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EDUCATION

Doctor of Science	May 2018
Department of Global Health and Population (Economics track) Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA Dissertation: Examining the effect of supply and demand-side interventions to increase health service use	
Master in Public Health	May 2009
Department of Epidemiology, University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, MI Thesis: Cross sectional study of the effect of women's decision-making on skilled delivery assistance in Nigeria	
Bachelor of Arts	May 2006
Latin American Studies and French, Emory University, Atlanta, GA	

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor	Jan 2025 – present
Department of Family Science, University of Maryland School of Public Health	
Assistant Professor (Research)	May 2020 – Dec 2024
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University	
Postdoctoral Fellow	Jul 2018 – Apr 2020
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University	

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Meille G, **Steenland MW**, Eliason EL. Medicaid Continuous Coverage Requirement and Postpartum Hospitalization. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2026 Feb 6;7(2):e256872.
- Steenland MW**, Mercon K, Brown BP, Thoma ME. Pregnancy- and Abortion-Related Mortality in the US, 2018–2021. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2026 Jan 2;9(1):e2554793.
- Rak S, Strasser J, Schenk E, **Steenland MW**. Contraceptives At The Counter: Pharmacists Prescribed A Fraction Of Overall Contraceptives, 2022. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2025 Nov;44(11):1411–1416.
- Bellerose M, Zheng L, Desir A, Fabi RE, Wherry LR, **Steenland MW**. State Public Coverage of Pregnant Undocumented Immigrants and Prenatal Insurance Uptake. *Milbank Q*. 2025 Sep;103(3):831–856.
- Bellerose M, Ellison J, **Steenland MW**, Meyers DJ, Mitra M, Shireman TI. Coverage Gaps and Contraceptive Use Among Medicare Enrollees With Disabilities. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2025 Jun 2;8(6):e2517718.
- Eliason EL, Gordon SH, **Steenland MW**. Association of COVID-19 Continuous Enrollment With Self-Reported Postpartum Medicaid Continuity and Coverage Inequities. *Health Serv Res*. 2025 Mar 26:e14618.
- Fabi R, Narváez Mena K, Desir A, White M, Wherry L, **Steenland M**. Public Coverage of Postpartum Services for Immigrants. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2025 Apr 4;6(4):e250702.
- Steenland MW**, Oviedo D, Bates MA, Zhou A, Zera C, Baicker K, McConnell MA. Effect of an Intensive Nurse Home Visiting Program on Postpartum Contraceptive Use and Birth Spacing: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *Obstet Gynecol*. 2025 Jan 1;145(1):3–12.
- Steenland MW**, Daw JR. Perinatal Health Insurance And Health Care Use By Immigration Status In 6 US States, 2020–22. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2024 Nov;43(11):1528–1537.
- Wherry L, Fabi R, **Steenland M**. Medicaid/CHIP Coverage for Immigrants During Pregnancy, Childhood, and Adulthood. *J Health Polit Policy Law*. 2024 Sep 27:11567684.

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Steenland MW, Fabi RE, Bellerose M, Desir A, White MS, Wherry LR. State Public Insurance Coverage Policies and Postpartum Care Among Immigrants. *JAMA*. 2023 Jul 18;330(3):238–246.

Eliason E, Admon LK, **Steenland MW**, Daw JR. Late Postpartum Coverage Loss Before COVID-19: Implications For Medicaid Unwinding. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2023 Jul;42(7):966–972.

Steenland MW, Trivedi AN. Association of Medicaid Expansion With Postpartum Depression Treatment in Arkansas. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2023 Feb 3;4(2):e225603.

Bellerose M, **Steenland MW**. Association Between the COVID-19 Pandemic and National Disparities in Postpartum Visit Attendance. *Obstet Gynecol*. 2023 Jan 1;141(1):170–172.

Steenland MW, Wherry LR. Medicaid Expansion Led To Reductions In Postpartum Hospitalizations. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2023 Jan;42(1):18–25.

Eliason EL, **Steenland MW**. Association of New York State's Marketplace Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy With Prenatal Insurance Coverage. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2023 Jan 6;4(1):e224907.

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Eliason EL, Daw JR, **Steenland MW**. Changes in Postpartum Insurance Coverage in the US During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2022;3(4):e220688.

Eliason EL, Spishak-Thomas A, **Steenland MW**. Association of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions With Postpartum Contraceptive Use. *Contraception*. 2022 Mar 5:S0010-7824(22)00060-9.

Rodriguez MI, Lin SC, **Steenland M**, McConnell KJ. Association Between Oregon's 12-Month Contraceptive Supply Policy and Quantity of Contraceptives Dispensed. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2022;3(2):e215146.

Steenland MW, Rodriguez MI, Cohen JL. Changes in the Supply Duration of Combined Oral Contraception During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Obstet Gynecol*. 2022 Mar 1;139(3):455–457.

Steenland MW, Pace LE, Cohen JL. Association of Medicaid Reimbursement for Immediate Postpartum Long-acting Reversible Contraception With Infant Birth Outcomes. *JAMA Pediatr*. 2022 Mar 1;176(3):296–303.

Steenland MW, Wilson IB, Matteson KA, Trivedi AN. Association of Medicaid Expansion in Arkansas With Postpartum Coverage, Outpatient Care, and Racial Disparities. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2021;2(12):e214167.

Complete list: [MyBibliography \(NIH\)](#)

CURRENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

May 2025 – Feb 2029	R01 • NIH National Institute for Child Health and Human Development <i>Principal Investigator</i> State-level variation in severe maternal morbidity, 2019–2023	\$1,567,079
May 2025 – Mar 2030	R01 • NIH National Institute for Child Health and Human Development <i>Principal Investigator</i> State factors and maternal health among immigrants	\$2,699,151

COMPLETED RESEARCH SUPPORT

Oct 2020 – Sep 2025	K01 • Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality <i>Principal Investigator, Mentored Researcher Award</i> Reducing Postpartum Health Care Disparities through Increased Insurance Coverage after Childbirth	\$740,655
Mar 2022 – Feb 2024	R21 • NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development <i>Principal Investigator</i> Postpartum health care receipt among immigrant women in the United States	\$428,342
Apr 2023 – Mar 2024	Advance-CTR Pilot Project Award <i>Principal Investigator</i> Evaluating access to LARC removal services among Medicaid-covered postpartum women	\$107,265

May 2020 – Apr 2022	R03 · NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development <i>Principal Investigator</i> Postpartum factors affecting birth spacing and health outcomes	\$104,286
Jan 2020 – Jun 2021	National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation <i>Principal Investigator</i> Improving postpartum health through increased insurance coverage after childbirth	\$57,595
Sep 2019 – May 2021	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Data for Action <i>co-Principal Investigator (with Jamie Daw)</i> Postpartum health care in the United States: generating evidence to improve health in the "fourth trimester"	
Aug 2018 – Dec 2019	World Bank Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund <i>Co-Investigator (with Margaret McConnell and Sandra Sequeira)</i> Waiting Time, Wasted Time: Evaluating the impact of reduced facility waiting time on HIV treatment adherence	\$99,935