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**EDUCATION**

1998      Ph.D., Economics, Princeton University  
1991      B.A. *cum laude*, Mathematics and History, Yale University

**EMPLOYMENT**

**University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 2004 to present**

Research Associate Professor, Institute for Social Research, 2011 - present  
Research Associate Professor, Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, 2011 – present  
Research Associate Professor, Ford School of Public Policy, 2011 - present

Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Social Research, 2004 - 2011

Visiting Scholar, National Poverty Center, 2004

**Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President,  
Washington DC, 2010 to 2011**

Senior Economist

**University of Chicago, 2000 to 2004**

Assistant Professor, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies

**University of California at Berkeley, 1998 to 2000**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton NJ, 1995 to 1998**

Research Intern

**White House Task Force on Health Care Reform, Washington DC, 1993**

Policy Assistant

**Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services, Rockville MD, 1991 to 1993**

Research Assistant

## PUBLICATIONS

- Helen Levy. 2012/203. "Health Reform: Learning from Massachusetts," *Inquiry*, 49(4) Winter: 300-302.
- Katherine Baicker and Helen Levy. 2012. "The Insurance Value of Medicare," *New England Journal of Medicine* 367:1773-1775.
- Marianne Udow-Phillips, Joshua Fangmeier, Thomas Buchmueller, and Helen Levy. 2012. "The ACA's Medicaid Expansion: Michigan Impact," Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation Issue Brief. Ann Arbor, MI.
- Helen Levy. 2012. "The Economic Impact of Michigan's Dr. Ron Davis Smoke-Free Air Law: A Report to the Michigan Department of Community Health."
- Jill R. Horwitz and Helen Levy. 2012. "Obamacare will help drive down health care costs," posted on CNN Opinion June 28, 2012.
- Jill R. Horwitz, Helen Levy, and Kathryn Gilbert. 2012. "Health Care Economics 101 and the Supreme Court," posted on *Health Affairs* blog May 23, 2012.
- Helen Levy. 2010. Review of *Who Has the Cure? Hamilton Project Ideas on Health Care*, Jason Furman (editor). *Journal of Economic Literature* 48: 464 – 466.
- Lindsey Leininger, Helen Levy, and Diane Schanzenbach. 2010. "Consequences of SCHIP Expansions for Household Well-Being." *Forum for Health Economics & Policy* 13(1): (Frontiers in Health Policy Research), Article 3.
- Helen Levy and David R. Weir. 2010. "Take-Up of Medicare Part D: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 65B(4): 492 – 501.
- Jonathan Gruber and Helen Levy. 2009. "The Evolution of Medical Spending Risk." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 23(4): 25–48.
- Karin V. Rhodes, Teri L. Veith, Hallie Kushner, Helen Levy, and Brent R. Asplin. 2009. "Referral Without Access: For Psychiatric Services, Wait For The Beep." *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 54(2): 272-278.
- Catherine McLaughlin, Helen Levy, and Brian Quinn. 2009. "Aspects of Health Reform: Contributions from the Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured," *Inquiry* 46(2): 182 – 186.
- Helen Levy and Italo Gutierrez. 2009. "Documentation and Benchmarking of Health Insurance Measures in the Health and Retirement Study." Available online at: [http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/sitedocs/userg/HRS\\_HealthInsuranceMeasures.pdf](http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/sitedocs/userg/HRS_HealthInsuranceMeasures.pdf)

- Helen Levy and Thomas DeLeire. 2008/2009 “What Do People Buy When They Don’t Buy Health Insurance and What Does that Say about Why They Are Uninsured?” *Inquiry* Winter 45(4): 365–379.
- Katherine Baicker and Helen Levy. 2008. “Employer Health Insurance Mandates and the Risk of Unemployment.” *Risk Management and Insurance Review* 11(1): 109-132.
- Helen Levy and David Meltzer. 2008. “The Impact of Health Insurance on Health.” *Annual Review of Public Health* 29: 399-409.
- Helen Levy. 2007. “Health Insurance and the Transition to Adulthood,” in *The Price of Independence: The Economics of Early Adulthood*, Sheldon Danziger and Cecilia Rouse (eds.); Russell Sage Foundation, 2007: 84 – 106.
- Helen Levy. 2007. “Health Insurance Coverage of the Baby Boomers Approaching Retirement,” in *Redefining Retirement: How Will Boomers Fare?* Olivia Mitchell, Brigitte Madrian, and Beth Soldo (eds.); Oxford University Press, 2007: 159 – 175.
- Helen Levy. 2007. “Health Insurance Data in the Panel Study of Income Dynamics,” Technical Report, available online at <http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Guide/Quality/Health-Insurance-Data.pdf>.
- Helen Levy. 2007. Review of *Medicine and the Market: Equity v. Choice*, by Daniel Callahan and Angela Wasunna. *Journal of Economic Literature* 45(3): 760 – 761.
- Helen Levy. 2006. “How Is Health Insurance Affected by the Economy? Public and Private Coverage Among Low-Skilled Adults in the 1990s.” Chapter 14 in *Working and Poor: How Economic and Policy Changes Are Affecting Low-Wage Workers*, Rebecca M. Blank, Sheldon H. Danziger, and Robert F. Schoeni (eds). Russell Sage Foundation, 2006. 396 – 425.
- Thomas DeLeire, Judith Levine and Helen Levy. 2006. “Is Welfare Reform Responsible for Low-Skilled Women’s Declining Health Insurance Coverage in the 1990s?” *Journal of Human Resources* 41(3):467-94.
- Helen Levy and David Meltzer. 2006. “The Effect of Health Insurance on Health: How Good Is Our Evidence?” *Global Forum Update on Research for Health*, 2006, volume 3, pp. 137-141.
- Brent R. Asplin, Karin V. Rhodes, Helen Levy, Nicole Lurie, A. Lauren Crain, Bradley P. Carlin and Arthur L. Kellermann. 2005. “Insurance Status and Access to Urgent Ambulatory Care Follow-up Appointments.” *JAMA* 294:1248-1254.
- Thomas DeLeire and Helen Levy. 2004. “Worker Sorting and the Risk of Death on the Job.” *Journal of Labor Economics* 22(4):925 – 953.

Helen Levy and David Meltzer. 2004. "What Do We Really Know about Whether Health Insurance Affects Health?" in *Health Policy and the Uninsured: Setting the Agenda*, Catherine McLaughlin (ed.), Urban Institute Press, Washington DC.

Helen Levy and Roger Feldman. 2001. "Does the Incidence of Group Health Insurance Fall on Individual Workers?" *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, 1, 227 – 247.

Henry Farber and Helen Levy. 2000. "Recent Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance: Are Bad Jobs Getting Worse?" *Journal of Health Economics* 19(1): 93 – 119.

William N. Evans, Helen Levy and Kosali I. Simon. 2000. "Research Data in Health Economics," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 14(4): 203-216.

Alan B. Krueger and Helen Levy. 1996. "Accounting for the Slowdown in Employer Health Care Costs," *Proceedings of the National Tax Association*, Eighty-Ninth Annual Conference 61-75.

John Moeller and Helen Levy. 1996. "Dental Services: A Comparison of Use, Expenditures, and Sources of Payment, 1977 and 1987." National Medical Expenditure Survey Research Findings 26, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR Pub. No. 96-0005).

M.E. Johantgen, R.M. Coffey, R. Harris, H. Levy and J.J. Clinton. 1995. "Hospital Characteristics Associated with Breast-Conserving Surgery." *American Journal of Public Health* October 85:1432-1434.

John Moeller and Helen Levy. 1995. "Prescribed Medicines in Ambulatory Care Settings: A Comparison of Use, Expenditures, and Sources of Payment, 1977 and 1987." National Medical Expenditure Survey Research Findings 24, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR Pub. No. 95-0062).

Joel Cohen, Llewellyn Cornelius, Beth Hahn and Helen Levy. 1994. "Use of Services and Expenditures for the Noninstitutionalized Population under Medicaid." National Medical Expenditure Survey Research Findings 20, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR Pub. No. 94-0051).

## **SELECTED WORKING PAPERS**

Nicholas Bagley and Helen Levy. "Essential Health Benefits and the Affordable Care Act: Law and Process," University of Michigan Public Law Research Paper No. 302, January 2013.

Helen Levy. "Income, Material Hardship, and the Use of Public Programs among the Elderly." Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2009-208, September 2009.

Helen Levy and Kristin Seefeldt. "Saving among Low-Income Women: Motivation and Obstacles." Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2008-199, September 2008.

Helen Levy and Kristin Seefeldt. "How Do Lower-Income Families Think about Retirement?" Michigan Retirement Research Center Working Paper 2008-195, September 2008.

Thomas DeLeire and Helen Levy. "How Well Can We Measure the Well-Being of the Poor Using Food Expenditure?" National Poverty Center Working Paper 06-29, August 2006.

Miles Kimball, Helen Levy, Fumio Ohtake, and Yoshiro Tsutsui. "Unhappiness after Hurricane Katrina." National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 12062, January 2006.

Helen Levy. "Health Insurance and the Wage Gap." National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 11975, January 2006.

Thomas DeLeire and Helen Levy. "The Material Well-Being of Single Mother Households in the 1980s and 1990s: What Can We Learn from Food Spending?" National Poverty Center Working Paper 05-01, January 2005.

Helen Levy. "Private Employer-Sponsored Disability Insurance: Where are the Gaps in Coverage?" National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 10382, March 2004.

Helen Levy. "The Economic Consequences of Being Uninsured," Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured Working Paper 12, October 2002.

Helen Levy. "Who Pays for Health Insurance? Employee Contributions to Health Insurance Premiums," Princeton University Industrial Relations Section Working Paper 398, March 1998.

#### **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, University of Michigan: Steering Committee member, September 2005 – present
- National Poverty Center, University of Michigan: Research Affiliate, January 2005 – present
- Population Studies Center, University of Michigan: Affiliate, March 2005 - present
- National Bureau of Economic Research: Research Associate, April 2009 – present; Faculty Research Fellow, January 1999 – March 2009.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Health Economics and Public Policy* (Public Policy 644), University of Michigan  
Winter 2008, Fall 2012

*Introduction to Health Economics* (Economics 395), University of Michigan  
Fall 2005, Winter 2007

*Applied Econometrics II* (Public Policy 421), University of Chicago  
Spring 2003

*Introduction to Microeconomics and Public Policy* (Public Policy 323), University of Chicago  
Fall 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

*Health Economics* (Public Policy 383), University of Chicago  
Spring 2000

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

University of Chicago, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, Levin Faculty  
Fellowship, 2002 – 2003

University of Chicago, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, co-recipient of Public  
Policy Students' Association Prize for Best Teaching in a Core Course

Upjohn Institute, Dissertation Prize Finalist, 1999

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, 1996 - 1998

Yale College, Saybrook College Fellows' Prize, June 1991

#### **GRANTS**

Note: Role on all projects is PI unless otherwise noted.

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|-------------|---|
| 2012 – 2013 | Michigan Retirement Research Center. “The Health and Medical Care Use of Social Security Disability Insurance Recipients,” (co-investigator; with John Bound and Lauren Nicholas [PI]; \$50,000)                                    |
| 2011 – 2016 | National Institute on Aging. “Health Literacy and Health Disparities among the Elderly” (K01; \$540,810)  |
| 2009 – 2010 | Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. “New Evidence on the Persistence of High Health Spending,” July 2009 – December 2010 (co-investigator; PI: Richard Hirth; R01; \$147,230) |
| 2009 – 2010 | Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging. “Cognition, Medicare Spending, and Mortality among the Elderly,” August 2009 – June 2010 (\$19,957)   |
| 2009 – 2010 | Michigan Population Studies Center, Mueller Fund. “Medicare Part D and Crowd-Out of Employer-Provided Drug Coverage,” March 2009 – February 2010 (with Omar Alshaqeety; \$6,000)  |
| 2008 – 2009 | Michigan Retirement Research Center. “Economic Hardship among the   |

- Elderly: How Important is Failure to Take Up Public Programs?" October 2008 – September 2009 (\$50,000)
- 2008 – 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization. "Consequences of SCHIP for Household Well-Being," October 2008 – September 2009 (with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach and Lindsey Leininger; \$124,694)
- 2008 – 2010 National Institute on Aging. "What Triggers Loss of Health Insurance among the Near-Elderly?" July 2008 – July 2010 (R03; \$124,640)
- 2008 Michigan Retirement Research Center. "Obstacles to Saving among Economically Vulnerable Women," May 2008 – September 2008 (with Kristin Seefeldt; \$50,000)
- 2008 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Program. "Food Stamp Use among the Elderly: Evidence from Panel Data," January 2008 – December 2008 (\$40,000)
- 2007 – 2008 Michigan Retirement Research Center. "How Do Low-Income Families Think about Retirement?" October 2007 – September 2008 (with Kristin Seefeldt; \$25,000)
- 2006 – 2007 Michigan Retirement Research Center. "Extra Help: Take-up of the Social Security Administration's Low-Income Subsidy Program for Part D of Medicare in 2006," January 2007 – September 2007 (with David Weir; \$100,000)
- 2007 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. "The Changing Safety Net: Low Income Families' Survival Strategies for Managing Layoffs, Lack of Health Insurance, and Other Shocks to Economic Well-Being," January 2007 – December 2007 (co-investigator; PI: Kristin Seefeldt; \$102,814)
- 2007 Annie E. Casey Foundation. "The Changing Safety Net," September 2006 – August 2007 (co-investigator; PI: Kristin Seefeldt; \$49,922)
- 2006 - 2007 University of Michigan Center for Local, State and Urban Policy. "The New Working Poverty: Low Income Families' Survival Strategies for Managing Layoffs, Lack of Health Insurance, and Other Shocks to Economic Well-Being," September 2006 – August 2007 (co-investigator; PI: Kristin Seefeldt; \$27,915)
- 2003 - 2004 University of Chicago Center for Human Potential and Public Policy, Innovative Research Program Award, "Equal Pay for Equal Math? Mathematics and the Gender Wage Gap," September 2003 – August 2004

- (with Thomas DeLeire; \$28,076)
- 2003 - 2004 U.S. Department of Agriculture/Joint Center for Poverty Research, “Welfare Reform and Nutritional Well Being,” July 2003 – December 2004 (with Thomas DeLeire; \$40,000)
- 2003 Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, “Welfare Reform and the Uninsured,” January 2003 – December 2003 (with Thomas DeLeire and Judith Levine; \$99,928)
- 2001 University of Chicago Population Research Center, supplemental grant to provide computer support for “Where Are the Gaps in Disability Insurance Coverage?” January 2001 – December 2001 (\$4,000)
- 2002 California Health Care Foundation, “What Do People Buy When They Don’t Buy Insurance?” January 2002 – August 2002 (\$51,818)
- 2001 Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, “The Economic Consequences of Being Uninsured.” January 2001 – December 2001 (\$39,710)
- 2001 Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, “Where Are the Gaps in Disability Insurance Coverage?” January 2001 – December 2001 (\$10,570)
- 2000 - 2001 Department of Labor, “Does the Incidence of Group Health Insurance Fall on Individual Workers?” September 2000 – June 2001 (subcontractor; PI: Roger Feldman; \$75,000)
- 1999 - 2000 Citigroup Behavior Sciences Council Exploratory Grant, August 1999 – July 2000 (\$9,000)
- 1997 American Compensation Association Emerging Scholar Grant, 1997 (\$5,000)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Referee for the *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal – Applied*, *American Economic Journal – Economic Policy*, *Demography*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Economics*, *Health Services Research*, *The Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Industrial Relations*, *Inquiry*, *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Lancet*, *National Tax Journal*, *Population Studies*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, and *Review of Economics and Statistics*.