Award, University of Michigan, 2022

Storer Award for Best Paper in Labor Economics, University of Washington, 2012

Graduate and Professional Student Senate Competitive Travel Grant, University of Washington, 2012

James K. and Viola M. Hall Fellowship, University of Washington, 2008-2009

The George Washington University Dean's List, 2003-2004 and 2005-2006

The George Washington University Presidential Scholarship, 2003-2006

Zonta International Area & District Young Woman in Public Affairs, 2003

Service & Memberships

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Applied Economics*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Demography*, *Econ Journal Watch*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *Economics & Human Biology*, *Empirical Economics*, *Feminist Economics*, *Health Affairs Scholar*, *Health Economics*, *Health Services Research*, *INQUIRY*, *Journal of Family and*

Economic Issues, Journal of Aging & Social Policy, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law & Economics, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Official Statistics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Women's Health, Labour Economics, Medical Care, Medical Care Research & Review, Nature Aging, Population Research and Policy Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, SAGE Open Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, Southern Economic Journal, The Gerontologist, Utah State University Center for Growth and Opportunity, Women's Health Report

Reviewer: Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research Pilot Grant Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Data for Action Program, Russell Sage Foundation Core Research Grant Program, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation Research Grant Competition

Member: Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging, University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, Michigan Institute for Data Science, American Economics Association, American Society of Health Economists, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Labor and Employment Relations Association

Software Skills

Proficient in Stata, SAS, and Microsoft Office

Experience with Matlab, R, and ArcGIS