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### POSITIONS

- Office of Evaluation and Inspection, Office of Inspector General,  
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Social Science Research Analyst
- Department of Public Health Sciences and The Center for Health and the Social Sciences,  
The University of Chicago (Chicago, IL) July 2020-Feb 2021  
Postdoctoral Fellow, T32 Training Program in the Demography and Economics of Aging

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago (Chicago, IL). Public Policy, 2020  
Dissertation: “Unintended consequences of Medicaid policy for high-needs beneficiaries”

#### References:

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- M.A. Hunter College, City University of New York (New York, NY). Economics, 2014  
Thesis: “Grade of Membership Latent Class Analysis of the Heterogeneity in Health Effects of Massachusetts Healthcare Reform”
- B.S. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY). Chemical Engineering and Economics, 2004

### PUBLICATIONS

- Van Houtven, C, Miller, K, **Gorges, R**, Campbell, H, Dawson, W, McHugh, J, McGarry, B, Gilmartin, R, Boucher, N, Kaufman, B, Chisholm, L, Beltran, S, Fashaw, S, Wang, X, Reneau, O, Chun, A, Jacobs, J, Abrahamson, K, Unroe, K, Bishop, C, Arling, G, Kelly, S, Werner, RM, Konetzka, RT and Norton, EC. 2021. State Policy Responses to COVID-19 in Nursing Homes. Journal of Long-Term Care, (2021), pp. 264–282. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.31389/jltc.81>
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#### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020-2021 Specialized Training Program in the Demography and Economics of Aging, NIA T32  
Summer 2019 Mathematica Summer Fellow  
2017-2020 UCANU Health Services Research Training Program, AHRQ T32

#### RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2016-2020 R. Tamara Konetzka  
Analysis of causal effects of home- and community-based services as compared with nursing home care for older adults with dementia using the Health and Retirement Survey and Medicaid MAX data.

#### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Spring 2016, 2017      Health Economics and Public Policy. David Meltzer

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020      Annual Midwest Health Economics Conference. Paper presentation. Effects of Medicaid Managed Care on Hospitalization Risk Among Dual-Eligibles. September 2020.
- 2019      Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Paper presentation. Effects of Medicaid Managed Care on Hospitalization Risk Among Dual-Eligibles. November 2019.
- AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Poster presentation. Effects of Medicaid Managed Care on Hospitalization of Duals. June 2019.
- 2013      Eastern Economic Association. Annual Conference. Paper presentation. Cohen, E., Gorges, R., Sun, R. "The Effect of Massachusetts Health Care Reform on Level of Intensity of Hospital Care using Finite Mixtures"
- 2012      New York State Economics Association. Annual Conference. Paper presentation. Cohen, E., Gorges, R., Sun, R. "The Effect of Massachusetts Health Care Reform on the Rate of Preventable Hospitalization"

**Professional Activities**

Ad Hoc Referee: Health Affairs; Journal of the American Geriatrics Society; Medical Care Research and Review.

**Other Professional Experience**

- 2013-2015      Senior Research Analyst, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Care (New York, NY)
- 2004-2013      Chemical Engineer, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Biopharmaceuticals Division (Albany, NY)  
                    Licensed Professional Engineer (#087187) in the State of New York