

# **LAURA B. ATTANASIO**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **EDUCATION**

2016 Ph.D., Health Services Research, Policy & Administration  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

2014 M.S., Health Services Research, Policy and Administration  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

2005 B.A., Anthropology (Departmental and General Honors)  
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

### **PRESENT POSITION**

2017-present Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Management  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
School of Public Health and Health Sciences  
Department of Health Promotion and Policy

### **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

2016-2017 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Collaborative for Southern Appalachian Studies

2011-2014 Research Assistant, Division of Health Policy and Management  
University of Minnesota School of Public Health, Minneapolis, MN

2012-2014 Research Assistant, Minnesota Population Center  
University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

2009-2010 Research Specialist, Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

2007 – 2009 Health Education Volunteer, United States Peace Corps  
West African Republic of Mali

2006-2007 Research Specialist, Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Maternal health; women's reproductive health; health disparities; health policy; patient-provider relationship; medical sociology; mixed methods

## RESEARCH GRANTS

### Current

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Katy Kozhimannil)  
Title: Relationship between hospital-level percentage of midwife-attended births and obstetric care costs and procedure utilization  
Source: California Health Care Foundation and Health Foundation for Western and Central New York  
Dates: 9/1/2016-6/30/2017  
Amount: \$30,000

### Completed

Role: Principal Investigator  
Title: Characteristics of the Patient-Provider Relationship and Use of Labor Induction and Cesarean Delivery  
Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Dates: 9/1/2015-6/30/2016  
Amount: \$34,841

## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship, sponsored by the Graduate School, University of Minnesota, 2015-2016 (*declined*)
- AHRQ National Research Service Award Traineeship, 2010-2012, 2014-2015

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2014 Minnesota Population Center Outstanding Service Award  
2013 Gary Stewart Scholarship, Association of Reproductive Health Professionals

- 2012 Delta Omega Outstanding Poster Award, University of Minnesota School of Public Health Research Day
- 2010-2011 James and Roberta Craig Scholarship for International Public Health Studies
- 2005 Phi Beta Kappa

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB. Healthcare engagement and follow up after perceived discrimination in maternity care. In press, *Medical Care*.
2. Kjerulff K, **Attanasio L**, Edmonds J, Kozhimannil KB, Repke J. Labor Induction and Cesarean Delivery: A Prospective Cohort Study of First Births in Pennsylvania, USA. In press, *Birth*.
3. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, Srinivas S, Kjerulff K. Concordance between women's self-reported reasons for cesarean delivery and indications in hospital discharge records. In press, *Women's Health Issues*, 2017;27(3):329-335
4. Yang T, **Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. Impact of Scope of Practice Laws on Midwifery: Workforce, Procedures and Outcomes. *Women's Health Issues*, 2016;26(3):262-267.
5. **Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. Patient-reported communication quality and perceived discrimination in maternity care. *Medical Care*, 2015;53(10):863-871.
6. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, Jou J, McPherson M and Camann W. Women's Experiences with Neuraxial Labor Analgesia in the Listening to Mothers II Survey: A Content Analysis of Open-Ended Responses. *Anesthesia and Analgesia* 2015; 121(4):974-980.
7. Published with accompanying editorial: Schafer, Audrey. Words, Data and the Weave of Narrative. *Anesthesia and Analgesia* 2015; 121(4):843-845.
8. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Yang T, Avery M, Declercq E. Midwifery care and patient-provider communication in maternity decisions. *Maternal Child Health Journal* 2015; 19(7):1608-1615.
9. Ricco J, **Attanasio L**, Bergeson K, Prasad S. Perceived control in past contraceptive experiences as a lasting influence on contraceptive behavior: a focus group exploration in urban African American women. *Journal of Family Medicine* 2014;1(1):6.
10. Goyal N, **Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. Hospital care and early breastfeeding outcomes among late preterm, early term, and full term infants. *Birth* 2014;41(4):330-338.
11. Kozhimannil KB, Jou J, **Attanasio L**, Joarnt L, McGovern P. Medically complex pregnancies and early breastfeeding behaviors. *PLoS One* 2014;9(8): e104820.
12. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Johnson PJ, Gjerdingen D, McGovern P. Employment during pregnancy and obstetric intervention without medical indication: labor induction and cesarean delivery. *Women's Health Issues* 2014; 25(5):469-476.

13. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Jou J, Joarnt L, Gjerdingen D. Potential benefits of increased access to doula support during childbirth. *American Journal of Managed Care* 2014;20(6):e340-e352.
14. **Attanasio L** and McAlpine D. Accuracy of parental reports of children's HPV vaccine status: Implications for estimates of disparities. *Public Health Reports* 2014; 129(3):237-244.
15. Gjerdingen D, McGovern P, **Attanasio L**, Johnson PJ, Kozhimannil KB. Maternal depressive symptoms, employment, and social support. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* 2014; 27(1):87-96.
16. **Attanasio L**, McPherson M, Kozhimannil KB. Positive Childbirth Experiences in U.S. Hospitals: A Mixed-Methods Analysis. *Maternal Child Health Journal* 2014;18(5):1280-1290.
17. Kozhimannil KB, Johnson PJ, **Attanasio L**, Gjerdingen D, McGovern P. Use of non-medical methods of labor induction and pain management among U.S. women. *Birth* 2013;40(4):227-236.
18. **Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, McGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson PJ. The impact of prenatal work on breastfeeding intention and initiation. *Journal of Human Lactation* 2013;29(4):620-628.
19. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, Hardeman R, Williams M, Prudhomme D, O'Brien M. Near-universal breastfeeding initiation among diverse, low-income women supported by doula care. *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health* 2013;58(4):378-382.
20. Kozhimannil KB, Hardeman R, **Attanasio L**, Blauer-Peterson C, O'Brien M. Doula care and birth outcomes: the potential for improving care and reducing costs for diverse, low-income women. *American Journal of Public Health* 2013;103(4):e113-e121.
21. Gollust S, **Attanasio L**, Dempsey A, Benson A, Fowler EF. Political and News Media Factors Shaping Public Awareness of the HPV Vaccine. *Women's Health Issues* 2013;23(3):e143-e151.
22. Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio L**, McGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson PJ. Re-evaluating the relationship between prenatal work and birth outcomes: a policy-relevant application of propensity score matching. *Women's Health Issues* 2013;23(2):e77-e85.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB. Relationship Between Hospital-Level Percentage of Midwife-Attended Births and Obstetric Procedure Utilization. Podium presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. New Orleans, LA. June 2017.

**Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. Healthcare engagement following perceived discrimination in maternity care. Oral presentation. American Public Health Association, Denver, CO. October 2016.

**Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff K. Involvement in decision making and use of cesarean delivery. Poster presentation. American Public Health Association, Denver, CO. October 2016.

**Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff K. Predictors of desiring VBAC at 12 months following the first cesarean delivery. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA. June 2016.

**Attanasio L**, Kozhimannil KB, Kjerulff K. Involvement in decision making and use of cesarean delivery. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA. June 2016.

**Attanasio L** and Kozhimannil KB. Patient-reported communication quality and perceived discrimination in maternity care. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. June 2015.

**Attanasio LB**, Kozhimannil KB, Jou J, McPherson M, Camann W. Women's Experiences with Labor Epidural Analgesia: A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis. Poster presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 2014.

**Attanasio LB**, Kozhimannil KB, Yang T, Avery M, Declercq E. Midwifery care and patient-provider communication in maternity decisions. Podium presentation. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 2014.

Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio LB**, Jou J, Joarnt LK, Johnson PJ, Gjerdingen DK. Potential benefits of increased access to doula support during childbirth. Podium presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA. June 2014.

**Attanasio LB** and Prasad S. Variation in contraceptive prescribing patterns by physician, practice, and clinical encounter characteristics. Poster presentation, Population Association of America. Boston, MA. May 2014.

Fajardo J, **Attanasio LB**, Ha J. An Assessment of Age Reporting in the IPUMS-I Microdata. Poster presentation, Population Association of America. Boston, MA. May 2014.

**Attanasio, LB**. Predictors of HPV Vaccine Uptake: Do Boys Differ from Girls? Oral presentation, American Public Health Association, Boston, MA. November 2013.

Kozhimannil KB, Johnson PJ, Attanasio LB, Gjerdingen DK, McGovern PM. Use of non-medical methods of labor induction and pain management among U.S. women, (Podium presentation) American Public Health Association, Boston, MA. November 2013.

**Attanasio LB** and Prasad S. Variation in contraceptive prescribing patterns by physician, practice, and clinical encounter characteristics. Poster presentation, Association of Reproductive Health Professionals. Denver, CO. September 2013.

Kozhimannil KB, McGovern PM, Gjerdingen DK, **Attanasio LB**. Policy and public health aspects of addressing postpartum depression. Panel presentation, Postpartum Support International. Minneapolis, MN. June 2013.

**Attanasio LB**, Kozhimannil KB, MCGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson, PJ. The impact of prenatal employment on breastfeeding intention and initiation. Poster presentation, Society for Epidemiologic Research. Minneapolis, MN. June 2012.

**Attanasio LB**, Kozhimannil KB, MCGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson, PJ. The impact of prenatal employment on breastfeeding intention and initiation. Oral presentation, Gender and Health Interest Group Meeting, Academy Health. Orlando, FL. June 2012.

Kozhimannil KB, **Attanasio LB**, MCGovern P, Gjerdingen D, Johnson, PJ. Re-evaluating the relationship between prenatal work and birth outcomes. Oral presentation, Academy Health. Orlando, FL. June 2012.

**Attanasio LB**. HPV vaccine uptake among adolescent girls: does socioeconomic status matter? Poster presentation. University of Minnesota School of Public Health Student Research Day. Minneapolis, MN. April 2012.

**Attanasio LB**. HPV vaccine uptake among adolescent girls: does socioeconomic status matter? Oral presentation, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 2012.

**Attanasio LB**, Gollust, SE, Fowler, EF. Shaping awareness of and response to the HPV vaccine controversy: the importance of political context. Oral presentation, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. March 2012.

**Attanasio LB**. HPV vaccine uptake among adolescent girls: does socioeconomic status matter? Poster presentation. Deborah E. Powell Center for Women's Health Annual Research Conference. Minneapolis, MN. September 2011.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Sewanee: The University of the South*

2017	Health Policy in the United States: National, State and Local Contexts, Instructor
2017	History and Politics of Midwifery in the United States
2016	Health Policy in the United States: National, State and Local Contexts, Instructor

### *University of Minnesota School of Public Health*

2014-2015	Principles of Health Policy, Teaching Assistant
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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

AcademyHealth: Member, 2011-present

American Public Health Association: Member, 2013-2014, 2016-present

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals: Member, 2013-2014

Population Association of America: Member, 2013-2014

Midwest Sociological Society: Member, 2011-2012

American Sociological Association (Medical Sociology Section): Member, 2012-2013

Society for Epidemiologic Research: Member, 2012-2013

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Peer Reviewer: *New England Journal of Medicine, Health Services Research, Health Affairs, Pediatrics, Birth, American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health, BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, PLoS One, Maternal and Child Health Journal, Women's Health Issues, Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine, Journal of School Health, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*

Maternal Health Subcommittee Member, AcademyHealth Women & Gender Health Advisory Committee, 2015-present