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## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Lehigh University, 2010–2015

B.A. in Economics, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2006–2010

## Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of West Georgia, 2022–present

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of West Georgia, 2017–2022

Economic Researcher, American Institutes for Research, 2015–2017

## Publications

### *Journal Articles*

1. Guo, X. and **L. Peng**, “Unemployment Insurance and Opioid Prescriptions during the Great Recession”, *Southern Economic Journal*, October 2024, 91(2): 414-435.
2. Chen, J., X. Guo, **L. Peng**, and M. Qian. “The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Generosity on Population Mental Health: Evidence from the Great Recession”, *American Journal of Health Economics*, Spring 2023, 9(2): 148-174.
3. **Peng, L.**, J. Chen, and X. Guo, “Macroeconomic Conditions and Health-Related Outcomes in the United States: A Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area-Level Analysis between 2004-2017”, *Health Economics*, January 2022, 31(1): 3-20.
4. Chen, J., C. Meyerhoefer, and **L. Peng**, “The Effects of Paid Sick Leave on Worker Absenteeism and Health Care Utilization”, *Health Economics*, September 2020, 29(9): 1062-1070.
5. **Peng, L.**, X. Guo and C. Meyerhoefer, “The Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Border Counties”, *Health Economics*, March 2020, 29(3): 245-260.
6. Guo, X., C. Meyerhoefer, and **L. Peng**, “Participation in School-Sponsored Sports and Academic Spillovers: New Evidence from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey”, *Applied Economics*, 2019, 51(15): 1602-1620.
7. Evensen, C., Y. Lu, S. Garfinkel, Y. Wang, D. Sherman, **L. Peng**. “Evaluation of the Maryland Quality-Based Reimbursement Program: Does Paying for Performance Lead to Greater Improvements in Quality than Paying for Reporting?”, *Journal of Health Care Finance*, Summer 2018, 45(1).
8. **Peng, L.**, C. Meyerhoefer, and S-Y. Chou, “The Health Implications of Shale Gas Development in Pennsylvania”, *Health Economics*, June 2018, 27(6): 956-983.

9. **Peng, L.**, “How does Medicaid Expansion Affect Premiums in the Health Insurance Marketplaces? New Evidence from Late Adoption in Pennsylvania and Indiana”, *American Journal of Health Economics*, November 2017, 3(4): 550-576.
10. Meyerhoefer, C., S. Sherer, M. Deily, S-Y. Chou, **L. Peng**, T. Hu, M. Nihen, M. Sheinberg, and D. Levick, “A Mixed Methods Study of Clinical Information Availability in Obstetric Triage and Prenatal Offices”, *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, April 2017, 24(e1): e87-e89.
11. Sherer, S., C. Meyerhoefer, and **L. Peng**, “Applying Institutional Theory to the Adoption of Electronic Health Records in the U.S.”, *Information and Management*, July 2016, 53(5): 570-580.
12. Meyerhoefer, C., M. Deily, S. Sherer, S-Y. Chou, **L. Peng**, M. Sheinberg, and D. Levick, “The Consequences of Electronic Health Record Adoption for Physician Productivity and Birth Outcomes”, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, August 2016, 69(4): 860-899.
13. **Peng, L.**, C. Meyerhoefer, and S. Zuvekas, “The Short-term Effect of Depression on Labor Market Outcomes”, *Health Economics*, October 2016, 25(10): 1223-1238.

### *Working Papers*

1. Guo, X. and **L. Peng**, “The Effects of Paid-Sick-Leave Mandates on Care Provision”.
2. Guo, X., **L. Peng**, and X. Shi, “The Impact of Unemployment Insurance Benefit Cuts on Mental Health: Evidence from Early Expirations of Pandemic-Era Emergency Programs”.
3. Guo, X., W. Huang, and **L. Peng**, “Medical Marijuana Laws and Labor Market Outcomes: Estimates Using a Border Discontinuity Design”.

## Professional Activities

### *Conference Presentations*

1. “The Impact of Depression on Labor Market Outcomes”.  
 Lehigh University Academic Symposium, Bethlehem, PA, April 2013.  
 Eastern Economics Association Annual Conference, New York City, NY, May 2013.  
 5th ASHE Biennial Conference, Los Angeles, CA, June 2014.  
 CFACT Seminar, Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD, November 2013.
2. “Patient Selection Under Quality Incentives: Evidence from the Hospital Value-based Purchasing Program”, 5th ASHEcon Biennial Conference, Los Angeles, CA, June 2014.
3. “The Health Implications of Shale Gas Development in Pennsylvania”, 6th ASHEcon Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 2016.
4. “The Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Border Counties”.  
 Chinese Economist Society Annual Meeting, Athens, GA, April 2018  
 7th ASHEcon Biennial Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 2018
5. “The Effect of Unemployment Insurance Extensions on Population Mental Health: Evidence from the Great Recession”, 11th ASHEcon Annual Conference, Austin, TX, June 2022.

### *Referee Service*

*Environmental Research, Economics and Human Biology, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Information and Management, Research Methods in Medicine & Health Sciences, Review of Economics of the Household, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*

### *Other Activities*

National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Attendee (Invited), Cambridge, MA, July 2012.

## Courses Taught

### *University of West Georgia*

ECON2106 Principles of Microeconomics  
ECON3406 Statistics for Business II  
ECON4415/6415 Health Economics  
ECON4408/6408 Advanced Visual Analytics

### *Lehigh University*

ECO001 Principles of Economics  
ECO045 Statistical Methods  
ECO146 Applied Microeconomics Analysis

## Services

### *University of West Georgia*

Faculty Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2018-2019  
Core, Honors, and Interdisciplinary Programs (CHIP) Subcommittee to the University Program Committee, 2019–2021  
Undergraduate Program Committee, Richards College of Business, 2022–present

## Awards

1. Warren York Dissertation Fellowship, Lehigh University, Spring 2013
2. RCOB Research Scholar, University of West Georgia, 2018
3. RCOB Research Award, University of West Georgia, 2019, 2021, 2023