Lecturer Melissa Knox receives Pilot Grant

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The Department of Economics is delighted to announce that Melissa Knox has recently been awarded the Center for Health Trends and Forecasts Pilot Grant. The grant provides funding for up to two years of pilot programs, focusing on social science research. Melissa Knox has been lecturer in the economics department since 2011. She holds a PhD in economics from UC Berkeley.

She was awarded the grant for her proposal, “Demand for preventative care services and health disparity among Mexico’s vulnerable populations in the era of universal health care.” The project will use data from the Global Burden of Disease project, Mexican health survey data, and machine learning techniques to identify the determinants of demand for the most salient forms of preventive care in Mexico. This research will contribute to a broader set of studies asking whether preventive care services are underutilized in Mexico.

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