

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD. 2019 University of Maryland, Health Services
M.P.H. 2012 George Mason University, Public Health Administration
B.A. 2003 Millersville University, International Studies and Economics

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Health Disparities	Local Health Departments
Mental Health/Substance Abuse	Social Determinants of Health
Health Insurance	Public Health Program Planning and Evaluation

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2019 – 2020	Health and Human Services Program and Management Analyst	GS-14
2018 – 2019	U.S. Office of Personnel Management Program and Management Analyst	GS-13
2012 – 2018	Health and Human Services Program and Management Analyst (2017-2018) Health Communications Specialist (2012-2017)	GS-13
2011 – 2012	Association of American Medical Colleges Research Associate Global Health	
2011 – 2012	LeadingAge International Program Manager	
2007 – 2011	Dell Women’s Health Marketing Manager (2008-2011) Bi-lingual Health Information Specialist (2007-2008)	
2004 – 2007	Peace Corps (Bolivia) Regional Volunteer Supervisor (2006-2007) Public Health Volunteer (2004-2007)	

2003 Chilean House of Representatives (Chile)
Research Intern (Global Health)

1999 – 2003 Lancaster General Hospital
Emergency Medical Technician

1998 Water for People (Guatemala)
Health Education and Community Engagement Intern

PUBLICATIONS

Published in peer-reviewed journals:

1. Novak P, Sanmartin MX, Ali MM. Geolocation of Maryland Medical Marijuana Dispensaries by Community Income and Racial Characteristics: An Ecological Design. *Substance Use and Misuse*; 2021 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33427008/>.
2. Novak P, Ali MM, Sanmartin MX. Disparities in Medical Debt Among US Adults with Serious Psychological Distress. *Health Equity*; 2020 <https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/full/10.1089/heq.2020.0090>.
3. Novak P, Sanmartin MX, Ali MM, Chen, J. Individuals With Serious Mental Illness Have More Health Conditions Associated with Severe Illness from COVID-19 *Psychiatric Services* Accepted 17 July 2020. DOI: [10.1176/appi.ps.202000300](https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.202000300)
4. Novak P, Chu J, Ali MM, Chen J. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Serious Psychological Distress Among Those With Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. *Am J Geriatr Psychiatry*. 2019. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31500897>
5. Novak P, Bloodworth R, Green K, Chen J. Local Health Department Activities to Reduce Emergency Department Visits for Substance Use Disorders. *J Healthc Qual*. 2019 May;41(3):134-145. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31094946>
6. Sanmartin MX, Ali MM, Novak P, Chen J. Sources and Main Motivations for Prescription Opioid Misuse Among Reproductive-Aged Parenting Women in the United States. *Subst Use Misuse*. 2019. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30860931>
7. Novak P, Feder KA, Ali MM, Chen J. Behavioral health treatment utilization among individuals with co-occurring opioid use disorder and mental illness: Evidence from a national survey. *J Subst Abuse Treat*. 2019. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30665603>
8. Novak, P., Chen, J., Ali, M. Health care access among US adults ages 18-64 with chronic conditions and co-occurring serious psychological distress (SPD) 2011-2015. *Medical Research Archives*. 2019.

9. Kozhimannil KB, Dowd WN, Ali MM, Novak P, Chen J. Substance use disorder treatment admissions and state-level prenatal substance use policies: Evidence from a national treatment database. *Addict Behav.* 2019. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30472535>
10. Sanmartin MX, Ali MM, Novak P, Chen J. Polysubstance use among reproductive-aged parenting women who misused prescription opioids in the United States. *J Addict Dis.* 2018.
11. Chen J, DuGoff EH, Novak P, Wang MQ. Variation of hospital-based adoption of care coordination services by community-level social determinants of health. *Health Care Manage Rev.* 2018. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30489339>
12. Novak P, Anderson AC, Chen J. Changes in Health Insurance Coverage and Barriers to Health Care Access Among Individuals with Serious Psychological Distress Following the Affordable Care Act. *Adm Policy Ment Health.* 2018. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29754279>
13. Chen J, Novak P, Goldman H. Public Health System-Delivered Mental Health Preventive Care Links to Significant Reduction of Health Care Costs. *Popul Health Manag.* 2018. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29683382>
14. Chen J, Novak P, Barath D, Goldman H, Mortensen K. Local Health Departments' Promotion of Mental Health Care and Reductions in 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Rates in Maryland. *Med Care.* 2018. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29271821>
15. Chen J, Bloodworth R, Novak P, Cook BL, Goldman HH, Rendall MS, Thomas SB, Reynolds CF 3rd. Reducing Preventable Hospitalization and Disparity: Association With Local Health Department Mental Health Promotion Activities. *Am J Prev Med.* 2018. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29254550>
16. Chen J, Vargas-Bustamante A, Novak P. Reducing Young Adults' Health Care Spending through the ACA Expansion of Dependent Coverage. *Health Serv Res.* 2017. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27604909>
17. Novak, P. Chen, J. Antidepressant use and costs among low education and low income people with serious psychological distress - evidence from health care reform. *Journal of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research.* 2017. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jphs.12182/abstract>
18. Novak P, Williams-Parry KF, Chen J. Racial and Ethnic Disparities Among the Remaining Uninsured Young Adults with Behavioral Health Disorders After the ACA Expansion of Dependent Coverage. *J Racial Ethn Health Disparities.* 2017. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27450047>

19. Ali MM, Chen J, Mutter R, Novak P, Mortensen K. The ACA's Dependent Coverage Expansion and Out-of-Pocket Spending by Young Adults With Behavioral Health Conditions. *Psychiatr Serv*. 2016. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27181735>
20. Chen J, Mullins CD, Novak P, Thomas SB. Personalized Strategies to Activate and Empower Patients in Health Care and Reduce Health Disparities. *Health Educ Behav*. 2016. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25845376>

Published commentaries:

1. 2020, **Novak, P**, Iobst, S. Rural Postpartum Mental Health: The Challenge to Improve. *Medical Care Blog* <https://www.themedicalcareblog.com/rural-postpartum-mental-health/>
2. 2020, **Novak, P**, Chen, J, Barath, D, Benjenk, I. Local Health Departments and COVID-19. *Medical Care Blog* <https://www.themedicalcareblog.com/local-health-depts-covid-19/>
3. 2018, **Novak, P**, Chen, J. Subsyndromal Depression among people Aged 85+ Linked to Higher Monthly Healthcare Spending. *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jagp.2018.03.019>

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. 2019, *American Public Health Association* Evidence-Based Glycated Hemoglobin Testing by Race and Ethnicity Pre- and Post- the Affordable Care Act. Access an [abstract](#).
2. 2019, *American Society of Health Economists* Prescription Drug Expenditures Among People with Diabetes by Serious Psychological Distress Status, 2012 -2016.
3. 2018, *American Society of Health Economists* Public Health System Delivered Mental Health Preventive Care Links to \$824 Reduction of Per Capita Healthcare Costs Annually. Access an [abstract](#).
4. 2018, *American Society of Health Economists* Opioid Use and Out of Pocket Spending on Opioids among US Adults Aged 18+ by Serious Psychological Distress Status. Access an [abstract](#).
5. 2018, *AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting*. Racial and Ethnic Differences in Number of Opioid Scripts Filled Among People with and without Serious Psychological Distress, 2015. Access an [abstract](#).

6. 2018, *AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting*. TeamSTEPPS for Office Based Care Online Course Pilot Evaluation AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Access an [abstract](#).
7. 2018, *Maryland Public Health Day Research Poster*. Hospital Care Coordination to Connect to Behavioral Health Services. Access an [abstract](#).
8. 2017, *Maryland Public Health Day Research Poster*. Antidepressant use and costs among low-education and low income people with serious psychological distress (SPD) 2008-2014. Access a [synopsis](#) of the event.
9. 2017, *American Public Health Association Oral Podium Session*. Health care access among people with chronic conditions and co-existing mental illness in the new era of mental health care reform. Access an [abstract](#).
10. 2016, *AcademyHealth Research Poster*. Estimating total health care costs for rural people with diabetes: a comparison across racial and ethnic subgroups using MEPS data.
11. 2016, *Maryland Public Health Day Research Poster*. Trends in antidepressant utilization and expenditures among US Adults: Evidence from the 2008 and 2013 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS).
12. 2015, *AcademyHealth Research Poster*. Examining the Remaining Uninsured Young Adults after The ACA Expansion of Dependent Coverage.
13. 2012, *Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Meeting*. Using Social Media to Strengthen MCH Programs.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018, Office of Personnel Management, Outstanding Contribution Award
 2017, University of Maryland Public Health Research Day, Second Place for best research poster
 2016, University of Maryland Public Health Research Day, Third Place for best research poster
 2016, Toastmasters International, Advanced Leader Bronze
 2015, Toastmasters International, Advanced Communicator Bronze

GRANTS

2018 *Goldhaber Travel Award*
 University of Maryland at College Park
 Purpose: Travel to American Public Health Association

2018 *Effects of Hospital-Community-Public Health Integration on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mental Health* R01MD011523 (Chen, PI)

University of Maryland at College Park

Funding Period 2017 – 2022

Role: Graduate Research Assistant

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer:

2015—present

Reviewed manuscripts on health care access, health equity, racial and ethnic disparities in medication use, and meditation and mental health, for the following peer-reviewed journals:

- Administration and Policy in Mental Health
- American Public Health Association
- Journal of the American Geriatrics Society
- Health Equity
- New England Journal of Medicine
- Psychiatric Services

University Service:

2011—2012

Vice President, AcademyHealth Student Chapter

George Mason University

Elected to serve on a student-led Executive Committee to advocate for students in the Department of Health Administration and Policy as the School of Public Health underwent accreditation by the Association of Schools of Public Health.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2009 – present American Public Health Association
2014 – present AcademyHealth
2017 – present American Society of Health Economists
2017 – present Project Management Institute

TEACHING

University of Maryland School of Public Health

Spring 2020 SPHL 610 - Program and Policy Planning, Implementation and Evaluation
Fall 2019 SPHL 620 - Leadership, Teams, and Coalitions: Policy to Advocacy
Spring 2019 SPHL 610 - Program and Policy Planning, Implementation and Evaluation

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

2016-2018 TeamSTEPPS for Office Based Care