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Employment

Deputy Director of Economic Analysis, The Budget Lab at Yale, 2026–present

Principal Analyst, Congressional Budget Office, 2023–2026

Associate Analyst, Congressional Budget Office, 2021–2023

Education

Ph.D., Health Policy/Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2021

M.A., Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2019

A.B., Economics, Dartmouth College, 2013

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Hong, N., & Hopkins, B. (2026). "The Role of Nonfinancial Factors in the Congressional Budget Office's Health Insurance Coverage Projections." *PNAS*, 123(28), e2525991123. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2525991123

Hong, N., Duchovny, N., & Ding, R. (2025). "Differences in Medicaid Enrollment and Spending Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *JAMA Network Open*, 8(6), e2516569. https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.16569

Hale, J., **Hong, N.**, Hopkins, B., Lyons, S., & Molloy, E. (2024). "Health Insurance Coverage Projections For The US Population And Sources Of Coverage, By Age, 2024–34." *Health Affairs*, 43(7), 922–932. https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2024.00460

Hong, N., Root, A., & Handel, B. (2023). "The Role of Information and Nudges on Advance Directives and End-of-Life Planning: Evidence From a Randomized Trial." *Medical Care Research and Review*, 80(3), 283–292. https://doi.org/10.1177/10775587231157800

Handel, B., **Hong, N.**, Hua, L. M., & Ito, Y. (2023). "Employer Risk-Adjustment Transitions with Inertial Consumers: Evidence from CalPERS." *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, 90(1), 93–121. https://doi.org/10.1111/jori.12417

Fulton, B., **Hong, N.**, & Rodriguez, H. (2019). "Early Impact of the State Innovation Models Initiative on Diagnosed Diabetes Prevalence Among Adults and Hospitalizations Among Diagnosed Adults." *Medical Care*, 57(9), 710–717. https://doi.org/10.1097/mlr.0000000000001161

Selected Policy Analysis

Congressional Budget Office (2024). "Budgetary Effects of Policies That Would Increase Hepatitis C Treatment." https://www.cbo.gov/publication/60237

Congressional Budget Office (2023). "Federal Subsidies for Health Insurance: 2023 to 2033." https://www.cbo.gov/publication/59273

Congressional Budget Office (2022). "Federal Subsidies for Health Insurance Coverage for People Under 65: 2022 to 2032." https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57962

Working Papers

"Financial, Health, and State Factors Associated with Medicare Beneficiaries' Transition to Dual Eligible Status," with Claire Hou, Chris Zogby, Berna Demiralp, and Alexandra Minicozzi

"Once the Five-Year Bar Expires, Eligible Immigrant Children and Adults Take Up Medicaid at High Rates, 2017–23," with Britainy Barnes and Towo Babayemi

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Health Economics (MHA), Dartmouth College, Geisel/Tuck Master of Health Administration Program, 2023–2024

Lead Teaching Assistant, Economics of Population Health (MPH), UC Berkeley School of Public Health, 2019–2021

Lead Teaching Assistant, Health Economics (MPH), UC Berkeley School of Public Health, 2018

Research and Other Experience

Research Assistant, Prof. Benjamin Handel, UC Berkeley Department of Economics, 2019–2021

Research Assistant, Prof. Brent Fulton, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, 2017–2019

Project Manager, Epic Systems, 2013–2015

Awards and Grants

Richard Scheffler Health Economics Award (best UC Berkeley dissertation in health economics), 2021

J-PAL North America Health Care Delivery Initiative (Co-Investigator, $49,983), 2019–2021

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Economics of Population Health, 2019

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) T32 Training Grant, 2016–2018

Additional Information

Programming and Statistical Languages: Stata, SAS, R, Python

Areas of Expertise: Medicaid policy, simulation modeling, legislative scoring

Refereeing: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (proficient)

Citizenship: United States