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**Current Positions**

2006-present: State University of New York at Stony Brook  
Chair, Department of Health Care Policy and Management and Clinical Associate Professor  
Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Health Technology and Management,  
Affiliated Faculty, Stony Brook Public Health Program, Public Health Program and Preventive  
Medicine  
Adjunct Associate Professor of Economics. Department of Economics, State University of New York  
at Stony Brook

**Past Positions**

1998-2006: State University of New York at Stony Brook  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics

1996-1998: Economist  
Division of Economic Research, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics, Disability Team, Social  
Security Administration, Washington, D.C.

1995-1996: Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University, Post-Doctorate work  
with Richard Burkhauser and Doug Wolf, NIA Grant

1991-1995: Research and Teaching Assistantships, Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor  
Relations, Department of Labor Economics

1987-1991: Economic Researcher, Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers Union (ACTWU),  
Research Department, New York

1985-1987: Computer Specialist, Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers Union (ACTWU), Research  
Department, New York.

**Education and Degrees**

1991-1995: Cornell University, MS/Ph.D., Economics.

Fields: Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Finance, Applied Econometrics  
1983-1989: Queens College, City University of New York, BA, Economics and English Literature,

## Teaching Experience

### *Undergraduate Courses Taught*

Principles of Economic Analysis – 2003 – 2006  
 Intermediate Micro Economic Analysis – 1998-2002  
 Independent Studies and honors thesis research 1998 - present  
 Internships – 1998 - present

### *Graduate Micro Economic Theory - PhD*

Micro Economic Theory I – 1998-2001  
 Health Economics – 2002-2006  
 Labor/Health Applied Micro Workshop – 1999-2006  
 Graduate Student Teaching Practicum – 2001 – 2006

### *Graduate MS Level*

Health Policy, 2008

## Graduate Student Advisees –

### **Main Advisor for 18 PhD Candidates from 1999 to date**

- on topics related to foster care policy, female labor supply, gender wage gap, joint retirement behavior, Medicaid, Medicare, Job Mobility, Health Disparities, Evidence Based Medicine – Breast Cancer Research, Addiction...

### **Minor Committee Member for 10 PhD candidates from 2000 to date**

- topics in health economics, sociology and nutrition, econometrics, labor economics, industrial organization

**Main Advisor for 20 MS Candidates from 2006 to date** – all policy and management students

## High-School and Undergraduate Student Advising

2012, Arvind Kumar – Intel Semi-Finalist, Adolescent Health study of High School Drop Out.

2008/2009: One internship and one honors thesis/URECA award winner

2007/2008: Supervised research projects with two students (one honors college, one independent study and internship)

Supervised/supervising 12 independent studies/internships (research projects), 1 awarded honors, many honors college students, a business student and a commuter student academic achiever – nominated most influential professor

## Publications

Dwyer, D. S., & Liu, H. “The impact of consumer health information on the demand for health services.” *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 53:1, Feb. 2013.

Dwyer, D; Liu H; Rizzo J, “Does Patient Trust Promote Better Care?” *Applied Economics*, April 2012.

Ali, Mir, Aliaksandr Amialchuk, Debra S. Dwyer, (2011) “Social Network Effects in Contraceptive Behavior among Adolescents”, *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*, PloS one 6 (1), e1618

Ali, M, Dwyer D, Rizzo, J, (2001) “Peer and Family Effects on Suicidal Behavior in Adolescents”, Under Review, *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, J Ment Health Policy Econ 14 (1), 3-12

Mir M. Ali, Aliaksandr Amialchuk, Debra S. Dwyer The Social Contagion Effect of Marijuana use among Adolescents *PLoS One* Accepted, Dec 2010

Ali, M, Dwyer DS, Vanner E, Lopez A. “Adolescent Propensity to Engage in Health Risky Behaviors: The Role of Individual Resilience”, *Journal of Health Behaviors and Public Health*. Vol 7:5, pp. 2161-2176

Ali, M., Dwyer DS, “The Role and influence of Peers on Adolescent Sexual Behaviors”, *Elsevier Flash News Service* coverage of related Journal Of Adolescent Health article, 2010. 45 (4), 402-408

Ali, M, Dwyer, DS, (2009) “Estimating Peer Effects in Sexual Behavior Among Adolescents,” *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 34 (1), 183-190

Ali, M, Dwyer, DS, “Estimating Peer Effects in Adolescent Smoking Behavior: A Longitudinal Analysis,” *Journal of Adolescent Health*, , 34(1): 183 - 190.

Ali, M; Dwyer DS, “Social Network Effects in Alcohol Consumption Among Adolescents,” *Addictive Behaviors*, Dec. 2008, 35 (4), 337-342

Benitez-Silva, H., Dwyer, DS., Gayle, WR, and Muench, T., “Expectations in Micro Data: Rationality Revisited,” *Empirical Economics*, February 2008, Volume 40-23.

Dwyer, Debra and K. Noonan, “Measurement Error in Reported Reasons for Entry into the Foster Care System,” *Southern Business and Economics Journal*, 2006, Vol. 19, No. 4.

Benitez-Silva, Hugo, and Debra Dwyer, “Expectation Formation of Older Married Couples and the Rational Expectations Hypothesis”, *Labour Economics*, 2006, 13-2:191-218.

Benitez-Silva H., and Dwyer, DS., “The Rationality of Retirement Expectations and the Role of New Information”, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2005 87-3:587-592.

Dwyer, Debra, Jianting Hu, Denton R. Vaughan, Bernard Wixon, "Counting the Disabled: Using Survey self-reports to Estimate Medical Eligibility for Social Security's Disability Programs", *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, September, 2003.

Dwyer, Debra S., Jianting Hu, “Retirement Expectations and Realizations: The Role of Health Shocks and Economic Factors”, in *Forecasting Retirement Needs and Retirement Wealth*, Eds. Mitchell, Hammond, and Rappaport, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2000.

Dwyer, Debra S. , Mitchell, OS, Health Problems as Determinants of Retirement: Are Self-Rated Measures Endogenous?” *Journal of Health Economics*, Vo 18, Issue 2, April 1999, Pages 173-193

Burkhauser, R., Dwyer, D., M. Lindeboom, J. Theuwes, Isolde Woittez, “Health, Work, and Economic Well-Being of Older Workers: A Cross-National Comparison Using the United States HRS and Dutch CERRA”, , in *Wealth, Work, and Health: Innovations in Measurement in the Social Sciences*; Eds, J. Smith and R. Willis, University of Michigan Press, 1999.

Dwyer, D., Mitchell, O.S., Cole, B., Reed, S.,(1996) “Evaluating a Mental Health Capitation Experiment”, *Research in Labor Economics*,\_Volume 18.

### **Working Papers and Papers in Progress**

Dwyer, D. “Where the Streets Have No Name: Finding Direction in Healthcare Reform.” in progress.

Gao, J; D Dwyer; S. Skiena, A. VanDeRijt, “entitled “The Ties That Heal: Improving Patient Support Groups Through Computational Analysis”, in progress – NSF/NIH grant submission, 2013.

Dwyer, D. (2013) “Barriers to Work Among The Disabled: A Simulation Approach”, in progress, unpublished manuscript.

Ali, M, Dwyer, D, Lopez A., Vanner E., “Factor analysis of adolescent resilience using the national longitudinal study of adolescent health data”, in progress.

Di Yanan, Deb Dwyer, "Disparities in Dental Health: the Role of Class", Unpublished manuscript, 2010.

Benitez-Silva H., Dwyer, DS; Sanderson, W. “A Dynamic Model of Retirement and Social Security Reform Expectations: A Solution to the New Early Retirement Puzzle”, University of Michigan Retirement Research Center, Working Paper # 134, 2006.

Dwyer, Debra, Jianting Hu, Denton R. Vaughan, Bernard Wixon, "Counting the Disabled: Using Survey self-reports to Estimate Medical Eligibility for Social Security's Disability Programs", ORES Working Paper Series, #90, January, 2001,

Dwyer, D. "Bargaining Over Health Care,"*Cornell's Institute of Collective Bargaining Working Paper #1*, May, 1992.

### **Conference Presentations/Invited Sessions/Participation**

2014 Eastern Economic Association, Boston, MA. Discussant and Presenter on Health Care Reform

2014 Center For Working Class Life, Stony Brook, NY, Health Care Reform

2012 Stony Brook SHTM Research Seminar Series, Two Session on The Economics of Health Care Reform, With Pamela Noack.

2011: United Nursing Congress, *Where do we go from here? Health Care Reform Conference*, Keynote Address: “The Economics of Health Care Reform.”

Eastern Economic Association, 2011 Annual Conference, New York New York

Presenter: Ali, Mir, Aliaksandr Amialchuk, Debra S. Dwyer, “Social Network Effects in Contraceptive Behavior among Adolescents”, *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*, Accepted with provisions, June, 2011.

Reviewer for: “Black-White Differences in the Beauty-Weight Relationship” (Mir Ali and Frank Heiland)

2010: Center for Working Class Life: 2010 How Class Works Conference, Stony Brook University', Chair, Health Disparities Session, June.

“History of HealthCare Policy: The Economics of Health Care” AMA: Stony Brook University School of Medicine Division, April.

History of Medicine: How did Our Delivery System Evolve?”, SB Hospital Leadership Institute – Organizer: Marilyn Haig, January.

2009: Guest lectures: The Economics of Health Care, for courses in School of Nursing, Respiratory Therapy Program.

“Health Care Policy: What is it and how to evaluate it”, Graduate School Student Seminar Series, Panel Discussion, November

“Health Care Policy: What is it and how to evaluate it”, Rising Leaders Seminar Series – School of Medicine, November

Workers Compensation Board Meeting, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009: DS Dwyer, L Cocchiarella, et al. Albany NY, “New York State Workers’ Compensation Board: Medical Guidelines Training Services”

2008:

Society for Disability Studies 2008 21st Annual Conference; Baruch College NYC; June 2008: DS Dwyer; "Barriers to Work Among the Disabled: Explaining Work Among those Medically Eligible for Social Security Disability Programs",

Center for Working Class Life: 2008 How Class Works Conference, Stony Brook University' June 2008: Y Di and DS Dwyer; "Disparities in the Dental Health Market: The Role of Class"

Southern Economics Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, November, 2007 - 2 papers: Ali, M; DS Dwyer and A Lopez, "A Model of Addiction Among Adolescents" presented by Ali Liu, H; DS Dwyer and J Rizzo; "What Happened to Trust" presented by Rizzo

2007:

Research Seminar, SHTM Professional Development Series October DS Dwyer, "Survey Data for Health Care Services and Policy Research"

Seminar Series on Health Policy and Management, School of Medicine Stony Brook, DS Dwyer - 2 lectures on "History of Health Care Policy: How Did our System Evolve" and "Evaluation of Candidate Health Care Proposals", Fall semester.

2006:

Dwyer DS, and Mir Ali, "Health and Retirement Revisited: An Analysis of Reporting Bias and Measurement Error by Gender", Poster Session as well as discussant on Social Security Policy Session., Annual Meetings of the Society of Labor Economists

Pension Research Council Annual Workshop, Wharton School, discussant.

2005:

Sanderson, Warren, Hugo Benitez-Silva and Debra Dwyer, "Combining Demography and Economics to study the Dependency Ratio: Using Population Projections of Mortality, Migration and Fertility to incorporate uncertainty into models of retirement behavior", University of Michigan, Michigan Retirement Research Consortium Workshop, May.

2003:

Dwyer, Debra and Hugo Benitez-Silva, "Expectation Formation Among Married Couples: testing Rationality in Micro Data", Conference on Social Insurance, University of Maryland under funding by Social Security Administration, Sept, 2003.

Williamson, JB & TK McNamara, "The Effect of Unplanned Events on Retirement", at *Securing Retirement Income for Tomorrow's Retirees*, Retirement Research Consortium, Fifth Annual Conference, Washington, DC, May 2003; Discussant

2002:

Dwyer, Debra and Hugo Benitez-Silva, "Dynamic Retirement Expectations using the Health and Retirement Study", Econometric Society, June, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.

Arnaud Chevalier and Tarja K. Viitanen, "The Supply of Childcare in Britain: Do Mothers Queue for Childcare?", discussion at 2002 Annual Meetings of the Society of Labor Economists, Baltimore MD, May.

Dwyer, Debra and Hugo Benitez-Silva, "Dynamic Retirement Expectations using the Health and Retirement Study", Society of Labor Economists, Baltimore MD, May.

"Social Security, Private Pensions, and Retirement: The effects of Health Events and Health Insurance" by Courtney Coile, Wellesley College., Discussion of this work at MRRC Conference, Washington DC, May.

2001:

Dwyer, D and K Noonan "Measurement Error in Reported Reasons for Entry into the Foster Care System", Eastern Economics Association Meetings.

2000:

Dwyer, D., Hu, Jianting, "Expectations and Realizations of Retirement: The Role of Poor Health on Work Transitions", April, 1998, Presented at the Wharton School Pension Research Council Annual Meetings and at the Cornell/Binghamton Conference on Health and Aging in Binghamtom, April, 1999, Published in *Pension Research Council Conference Volume*, 2000.

1992-1999:

Dwyer, D., Mitchell, O.S., “Physical Health, Mental Health, and Retirement in the Health and Retirement Survey”, December, 1994, Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Economic Association, January, 1995, in Washington, D.C.

Assisted the organization of the Health Policy Research Conference at Cornell University, May, 1993.

Cornell Manhattan Management Group: Dwyer, D. "Bargaining Over Health Care," *Cornell's Institute of Collective Bargaining Working Paper #1*, May, 1992.

### **Book and Journal Reviews Completed**

2013: Health Economics

2011-2012: Journal of Health Economics, Health Economic Review,

2010, Health Economics

2008/2009: Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Economic Inquiry, Social Science and Medicine, Labour Economics

2007/2008: Labour Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Southern Economics Journal

2006 Social Security Bulletin

2005 Journal of Policy and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Policy and Management, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Health Economics.

2004 Labour Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Labour, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review.

2003 Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Prentice Hall Principles Book.

2002 Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, SSA Perspectives, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Revised

2001 Health Economics.

2000, Social Security Perspectives, Industrial and Labor Relations Review

1999; Social Science and Medicine

1996 Labor Economics.

1995: Fox, Daniel M., Power and Illness: The Failure and Future of American Health Policy, CA: University of California Press, 1993, for Industrial and Labor Relations.

1993: Taylor, Suzanne S., Negotiating Health Insurance in the Workplace: A Basic Guide, Washington, DC: BNA, 1992, for Industrial and Labor Relations.

### *Other Reviews:*

NSF, NIH, PIMSA SSA,

Program Evaluation: Suny Canton BT in Health Services Management

### **Grants Pending**

Gao, J., Dwyer, D. Skiena S., VanDeRicht, A., Clifford, D. “The Ties that Heal” NSF/NIH Smart and Connected Health, Dec., 2013.

### **Grants and Honors Awarded**

Stony Brook University SGSR – Seed Grant for Survey Research, Co-PI, 2012-2013, \$10,000, “Sleep Health in Children: Causes, Consequences, Compliance”, with Drs. Sharon Martino and John Brittelli.

Stony Brook University SGSR – Seed Grant for Survey Research, PI, 2011-2012, \$10,000  
 With Linda Cocchiarella MD (Co-Investigator), Barriers to Return to Work: Workers  
 Compensation Reform

Achieved: TOP NEWS section of *The American Journal of Medicine* entitled “Kids that Smoke Have Friends that Smoke”, Oct. 2009 .

NYS Workers Compensation Board, Made Top 3 Proposals for Training Grant, Presented in Albany,  
 July 2009, Scored highest on proposal and presentation, could not afford our budget  
 (\$10,000,000)

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Awarded, 2007-2012 – co-investigator 2007-2010

Michigan Retirement Research Consortium (MRRC), PI, Awarded for Oct 2005 – Sep 2006 \$100,000

Center for Disease Control – consultant to Josephine Connolly-Schoonan, Fall, 2004

Investigator on NIH NCI TREK proposal – Center on Obesity, Energetics and Cancer, Oct. 2004

Michigan Retirement Research Consortium (MRRC), Co-PI, Oct 2001 - Sept 2002; Oct 2002 – Sept 2003  
 \$50,000; \$75,000

TIAA-CREF Research Award, CO-(PI), June 2001-May 2002; June 2002 – June 2003, \$24,824

Association for Institutional Research, June 2001-2002; (PI) \$14,321

Steven H. Sandell Grant for Junior Scholars in Retirement Research (PI) (2000), \$25,000

NIH Research Grant for the NIA, R03, AG 14220-01 (PI) \$36,000

Cornell University Summer Research Fellowship (1994, 1995)

New York State Regents Scholarship (1983)

Queens College Economics Honors Program (1987)

Steve E. Burdman Memorial Award for Outstanding Student in Economics (1988)

#### **Health Care Policy and Management Department Service:**

Information Sessions for prospective students, 2006-present

Develop and maintain collaboration between HCPM and MS in Public Policy, 2007 – present

Curriculum Committee, 2010-present

Research Committee, 2006-2010 (Vice Chair)

#### **Economics Department Service**

Recruitment Committee, 1998-1999

Job Placement Committee, 1999-2005/chair, 2005-2006

Chair, Micro Comp Committee, 1998-2002

Undergraduate committee, 2000

Summer Director of Graduate Student Teaching, 2004-2005

#### **University and School of Health Technology and Management Service**

Stony Brook University Finance and Budget Committee, 2012 – present.

Stony Brook University Faculty Senate, 2011-present

CAPRA, member and Chair, Strategic Management and Responsibility Centered Management  
 Initiative

General Senate

Middle States Task Force Working Group #2, Planning, Resource Allocation, and Institutional Review,  
 2012-2013

SUNY State Senate Governance Committee, 2011-2012

Developing the Center for Social Networking – With Sociology and Computer Science Department, 2011  
 to present

Co-Director of proposed PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

- completed Letter of Intent, Spring 2008; proposal 2010;



- Inaugural Class, 2012
- APT Ad Hoc Policies and Procedures 2006-2008
- APT Bylaws Committee, Spring, 2008
- APT Standing Committee, 2006-present
- Research Committee, 2006-present (elected vice chair for 2008/2009)
- Presidential Committee – Immigration Studies, Summer, 2005
- Presidential Task Force, Graduate Education, Spring, 2005
- Health Economics Seminar, Alumni Reunion, Summer, 2003
- Honors College Board, 2002-2008
- Presidential Task Force on University Research, 1999
- Presentations on health economics and succeeding in college, Campus Residences, 2003-2004

*References Available on request.*