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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, WA
MA, PhD, Economics

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Notre Dame, IN
Bachelor of Business Administration, Dual Major in Finance and Computer Applications, Magna Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seattle University

Associate Professor (2021-present), Assistant Professor (2015-2021), Instructor (2009-2014)

- Health Sector Economics and Policy (EMBA, MBA, & UG)
- Global Health Economics (UG)
- Crafting Social Policy (Honors UG)
- Leadership for a Just and Humane World (EMBA)
- Microeconomic Concepts (EMBA)
- Business Economics (MBA)
- Analytical Tools for Management Decision Making (MBA)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (UG)
- Principles of Microeconomics (UG)

Past five-year average student evaluation score for “Would you recommend instructor” across all classes: 4.9/5

Bellevue College, Instructor (2008-2014)

- Health Economics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics

University of Washington, Instructor (2005-2008)

- Public Finance: Tax Policy
- Principles of Microeconomics

University of Washington, Lead Seminar Facilitator (2006)

Center for Instruction, Development and Research Teacher Assistant Seminar

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Seattle Civic Event,

“The US Economy and Society Under Harris vs Trump” with Meena Rishi, Patrick Schoettmer, & Tahmina Watson (2024)

Seattle University Albers Scholarship Seminar Series,

“Inequality in America” with Stacey Jones & Meena Rishi (2023)

“Is Ignorance Bliss? Genetic Screening and Oral Contraceptives from a Patient-Centered Care Perspective” (2017)

“Beyond Charity Care: Examining Oregon Hospital Community Benefits” (2015)

The Annual Assembly of Hospice & Palliative Care,

“Perspectives on Telehealth for Hospice and Palliative Care: Where it Adds Value” (on demand showcase session, 2022)

Seattle University Office of Sponsored Projects Faculty Research Lightning Talks: Summer Research,

“Telehealth for Hospice Care: Implications for Racial/Ethnic and Rural Health Disparities” (online, 2021)

Seattle University Office of Sponsored Projects Faculty Research Lightning Talks: Anti-Racist Scholarship,

“Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in End of Life Care” (online, 2021)

California Hospice and Palliative Care Association Annual Conference,

“Hospices across the Nation Weigh in on Inclusion Strategies” (online, 2021)

The Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland Annual Conference,

“Hospices across the Nation Weigh in on Inclusion Strategies” (online, 2020)

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Interdisciplinary Conference,

“Hospices across the Nation Weigh in on Inclusion Strategies” (online, 2020)

Seattle University Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture,

“US Healthcare 101: The Issues & Proposed Solutions” (online video, 2020)

Western Economics Association International Conference,

“The Value of Health Awareness Campaigns: A Systematic Review of the Literature” (2019)

“Farm to School Intensity Levels: A Systematic Review and Proposed Measurement Tool” (2017)

Population Association of America Annual Conference,

“Is Ignorance Bliss? Genetic Screening and Oral Contraceptives from a Patient-Centered Care Perspective” (2018)

Seattle University Sullivan Leaders Day Panel,

“The Economics of the United States Medical System” (2019)

“How Economics Contributes to Childhood Nutrition Research and Policy” (2017)

Program in Health Economics and Outcomes Methodology Seminar Series (University of Washington),

“A Systematic Review of Economic Evaluations of Thrombophilia Screening prior to Combined Hormonal Contraceptive Use” (2016)

Seattle University MAPs Community Health Conference,

“Understanding Hospital Community Benefits” (2014)

Seattle University College of Nursing Guest Lecture Session,

“The Economics of US Health Care & the Future of Nursing” (2011-2016, 2024)

Radiology Business Management Association, Washington Chapter,

“The Economics of US Health Care & the Future of Imaging Services” (2012)

Inland Imaging Management Seminar,

“The Economics of US Health Care & the Future of Imaging Services” (2012)

Bellevue College Radiant Imaging Associate Program Forum,

“The Economics of Imaging in the United States” (2010-2012)

RESEARCH, AWARDS, ACTIVITIES

Published Work

Foster, M. L., Egwuonwu, C., Vernon, E., Alarifi, M., & Hughes, M. C. (2025). Informal Caregivers Connecting on the Web: Content Analysis of Posts on Discussion Forums. *JMIR Formative Research*, 9(1), e64757.

Green, M., Hughes M. C., Afrin, S., & Vernon E. (2024). Caregiver policies in the United States: a systematic review, *Journal of Public Health Policy*. 1-16.

Alarifi, M., Hughes, M. C., Jabour, A. M., Alashban, Y., & Vernon, E. (2024). Patient, Referring Physician, and Radiologist Opinions Over Time on Providing Patients Access to Radiology Reports: A Systematic Review. *Journal of the American College of Radiology*.

Hughes, M. C., & Vernon, E. (2024). Always Politically Correct: Supporting Seriously Ill Older Populations and Their Families. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, 1-3.

Hughes M.C., Vernon E, Egwuonwu C, Afolabi O. (2024) Measuring decision aid and effectiveness for end-of-life care: A systematic review. *PEC Innovation*.

Hughes, M. C., Vernon, E., & Hainstock, A. (2023). The effectiveness of community-based palliative care program components: A systematic review. *Age & Ageing*, 52(9), afad175.

Vernon, E., & Hughes, M. C., (2023). “Health in the United States: Two Different Ballgames,” article chapter contribution for *Income Inequality in America: A Reference Handbook*. Jones and Rycroft, ABC-CLIO.

Hughes, M. C., Vernon, E., Kowalczyk, M., & Zhou, H. (2022). Experiences of caregivers and hospice leaders with telehealth for palliative care: a mixed methods study. *Annals of Palliative Medicine*, 11(7), 2303.

Vernon, E., Hughes, M. C., & Kowalczyk, M. (2022). Measuring effectiveness in community-based palliative care programs: A systematic review. *Social Science & Medicine*, 114731.

- Chinchanachokchai, S., Jamelske, E. M., & Vernon, E. (2022). Impact of teacher encouragement on children's consumption and non-eating behaviour in a Wisconsin elementary school vegetable snack programme. *Health Education Journal*, 00178969211073293.
- Hughes, M. C., Vernon, E., Kowalczyk, M., & Basco-Rodillas, M. (2021). US hospices' approach to racial/ethnic minority inclusion: a qualitative study. *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*, 11 Feb.
- Vernon, E., Gottesman, Z., & Warren, R. (2020). The Value of Health Awareness Days, Weeks and Months: A Systematic Review. *Social Science & Medicine*, 113553.
- Hughes, M.C., Vernon, E. (2020). Hospice Response to COVID-19: Promoting Sustainable Inclusion Strategies for Racial and Ethnic Minorities. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 11 Oct.
- Hughes, M. C., & Vernon, E. (2020). "We Are Here to Assist All Individuals Who Need Hospice Services": Hospices' Perspectives on Improving Access and Inclusion for Racial/Ethnic Minorities. *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*, 6, 2333721420920414.
- Hughes M.C., Vernon E. (2019). Promoting access to Medicare hospice benefit could save taxpayers, benefit underserved communities. *The Hill*, October.
- Hughes, M.C., Vernon, E. (2019). Closing the Gap in Hospice Utilization for the Minority Medicare Population. *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*, 5, 2333721419855667.
- Hiedemann, B., Vernon, E., & Bowie, B. H. (2019). Re-Examining Genetic Screening and Oral Contraceptives: A Patient Centered Review. *Journal of Personalized Medicine*, 9(1), 4.
- Jamelske, E., Vernon, E. (2018). The Sustained Impact of Teacher Encouragement on Elementary Students' Vegetable Snack Consumption: Initial Findings from a Wisconsin Study. *Journal of Childhood Nutrition and Management*, 42(1):n1.
- Vernon, E., Price, J., & Kumagai, S. (2017). Farm to School Intensity Levels: A Systematic Review and Proposed Measurement Tool. *Journal of Applied Business and Economics*, 19(11/12), 52-64.
- Vernon, E., Hiedemann, B., & Bowie, B. (2017). Economic Evaluations of Thrombophilia Screening Prior to Prescribing Combined Oral Contraceptives: A Systematic and Critical Review. *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*, 1-13.

Academic Honors & Awards

- Seattle University Patricia Wismer Professor (2025-2027)
- Albers School of Business and Economics Eva Albers Professor (2022-2025)
- Grantee, Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging (2021)
- Albers Faculty-Student Research Collaboration Award (2021)
- Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship Recipient (2020)
- Seattle University Jesuit Mission Fellow (2017)
- University of Washington's Stephen Langton Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award (2007)

Academic Activities & Service (selected items)

Reviewer, Drug & Alcohol Review (2023), Health Promotion International (2023), BMJ Open (2021), Value in Health (2020, 2021), Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), American Journal of Managed Care (2019), Health Education & Behavior (2018), American Journal of Public Health (2016), Journal of Gerontological Social Work.(2025), Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences (2025), BMC Palliative Care (2025)

Session Chair, Western Economic Association Conference (2019)

Chair, Honors Program Associate Director for Society, Policy and Citizen Track Search Committee (2021)

Chair, Seattle University Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon (2015-present)

Member, Seattle University Albers Dean Search Committee (2024)

Member, Seattle University Athletics Advisory Board (2019-2023)

Member, Albers Personnel Committee (2022-present)

Member, Albers Scholarship Review Committee (2023-present)

Member, Seattle University Faculty Fellowship and Awards Committee (2023-present)

Member, Seattle University Naef Scholarship Committee (2020-2022)

Member, Albers Anti-racist Inaugural Training Group (2020)

Member, Provost Award Selection Committee (2018-2019)

Member, Accounting Undergraduate Program Review Committee (2019)

Member, Albers Undergraduate Scholarship Committee (2018-2019)

Member, Albers Graduate Scholarship Committee (2019-present)

Member (external), Albers Finance Search Committee (2019)

Member, Albers Economics Lecturer Search Committee (2018, 2021)

Member, Leadership Executive MBA Program Review Committee (2017)

Member, Bridge MBA Assurance of Learning Committee (2015-2023)

Faculty Founder & Representative, Seattle University Economics Club (2019-2023)

Faculty Advisor, Seattle University Undergraduate Research Journal (2019)

Fall quarter faculty lead for Leadership Executive MBA program (2013-present)

Article contributor to Seattle University's Insights publication, "*The High Cost of Healthcare*" (Spring 2014)

Article contributor to Seattle University's Insights publication, "*Health Care Reform: What's Next?*" (Fall 2012)

Non-Academic Activities & Awards

WIAA Debate Judge (2020-2022)

Founding Board President, Bellevue Discovery Center for Early Childhood Education (2011-2014)

Outstanding Service Award, Federal Reserve Board of Washington, DC (1999)

Captain, NCAA Division I Notre Dame Women's Varsity Tennis Team (1997)

International Tennis Hall of Fame Inductee (1994)

Additional Work Experience

Independent Research Consultant Seattle, WA (2010-2015)

Provides project based economic research services. Clients have included TheHungerSite.com, The Clarius Group, Amara, Oxbow Farm, and Novelty Hill Winery.

Quick Start Shared Services, Manager of Planning and Control Seattle, WA (2001-2003)

Responsibilities included development of financial models for numerous startup companies, compilation and presentation of statistical data analysis, industry based comparative analysis, and data collection management.

TheHungerSite.com, Program Manager Seattle, WA (1999-2000)

Responsibilities included management of several technical initiatives from conception to production.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Applications Analyst Washington, DC (1997 -1999)

Responsibilities included management of security, maintenance, and integrity of several database systems within the Federal Reserve.