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Education

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| Started 2021 | Doctoral Student, Health Politics and Policy Minor, Gillings School of Global Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| 2013 | MPP in Health Policy, The Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University |
| 2009 | B.S. in Health Policy and Administration, The Pennsylvania State University
Additional Minor in Political Science |

Professional Experience

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| 2014 – 2021 | Research Associate
Nc Rural Health Research Program, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research |
| 2013 - 2014 | Research Assistant
NC General Assembly, Fiscal Research Division |
| 2012 - 2013 | Research
Sanford School of Public Policy |
| 2012 - 2013 | Research Assistant
NC Department of Health And Human Services |
| 2009 | Legislative Research Assistant
U.S. House of Representatives, Office of the Delegate Donna Christensen |

Honors

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| 2017
Closures) | 2016 Journal of Rural Health Article of the Year (Kaufman et al, Rising Rate of Rural Health |
| 2016 | Rural Health Fellow, National Rural Health Association |
| 2012 | Morris B. and Jane M. Abrams Fellowship |
| 2009 | Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholar |

Refereed Publications

1. Holmes GM, **Thomas SR**. What Should Be the Scope of a Health Network's Obligation to Respond After a Hospital Closure?. *AMA J Ethics*. 2019 Mar 1;21(3):E215-222. doi: 10.1001/amajethics.2019.215. PubMed PMID: 30893034.
2. **Thomas SR**, Holmes GM, Pink GH. To What Extent do Community Characteristics Explain Differences in Closure among Financially Distressed Rural Hospitals? *J Health Care Poor Underserved*. 2016; 27(4A):194-203.
3. Kaufman B, **Thomas S**, Randolph R, Perry J, Thompson K, Pink GH, Holmes GM. The Rising Rate of Rural Hospital Closures. 2016 Winter;32(1):35-43. doi: 10.1111/jrh.12128.. *J Rural Health*.

Unrefereed Briefs and Reports

1. **Thomas SR**, Pink G, Reiter K. Trends in Risk of Financial Distress among Rural Hospitals from 2015 to 2019 (April 2019). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
2. **Thomas SR**, Pink G, Reiter K. Geographic Variation in the 2019 Risk of Financial Distress among Rural Hospitals (April 2019). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
3. **Thomas SR**, Pink G, Reiter K. Characteristics of Communities Served by Rural Hospitals Predicted to be at High Risk of Financial Distress in 2019 (April 2019). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
4. Williams JD, **Thomas SR**, Howard HA, Pink G. Rural Hospital Mergers from 2005 through 2016 (August 2018). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
5. **Thomas SR**, Holmes GM, Pink G. Differences in Community Characteristics of Sole Community Hospitals (November 2017). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
6. **Thomas SR**, Randolph R, Holmes GM, Pink GH. The Financial Importance of the Sole Community Hospital Payment (November 2016) North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
7. Thompson K, Reiter K, Whitaker R, **Thomas SR**. Does ACA Insurance Coverage Expansion Improve the Financial Performance of Rural Hospitals? (April 2016). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
8. **Thomas SR**, Holmes GM, Pink G. 2012-14 Profitability of Urban and Rural Hospitals by Medicare Payment (March 2016). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
9. **Thomas SR**, Pink G, Holmes GM. Geographic Variation in the Profitability of Urban and Rural Hospitals (March 2016). North Carolina Rural Health Research Program.
10. **Thomas SR**, Kaufman B, Randolph R, Thompson K, Perry J, Pink G. A Comparison of Closed Rural Hospitals and Perceived Impact (April 2015). NCRHRP.
11. Silberman P, **Thomas SR**, Kaufman B, Perry J, Holmes GM. Best Practices for Health Insurance Marketplace Outreach and Enrollment in Rural Areas (December 2014) NCRHRP.