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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Economics (tenured), University of Alabama in Huntsville 2024-Present
Assistant Professor of Economics (tenure-track), University of Alabama in Huntsville 2018-2024

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, McMaster University, Canada 2018
Thesis title: “Essays in Health Economics”
Committee: Philip DeCicca (supervisor), Jeremiah Hurley, Arthur Sweetman, Michael Veall
M.A. in Economics, University of Toronto, Canada 2012
B.B.A., Schulich School of Business, York University, Canada 2011

RESEARCH FIELDS

Health, Environmental, Education, Public Policy, and Population Economics

PUBLICATIONS

- DeCicca, Philip, Isabelle, Maripier, and Malak, Natalie. 2024. “How do physicians respond to new medical research?” *Health Economics*, 1–XXX. (ABDC rating: A*; Scimago H-index: 128) <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4879>
- DeCicca, Philip, and Malak, Natalie. 2023. “First, Do No Harm, Second, Say Sorry? Investigating the Impact of a New Tort Reform.” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, Accepted. (ABDC rating: A; Scimago H-index: 73)
- DeCicca, Philip, and Malak, Natalie. 2021 “Can contingency fee reforms improve maternal & infant health? Evidence from Nevada.” *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 21(4): 1185-1215. (ABDC rating: A; Scimago H-index: 39) <https://doi.org/10.1515/bejeap2020-0439>
- DeCicca, Philip, and Malak, Natalie. 2020. “When Good Fences Aren’t Enough: The Impact of Neighboring Air Pollution on Infant Health Outcomes.” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 170, 102324. (ABDC rating: A*; Scimago H-index: 111) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2020.102324>
- Malak, Natalie, Rahman, Mahbubur, and Yip, Terry. 2019. “Baby Bonus, Anyone? Examining Heterogeneous Responses to a Pro-Natalist Policy.” *Journal of Population Economics* 32(4): 1205-1246. (ABDC rating: A; Scimago H-index: 68) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-019-00731-y>

Malak, Natalie, and Yang, Y. Tony. 2019. "A Re-Examination of the Effects of Tort Reforms on Obstetrical Procedures and Health Outcomes." *Economics Letters* 184, 108626. (ABDC rating: A; Scimago H-index: 92) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2019.108626>

Malak, Natalie. 2017. "Nurse Absenteeism and Benefit Generosity: Evidence from Canada." *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration* 40(1): 44-78. (ABDC rating: N/A; Scimago H-index: 20)

REPORTS

Malak, Natalie, and Sweetman, Arthur. 2016. "Nursing Wages in Ontario: A Historical Summary." Report to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grant, 2024-2026

COB Outstanding Faculty Member Award, 2024

C. David Billings Fellowship, 2022

"Policies for Action" Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant, Co-PI, 2021-2024

UAH College of Business Best Research Paper Award, 2021

Richard A. Witmond Fellowship, 2019

William Henry Yates Scholarship, 2017

Canadian Population Society Student Paper Award, 2016

C.D. Howe Memorial Foundation Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2016 & 2017

Canadian Women Economists Network Travel Award, 2016

Canadian Economics Association Travel Grant, 2016

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Government of Ontario, 2015- 2017

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Master's Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), 2011

Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship, Schulich School of Business, York University, 2007

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

The Canadian Health Economists' Study Group Annual Conference (discussant), Toronto, May 2024

Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, November 2023

Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, virtual, May 2023

RELevent2 "Research in Progress" RWJF conference, virtual, February 2023

American Economic Association Annual Conference (poster), New Orleans, January 2023

The Canadian Health Economists' Study Group Annual Conference, Ottawa, June 2022

Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, virtual, May 2022

Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, virtual, June 2021

The Canadian Health Economists' Study Group Annual Conference (discussant), virtual, May 2021

5th IRDES-Dauphine Workshop on Applied Health Economics & Policy Evaluation, Paris, June 2019

American Society of Health Economists Conference, Washington, DC, June 2019

Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Banff, June 2019

The Canadian Health Economists' Study Group Annual Conference, Banff, May 2019

3rd Meetings of the Society of Economics of the Household, Lisbon, May 2019

Department of Economics Seminar, McMaster University, Hamilton, May 2019

Department of Human Sciences Seminar, Ohio State University, Columbus, November 2018

American Economic Association Annual Conference (poster), Philadelphia, January 2018

Health Economics at McMaster Seminar Series, Hamilton, September 2017
IRDES Workshop on Health and Labour Policy Evaluation, Paris, February 2017
Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Ottawa, June 2016
The Canadian Health Economists' Study Group Annual Conference (discussant), Ottawa, June 2016
American Society of Health Economists Biennial Conference (poster), Philadelphia, June 2016
Health Economics at McMaster Seminar Series, Hamilton, March 2016

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Referee: *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Canadian Public Policy*, *Demographic Economics*, *Journal of Environmental Economics & Management*, *PLOS One*, *Review of Economics of the Household*
CHESG Annual Conference Scientific Committee, 2023
CEA Annual Conference Scientific Committee, 2022
CSWEP CeMENT Workshop, 2021
CWEC Sponsored Media Training for Women Economists, 2020
CSWEP Career Development Webinars, 2020
The 16th Annual Economics Teaching Conference, 2020
Brightman Master Teacher Program, 2020
Vice President of Communications for the Canadian Health Economics Association, 2019-2022

COMMITTEE & SERVICE WORK

UAH Senate, 2024/2025
COB Faculty Research Lunch Coordinator, 2023-Present
SACSCOC Accreditation Committee, 2023/2024
Engineering Management Ph.D Dissertation Committee, Myles Scarano, 2023/2024
QEP Focus Group on student success, 2023
The College of Business Strategic Planning Committee, 2022
Hiring Committee, Economics, 2022
Hiring Committee, Finance, 2021; 2022
The Faculty Development Committee, 2020- Present
Department Chair Search Committee, 2020
The College of Business Curriculum Committee, 2019-2020
Perpetua (University Student Journal) Reviewer, 2019- Present
The Ad Hoc Data Request Review Committee, 2018- 2019

GROUP AFFILIATIONS

NASA Early Adopter Program for Tempo and Maia satellites, 2019-Present
The Global Labor Organization, 2019-Present
The American Society of Health Economists, 2016-Present
The American Economic Association, 2016-Present
The Canadian Economics Association, 2016-Present
The Secure Empirical Analysis Lab (formerly the PEDAL Lab), 2014-Present
The Canadian Research Data Centre Network (deemed employee of Statistics Canada), 2014-2018

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant for Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 2016
Research Assistant for Prof. Jeremiah Hurley, McMaster University, 2014- 2017

Research Assistant for Prof. Laura Turner, University of Toronto, 2012

Research Associate for Prof. Moshe Milevsky, Quantitative Wealth Management Analytics Group, 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Managerial Economics (Graduate), The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2021- Present

Principles of Microeconomics, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2018-Present

Micro Economic Analysis, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2018- Present

Intermediate Microeconomics, McMaster University, Summer 2015

Guest Lecturer

Advanced Econometrics, McMaster University, Winter 2016

Economics of Labour Market Issues, McMaster University, Winter 2015

Public Policy towards Business, McMaster University, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant

Economics of Professional Sports, McMaster University, Spring, 2016

Introductory Macroeconomics, McMaster University, Fall 2013 & Spring 2016

Intermediate Microeconomics, McMaster University, Winter & Spring 2014

Mathematics for Economics, McMaster University, Fall 2013

Introductory Microeconomics, McMaster University, Winter 2013

Introduction to Economics, University of Toronto, Fall 2011 & Winter 2012