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## Education

- Ph.D. Population Health, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016
- M.S. Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2012
- B.A. Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2009

## Employment

- **University of Georgia, College of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management**  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
July 2022–Present  
Master of Health Administration Program Director  
March 2023–Present  
Master of Health Administration Program Co-Coordinator  
July 2022–February 2023
- **Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies**  
Research Assistant Professor  
August 2019–June 2022
- **Georgia State University, Georgia Health Policy Center**  
Assistant Project Director, Medicaid Policy and Business Team  
August 2019–June 2022  
Senior Research Associate, Medicaid Policy and Business Team  
June 2016–July 2019
- **University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Population Health Sciences**  
Project Assistant for Professor Marguerite Burns  
October 2014–May 2016
- **Advanced Analytical Consulting Group**  
Consultant  
March 2011–May 2011
- **Econ One Research, Inc.**  
Analyst  
June 2009–March 2011  
Intern  
Summer 2008

## Interests

- Health care coverage and access, health policy, health economics, health services research, health care administration, maternal and child health, quantitative methods

## Publications

### Journal Articles

- **Smith JC**, Heberlein EC, Domingue A, LaBoy A, Britt J, and Crockett A. (in press) "Randomized Controlled Trial on the Effect of Group Versus Individual Prenatal Care on Psychosocial Outcomes." *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, & Neonatal Nursing*.
- Lanier P, Kennedy S, Snyder A, **Smith JC**, Napierala E, Talbert J, Hammerslag L, Humble L, Myers E, Whittington A, Smith J, Bachhuber M, Austin A, Blount T, Stehlin G, Fede AL, Nguyen H, Bruce J, Grijalva CG, Krishnan S, Otter C, Horton K, Seiler N, Pearson WS. STI Testing among Medicaid Enrollees Initiating PrEP for HIV Prevention in Six Southern States. *Southern Medical Journal*. 2023 Jun;116(6):455-463. doi: 10.14423/SMJ.000000000001564.
- Napierala E, LaBoy A, Patterson S, Wiess M, Attell B, and **Smith JC\***. "Mothers experience with health insurance coverage when youngest child reaches 18 years of age." *JAMA Health Forum*. 2023;4(2):e225514. doi:10.1001/jamahealthforum.2022.5514.
- Heberlein EC, **Smith JC**, Marton J, Otekunrin, A, LaBoy A, Britt J, and Crockett A. "Well Child Visit Attendance for Group Prenatal Care Participant." *Academic Pediatrics*. [published online ahead of print, 2022 Oct 8]. doi:10.1016/j.acap.2022.09.022.
- Lanier, P, Kennedy, S, Pearson, W, [and 20 others, including **Smith, JC**]. "Prenatal Syphilis Screening Among Medicaid Enrollees in 6 Southern States." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2022 Jan. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2021.11.011>.
- Marton J, **Smith JC\***, Heberlein EC, LaBoy A, Britt J, and Crockett A. "Group Prenatal Care and Emergency Room Utilization." *Medical Care Research and Review*. 2021 Dec. doi:10.1177/10775587211059938.
- Heberlein EC, **Smith JC**, LaBoy A, Britt J, and Crockett A. "Birth Outcomes for Medically High-Risk Pregnancies: Comparing Group to Individuals Prenatal Care." *American Journal of Perinatology*. 2021 Dec. doi:10.1055/a-1682-2704.
- **Smith JC**, Alderman L, Attell B, Avila W, Covington J, Manteuffel B, Digirolamo A, Snyder S, and Minyard K. "Dynamics of Parental Opioid Use and Children's Health and Well-being: An Integrative Systems Mapping Approach." *Frontiers in Psychology* 2021 May. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.687641.
- Heberlein EC, **Smith JC**, Willis CJ, Jenkins-Hall W, Covington-Kolb S, and Crockett A,. "The Effects of CenteringPregnancy Group Prenatal Care on Postpartum Visit Attendance and Contraception Use." *Contraception* 2020 Jul;102(1): 46-51. doi: 10.1016/j.contraception.2020.02.010.
- Crockett A, Heberlein EC, **Smith JC**, Willis CJ, Covington-Kolb S, and Ozluk P. "Effect of a Multi-Site Expansion of Group Prenatal Care on Birth Outcomes." *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. 2019 Oct;23(10): 1424-1433. doi: 10.1007/s10995-019-02795-4.
- Burns ME, Huskamp HA, **Smith JC**, Madden JM, and Soumerai SB. "The Effects of the Transition from Medicaid to Medicare on Health Care Use for Adults with Mental Illness." *Medical Care*. 2016 Sep;54(9), 868-77. doi: 10.1097/MLR.000000000000572.

## Book Chapters

- **Smith JC**, Heberlein E, Snyder A, and Minyard K. "Driving Access, Health Equity, and Innovation in Maternal Health Care through Medicaid." *The Practical Playbook III: Working Together to Improve Maternal Health*. Oxford University Press. 1st edition. (Forthcoming 2023).

## Work in Progress

- **Smith JC**, McGee B, LaBoy A, and Heberlein EC. "Postpartum Coverage Churn and Healthcare Use: Outcomes for Low-Income Mothers."

## Reports & Briefs

### Reports

- **Smith JC**, Pruett-Covington J, Dills J. "Support for the Update to the Georgia Multi-Stakeholder Opioid & Substance Use Response Plan." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Public Health, July 9, 2021.
- **Smith JC**, Patterson S, Heberlein EC. "CenteringPregnancy Pilot Incentive Program Process Evaluation." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, July 30, 2020.
- Fuller K, Prendergrast A, **Smith JC**. "At a Crossroads: Exploring Transportation for Older Georgians in a Rapidly Changing Landscape." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, November 2018.
- **Smith JC**, Marton J, Sung J, Palmer M. "Moving to Medicaid Managed Care: Use of Psychotropic Medications and Behavioral Health Care among Children in Foster Care and Adoption Assistance." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, April 16, 2018.
- Heberlein EC, **Smith JC**, Wills C. "South Carolina CenteringPregnancy Expansion Project: Findings for Medicaid 2013-2017." *Report*. Presented to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, December 27, 2017.
- **Smith JC**, Marton J, Sung J, Palmer M. "Moving to Medicaid Managed Care: Impacts on Health Care Utilization among Children in Foster Care and Adoption Assistance." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, November 15, 2017.
- **Smith JC**. "Medication Assisted Treatment Utilization for Opioid Use Disorder." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, August 1, 2017.
- Heberlein M, Willis C, Rencher W, **Smith JC**. "Georgia Medicaid Access Monitoring Review Plan (AMRP)." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, August 17, 2016.
- **Smith JC**. "Department of Community Health and Care Management Organization Provider Specialty Alignment Review." *Report*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, August 5, 2016.

### Data Briefs

- **Smith JC**, LaBoy A, Napierala E, Patterson S. "Impacts of Medicaid Policy and Quality Improvement Strategies - Maternal Health." *Data Brief*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, January 31, 2022.
- **Smith JC**, LaBoy A, Napierala E. "Improved Maternal Health: Postpartum Medicaid Coverage in Georgia." *Data Brief*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, June 30, 2021.

- **Smith JC**, LaBoy A, Napierala E, Patterson S. "Pathways to Improved Maternal Health: Medicaid Coverage in Georgia before Delivery." *Data Brief*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, July 30, 2020.
- **Smith JC**, LaBoy A, Napierala E, Patterson S. "Pathways to Improved Maternal Health: Postpartum Medicaid Coverage in Georgia." *Data Brief*. Presented to the Georgia Department of Community Health, July 30, 2020.

### Issue Briefs

- **Smith JC**. "Health Care Landscape: Behavioral Health Care Services in Georgia." *Issue Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, Health Reform Work Group, November 30, 2018.
- **Smith JC**. "Cost-Sharing Reductions in the Health Insurance Marketplace: Uncertainty and Implications for Georgia." *Issue Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, Health Reform Work Group, May 16, 2017.

### Policy Briefs

- Rencher W, **Smith JC**. "Georgia Postpartum Extension 1115 Waiver." *Policy Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, June 21, 2021.
- Lanford D, Rencher W, **Smith JC**. "Medicaid Policy Brief: Social Determinants of Health." *Policy Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, March 24, 2021.
- Billiot W, Rencher W, **Smith JC**, Snyder A. "Georgia 1332 State Innovation Waiver." *Policy Brief*, Georgia Health Policy Center, January 29, 2021.
- Billiot W, Rencher W, **Smith JC**, Snyder A. "Georgia 1115 Pathways to Coverage Waiver." *Policy Brief*, Georgia Health Policy Center, January 29, 2021.
- **Smith JC**, Rencher W "Options for State Medicaid Programs During COVID-19 Emergency." *Policy Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, April 6, 2020.
- **Smith JC**, Rencher W. "Block Grants Policy Brief," *Policy Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, Health Reform Work Group, March 1, 2020.
- Rencher W, **Smith JC**, "Better Care Reconciliation Act Overview." *Policy Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, Health Reform Work Group, August 18, 2017.
- Haberlein M, Rencher W, **Smith JC**, "American Health Care Act (AHCA) Update." *Policy Brief*. Georgia Health Policy Center, Health Reform Work Group, May 16, 2017.

### Fact Sheets

- McGarrie L, **Smith JC**, Snyder A. "Medicaid Options for States During COVID-19: Considerations for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs." *Fact Sheet*. Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs & Georgia Health Policy Center, May 19, 2021.
- McGarrie L, **Smith JC**, Snyder A. "Medicaid Options for States During COVID-19: Considerations for Maternal and Child Health." *Fact Sheet*. Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs & Georgia Health Policy Center, February 19, 2021.

## Presentations

- **Smith JC**, Covington-Kolb S, Keenan-Devlin L, Hughes-Jones J. "Health Equity in Perinatal Care: Integrating Community Health Workers as a Strategy to Eliminate Disparities." Conference Presentation, AMCHP 2022 Annual Conference. May 26, 2022.
- **Smith JC**, Freeman C. "Learnings from HRSA's Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Distribution Technical Assistance Program." Conference Roundtable Discussion, National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. May 19, 2022.
- **Smith JC**, Patterson S. "Medicaid Coverage During the Perinatal Period." Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center - Rural Maternity and Obstetric Management Strategies Program Meeting. April 5, 2022.
- Heberlein EC, **Smith JC**, Crockett A. "Expanding Group Prenatal Care: Lessons Learned from South Carolina." Poster Presentation, AMCHP 2021 Annual Conference. May 25, 2021.
- LaBoy A, **Smith JC**, Heberlein EC. "Do group prenatal care participants have lower rates of infant mortality? A statewide study." Poster Presentation, AMCHP 2021 Annual Conference. May 25, 2021.
- **Smith JC**, Rencher W. "Section 1115 Medicaid Waivers: An Introduction." Invited Presentation, Voices for Georgia's Children. October 4, 2019.
- **Smith JC**, Rencher W. "Public and Private Insurance Market Waivers: Policy Levels to Address Access and Cost." Oral Presentation, Legislative Education Initiative, Georgia Health Policy Center. October 2, 2019.
- **Smith JC** "Medicaid's Past, Present, and Future." Invited course lecture, Columbia University School of Social Work. September 25, 2019.
- **Smith JC** "Section 1115 Medicaid Waivers: An Introduction." Oral Presentation, Legislative Education Initiative, Georgia Health Policy Center. August 7, 2019.
- **Smith JC**, Heberlein EC, Crockett A. "Effects of Expanding Group Prenatal Care on Birth Outcomes in High-Risk Pregnancies: Lessons from South Carolina." Conference Presentation, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Washington, DC. June 2, 2019.
- **Smith JC**, Marton J, Sung J, Palmer M. "Transitioning Foster Care Children to Managed Care: Changes in Psychotropic Prescribing and Behavioral Health Care." Conference Presentation, State Health Research and Policy Interest Group Meeting. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, WA. June 23, 2018.
- **Smith JC**, Heberlein EC, Willis C, Crockett A. "Impacts of Group Prenatal Care on Birth Outcomes: Evidence from South Carolina's CenteringPregnancy Expansion." Conference Presentation, 7th Conference of the American Society of Health Economists. Atlanta, GA. June 13, 2018.
- **Smith JC**, Rencher W. "What Really Happened to Health Care in 2017?" Invited Presentation, Communities Joined in Action National Conference. Atlanta, GA. February 14, 2018.
- **Smith JC**, Marton J, Sung J, Palmer M. "Moving to Medicaid Managed Care: Impacts on Health Care Utilization among Children in Foster Care and Adoption Assistance." Poster Presentation, AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference. Washington, DC. February 5-6, 2018.

- **Smith JC**, Rencher W. "Health Care Reform and Impacts on Specific Populations." Invited Presentation, Southern Obesity Summit. Atlanta, GA. October 1, 2017.
- **Smith JC**. "Using Medicaid 1115 Waivers to Expand Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Georgia." Oral Presentation, Legislative Education Initiative, Georgia Health Policy Center. September 21, 2017.
- **Smith JC**, Willis C, Rencher W. "Patient Access in Medicaid: Provider Response to Enhanced Payments." Poster Presentation, AcademyHealth. New Orleans, LA. June 25-26, 2017.
- **Smith JC**. "Coverage for Benzodiazepines and Incidence of Inpatient Admissions for Substance Abuse." Conference Presentation, Addiction Health Services Research Conference 2015. Marina Del Rey, CA. October 15, 2015.
- **Smith JC**, Vanness D. "A Network Meta-Analysis of 16 New-Generation Antidepressants to Evaluate Comparative Efficacy." Conference Presentation, Second Meeting on Patient Reported Outcomes and Person Centered Care in Mental Health, International Center of Mental Health Policy and Economics. Washington, DC. September 27, 2014.
- **Smith JC**. "Does Parity Translate to Treatment? The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and Treatment for Substance Use Disorders." Poster Presentation, American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference, University of Southern California. June 23, 2014.

## Contracts, Grants, & Sponsored Research

- **Smith JC (Principal)**, Petiwala A (Supporting), "Support to the Georgia Department of Public Health for Opioid Response Strategic Planning," Sponsored by Georgia Department of Public Health, State \$50,000 (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022).
- Landers G (Principal), **Smith JC (Co-Principal)**, Freeman C (Supporting), "Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Distribution Program Technical Assistance," Sponsored by Health Resources and Services Administration, Federal \$1,223,164 (July 21, 2021 - July 20, 2022).
- Parker C (Principal), **Smith JC (Co-Principal)**, Dills J (Supporting), "Support to the Georgia Department of Public Health for Opioid Response Strategic Planning," Sponsored by Georgia Department of Public Health, State \$50,000 (July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021).
- Snyder AB (Principal), McGarrie L (Supporting), **Smith JC (Supporting)**, "Prism Project," Sponsored by Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, Private, \$21,000 (May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021).
- **Smith JC (Principal)**, Snyder AB (Co-Principal), "Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing and Treatment in Medicaid Populations," Sponsored by AcademyHealth and CDC Foundation, Federal, \$45,000.00. (April 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021).
- Heberlein EC (Principal), **Smith JC (Co-Investigator)**, Laboy A (Supporting), "Research on the CenteringPregnancy Program," Sponsored by Greenville Health System, State, \$383,621 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2022).
- Minyard K (Principal), Snyder AB (Co-Investigator), **Smith JC (Project Director)**. "Medicaid Research and Policy Support" Sponsored by Georgia Department of Community Health, State, \$4,160,285 (May 1, 2014 - June 30, 2022).

## Training & Awards

- Student Choice Award for Teaching and Service, Department of Health Policy & Management, University of Georgia, 2023
- Georgia State University Executive Leadership Academy for Women, 2021
- University of Wisconsin–Madison Rankin/Skatrud Travel Stipend Award, 2015
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program Population Health Dissertation Grant, 2014
- International Center of Mental Health Policy and Economics Second Meeting on Patient Reported Outcomes and Person Centered Care in Mental Health Scholarship, 2014
- Institute for Research on Poverty Graduate Research Fellow, 2013–2014
- University of Wisconsin Health-Economics Research Collaboration, 2013–2014
- National Institute of Mental Health Graduate Fellowship in the Economics of Health and Mental Health, 2011–2014
- Outstanding Graduate in Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2009
- Pearl E. and Edward R. Moore Memorial Scholarship for Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2008
- Frank B. Ward Memorial Scholarship for Economics, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, 2007

## Teaching

### Graduate

- HPAM 7350 - Introduction to Quantitative Analysis in Healthcare (Fall 2022, 2023)
- HPAM 7550 - Quality Improvement in Healthcare (Fall 2023)
- HPAM 7910 - Professional Development Seminar in Health Administration I (Fall 2022, 2023)
- HPAM 7920 - Professional Development Seminar in Health Administration II (Spring 2023)
- HPAM 7930 - Professional Development Seminar in Health Administration III (Fall 2022, 2023)
- HPAM 7900 - Internship in Health Administration (Summer 2023)
- HPAM 7950 - Capstone Project in Health Administration (Spring 2023)
- HPAM 8000 - Directed Research in Health Policy and Management (Fall 2022)
- HPAM 9200 - Doctor of Public Health Seminar II (Spring 2023)

## Academic Service

### Student Organization Advisor

- American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) UGA Chapter Advisor (Spring 2023–Present)
- UGA Institute for Health Improvement (IHI) Chapter Advisor (Spring 2023–Present)
- UGA MHA Program Student Executive Board Advisor (Spring 2023–Present)

### Student Supervision

#### *Dissertation Committee Chair*

- Expected 2025  
Caroline Correnti. DrPh. Health Policy & Management, University of Georgia

#### *Dissertation Committee Member*

- Expected 2024  
JR Ang. PhD. Economics, Georgia State University  
Tadiesse Haileyesus. DrPh. Health Policy & Management, University of Georgia
- Expected 2025  
Britany Helton. DrPh. Health Policy & Management, University of Georgia  
Erin McDaniels. PhD. Epidemiology & Biostatistics, University of Georgia  
Jessica Taraby. DrPh. Health Policy & Management, University of Georgia

#### *Capstone Advisor*

- Master of Health Administration, University of Georgia - 2023  
Camden Bridges  
Joseph Patrick Sapp  
Delaineey Saxon  
Emmett Taliferro

#### *Mentorship*

- UGA Mentor Program, University of Georgia (Fall 2022 - Present)
- Faculty Advisor, Department of Economics, Andrew Young School, Georgia State University (Spring 2021)
- Faculty Mentor, Department of Economics, Andrew Young School, Georgia State University (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

### University Service

- Student Services Professional Search Committee Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of Georgia (Summer 2023)
- HPAM Day Planning Committee Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of Georgia (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)
- Clinical Faculty Search Committee Member, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of Georgia (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)
- Research Strategy Committee, Georgia Health Policy Center, Georgia State University (2020-2022)



## Professional Service & Affiliations

### Reviewer

- *Clinical Therapeutics, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Frontiers in Psychology, Journal of Managed Care and Specialty Pharmacy, Maternal and Child Health Journal, Medical Care.*

### Member

- National Opioid Leadership Summit advisory committee, AcademyHealth, American Society of Health Economists, State-University Partnership Learning Network (SUPLN), Substance Abuse Research Alliance (SARA), Association of University Programs in Health Administration

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