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Education

- Ph.D. in Health Economics, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, November 2014
Dissertation Advisors: Peter Coyte (Supervisor), Audrey Laporte, Courtney Van Houtven
Dissertation topic: The impact of informal caregiving intensity on labour market outcomes (3 papers)
- M.Sc. in Economic Demography, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, May 2010
Dissertation Advisor: Maria Stanfors
Dissertation topic: The impact of abortion policy on contraceptive use in the United States
- B.B.A Honours, York University, Toronto, Ontario, May 2006

Research and Professional Experience

- Health Economist, Health Economics Resource Center, Palo Alto Veterans Health Administration
(August 2015 – Present)
- Adjunct Research Professor, Richard Ivey School of Business, Western University (July 2016 – Present)
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Richard Ivey School of Business, Western University (January 2015 – July 2015)
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Lund University (October 2014 – December 2014)
- Research Assistant, University of Toronto (January 2011 – October 2014)
- Policy Analyst, Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing (July 2007 – August 2008)
- Research Analyst, Alberta Health and Wellness (May 2006 – July 2007)

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics: Health Economics, Population Economics, Economics of Aging, Labour Economics, Sports Economics

Publications

- Jacobs, J.C. & Barnett, P.G. (2017) "Emergent challenges in determining costs for economic evaluations." *Pharmacoeconomics*, 35(2): 129-139.
- Jacobs, J.C., Van Houtven, C.H., Laporte, A., & Coyte, P.C. (2016). "The impact of informal caregiving on women's retirement in the United States." *Journal of Population Ageing*.
- Jacobs, J.C., Zaric, G., Sarma, S., Burke, S., & Rouse, M. (2016). "Cardiovascular disease risk awareness and its association with preventive health behaviors: Evidence from a sample of Canadian workplaces." *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, 58(5): 459-465.
- Jacobs, J.C., Van Houtven, C., Laporte, A., & Coyte, P.C. (2015). "Baby Boomer caregivers in the workforce: Do they fare better or worse than their predecessors?" *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing*, 6:89-101.
- Jacobs, J.C. & Stanfors, M. (2015). "State abortion context and women's contraceptive effectiveness in the United States." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 47(2): 71-82.

Publications (Cont'd)

Jacobs, J.C. (2014). "Programme-level determinants of women's international football performance." *European Sport Management Quarterly*, 14(5): 521-537.

Jacobs, J.C., Laporte, A., Van Houtven, C., & Coyte, P.C. (2014). "Caregiving intensity and retirement status in Canada." *Social Science & Medicine*, 102: 74-82.

Jacobs, J.C., Lilly M.B., Ng, C., & Coyte, P.C. (2013). "The fiscal impact of informal caregiving to home care recipients in Canada: How the intensity of care influences costs and benefits to government." *Social Science & Medicine*, 81: 102-109.

Jacobs, J.C., & Stanfors, M. (2013). "Racial and ethnic differences in U.S. women's choice of reversible contraceptives, 1995-2010." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 45(3): 139-147.

Working Papers

Stanfors, M., Jacobs, J.C., & Neilson, J. (2016) "Caregiving time costs and trade-offs with paid work and leisure: Evidence from Sweden and the UK."

Jacobs, J.C., Zaric, G., Burke, S., & Rouse, M. (2015). "The economic impact of workplace wellness programs in Canada: An evaluation of the evidence." (Accepted for publication in *Occupational Medicine*)

Chai, H., Jacobs, J.C., & Coyte, P.C. (2014). "The impact of unpaid caregiving on labor market outcomes in China." (Under review)

Jacobs, J.C. & Stanfors, M. (2014). "Heterogamy and effective contraceptive use among married and cohabiting women."

Government Reports

Jacobs, J.C., Daniel, I., Baker, G.R., Brown, A. & Wodchis, W. (2015). "Bundling care and payment: Evidence from early-adopters," Final Report submitted to Ontario Hospital Administration.

Coyte, P.C., Jacobs, J.C., Ng, C., & Lilly, M.B. (2012). "Exploring the Economic Consequences of Caregiving to Family and Friends in Canada: Applied analysis of 2007 Figures", Final Report submitted to Policy Research Directorate, Strategic Policy and Research Branch, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Lilly, M.B., Jacobs, J.C., Ng, C., & Coyte, P.C. (2011). "Exploring the Influence of Prior Caregiving Activities on Canadians' Labour Market Behaviour." Final Report submitted to Policy Research Directorate, Strategic Policy and Research Branch, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Lilly, M.B., Jacobs, J.C., Ng, C., & Coyte, P.C. (2011). "Exploring the Influence of Caregiving Intensity on the Labour Supply of Family/Friend Caregivers in Canada." Final Report submitted to Policy Research Directorate, Strategic Policy and Research Branch, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Thompson, S., & Jacobs, J.C. (2010). "Preschool Developmental Screening – Why, When, and How to Screen, and Cost-Effectiveness Issues: A Literature Review." Final Report submitted to Alberta Centre for Child, Family, and Community Health.

Research in Progress

"Economic outcomes of military caregivers" with Courtney Van Houtven, Veterans Health Administration

"Causes and consequences of inappropriate MRI of the Lumbar Spine (Improved primary care for veterans with low-back pain)" with Paul Barnett, Veterans Health Administration

"The impact of disability insurance on Veterans' employment outcomes" with George Sheldon, Veterans Health Administration

Honours and Awards

Mitacs Accelerate Post-Graduate Award (2015)

Canadian Centre for Health Economics Fellow (2014)

Graduate Studies Conference Grant, University of Toronto (2012)

Open Fellowship, University of Toronto (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)

REACH Award for Excellence, Government of Alberta (2007)

Alan S. Berg Award for Excellence, Schulich School of Business (2006)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2016

Population Association of America (Washington DC), Work and Family Research Network (Washington DC), North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (Montreal) (presented by co-author), European Population Conference (Mainz) (presented by co-author)

2015

2015 Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Science Associations (Boston)

2014

Population Association of America 2014 Annual Meeting (Boston), Canadian Centre for Health Economics Seminar Series (Toronto)

2013

27th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (Aarhus), Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation 2013 Research Day (Toronto)

2012

Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research 2012 Conference (Montreal), 2012 Research Conference of the National Survey of Family Growth (Hyattsville), Family/Friend Caregiving Research Network Program (Gatineau)

2011

Population Association of America 2011 Annual Meeting (Washington), International Health Economics Association 8th World Congress (Toronto) (presented by co-author), Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation 2011 Research Day (Toronto), Lund Economic History Workshop (Lund)

2010

Lund University Dissertation Workshop (Lund)

Referee Activity

Social Science & Medicine, Evaluation and Program Planning, Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Research on Aging, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Population Ageing

Computer Skills

STATA, SPSS, LISREL