

Melissa A. Knox

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Economics
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Employment

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

- 2020 - **Associate Teaching Professor**, Department of Economics
- 2014 - **Research Affiliate**, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology
- 2018 - 2020 **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Economics
- 2011 - 2018 **Lecturer**, Department of Economics
- 2011 **Visiting Instructor**, Department of Economics
- 2009 - 2010 **Research Associate**, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy & Governance

Education

- 2008 **PhD, Economics**, *University of California, Berkeley*, Title: *Essays in the Economics of Health and Education*.
Committee: Edward Miguel (Chair), David I. Levine, Gérard Roland
- 2003 **Bachelor of Arts, Economics**, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*, cum Laude.

Publications

Journal Articles

- 2022 Lauren Sawyer, Vanessa M. Oddo, Amanda Fretts, Melissa A. Knox, Nadine Chan, Brian E. Saelens, and Jessica C. Jones-Smith. Impacts of the seattle sweetened beverage tax on the perceived healthfulness of sweetened beverages. *Nutrients*, volume 14, 2022.
- 2021 Melissa Knox. New Evidence on Sweetened Beverage Taxes Points the Way for Future Policy and Research. *American Journal of Public Health*, volume 111, pages 1907–1909, 2021.
- 2020 Melissa A. Knox, Vanessa M. Oddo, Lina Pinero Walkinshaw, and Jessica Jones-Smith. Is the public sweet on sugary beverages? Social desirability bias and sweetened beverage taxes. *Economics and Human Biology*, volume 38, 2020.
- 2020 Jessica C. Jones-Smith, Lina Pinero Walkinshaw, Vanessa M. Oddo, Melissa Knox, Marian L. Neuhouser, Philip M. Hurvitz, Brian E. Saelens, and Nadine Chan. Impact of a sweetened beverage tax on beverage prices in Seattle, WA. *Economics and Human Biology*, volume 39, page 100917. Elsevier B.V., 2020.
- 2019 Vanessa M. Oddo, James Krieger, Melissa Knox, Brian E. Saelens, Nadine Chan, Lina Pinero Walkinshaw, Mary Podrabsky, and Jessica C. Jones-Smith. Perceptions of the possible health and economic impacts of Seattle’s sugary beverage tax. *BMC Public Health*, volume 19, pages 1–13. BMC Public Health, 2019.

- 2018 M. Knox. Creating a preference for prevention: The role of universal health care in the demand for preventive care among Mexico's vulnerable populations. *Health Policy and Planning*, volume 33, 2018.
- 2013 R.M. Campos-Vázquez and M.A. Knox. Social protection programs and employment: The case of Mexico's seguro popular program. *Economía Mexicana, Nueva Época*, volume 22, 2013.

Other Publications

- 2019 Melissa Knox. Could a Tax on Stock Trades Pay Off the Nation's Student Debt? *The Conversation* (Republished by *Chicago Tribune*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *SF Gate*, *The Motley Fool*, *Houston Chronicle*, and others.)
- 2019 Melissa Knox and Lina P. Walkinshaw. City of Seattle Food Access Spending Farm Economy Analysis. *Report prepared for the City of Seattle*.

Working Papers

Alicia Atwood, Tisha L.N. Emerson, Melissa Knox, and Mahjuja Tanzin. Online platforms for classroom experiments: A primer for new adoptees. (Revise and Resubmit)

Jessica C. Jones-Smith, Melissa A. Knox, Norma B. Coe, Lina P. Walkinshaw, John Schoof, Deven Hamilton, Philip M. Hurvitz, James Krieger. Sweetened beverage taxes: Economic benefits and burdens according to household income. (Revise and Resubmit)

Vanessa M. Oddo, Melissa Knox, Lina Pinero Walkinshaw, Brian E. Saelens, Nadine Chan, and Jessica C. Jones-Smith. Evaluation of Seattle's Sweetened Beverage Tax on tax support and perceived economic and health impacts (Revise and Resubmit)

Selected Presentations

- 2022 **ASSA Annual Meetings**, *Remote*.
- 2021 **American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference**, *Remote*.
Population Association of America Applied Demography Conference, *Remote*.
- 2020 **American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference**, *Remote*.
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, *Remote*.
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Invited Seminar, *Canceled due to COVID-19*.
- 2019 **Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Conference**, *Seattle, WA*.
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, *Austin, TX*.
Pacific Conference for Development Economics, *Los Angeles, CA*.
- 2018 **Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting**, *Washington, DC*.
Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, *Vancouver, Canada*.
Congreso Anual de Economía y de Políticas Públicas, *Mexico City, Mexico*.
Northwest Development Workshop, *Portland, OR*.
- 2017 **Western Economic Association International Annual Conference**, *San Diego, CA*.

Funding

- 2020 - 2021 **Washington Sea Grant (Project #: R/HCE-25) (Co-PI)** Project Title: Evaluating the Effects of Southern Resident Orcas Recovery Actions and External Threats in the Marine Ecosystem of Puget Sound
- 2020 **UW Population Health Initiative COVID-19 Economic Recovery Grant (PI)** Project Title: Employment Quality and Health Behaviors in the Aftermath of COVID-19
- 2018 - 2019 **Seattle Human Services Dept. and Public Health-Seattle and King County (PI)** Project Title: "Economic Evaluation of City of Seattle-Funded Food Access Programs on the Washington Farm Economy"
- 2017 - 2018 **Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology Seed Grant (PI)** Project Title: Measuring Modal and Socio-Economic Differences in Responses to Health and Behavioral Surveys: Using the Seattle Sugary Beverage Tax as a Case Study
- 2016 - 2017 **Center for Health Trends and Forecasts Pilot Grant for Research on Subnational Burden of Disease (subaward of NIA Grant P30AG047845) (PI)** Project Title: "Demand for Preventive Care Services and Health Disparity among Mexico's Vulnerable Populations in the Era of Universal Health Care"

Fellowships & Awards

- 2019 Poster Award Winner at PAA Annual Meeting (Health and Mortality Session)
- 2017 Henry T. Buechel Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, UW Department of Economics
- 2015 UC Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography Award (NICHD R25HD083136)

Service

Departmental Service

- 2021 - **Co-Chair**, *Undergraduate Committee*, UW Department of Economics.
- 2016 - **Chair**, *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee*, UW Department of Economics.

Professional Service

- 2016 - **Organizer and Founder**, *Pacific Northwest Labor Day Workshop*.
- 2019 **Organizing Committee**, *8th Annual Northwest Development Workshop*, Seattle, WA.
- Referee Service**, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Latin America Economic Review*, *Population and Development Review*.