

# Iwona Kicinger

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## PROFILE

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- Microeconomist specializing in Industrial Organization, Public Policy, and Health Economics
- Proven econometric modeling and analytical problem solving skills
- Experience analyzing nationally representative data (NMES and NHHCS)
- Proficiency in using statistical software packages (STATA and SAS)
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English, German, and Polish
- Ability to work independently and on a team
- Three years of international work experience in human resources and office management

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Economics** 2010  
*George Mason University* Fairfax, VA  
Dissertation research in health economics: Employment-based health insurance plans and hospice care  
Specialization Fields: Industrial Organization and Public Policy, and Public Choice

**M.A., Economics** 2006  
*George Mason University* Fairfax, VA  
Coursework included: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Regression Analysis, Health Economics, Industrial Organization and Public Policy, Environmental Economics, and Public Choice

**B.S., Economics, Magna cum Laude** 2004  
*George Mason University* Fairfax, VA

**M.A., German Language** (Teaching and Translation) 2000  
*University of Warsaw* Warsaw, Poland

**B.A., German Language** (Teaching) 1997  
*College of Teaching Foreign Languages* Sandomierz, Poland

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Kicinger, I., "*Essays in Health Economics: Empirical Studies on Employment-Based Health Insurance Plans and Hospice Care.*" Ph.D. Dissertation, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, December 2009
- Kicinger, I., Hanson R., "*Determinants of Employers' Contributions towards Health Insurance Premiums.*" Working Paper
- Kicinger, I., Hanson R., "*Price Elasticity of Demand in Employer-Provided Self-Insured Health Plans.*" Working Paper
- Kicinger, I., Hanson R., and Hadley J., "*The Effects of Hospice Ownership and Certification Status on Hospice Use.*" Working Paper

## PRESENTATIONS

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- "*Essays in Health Economics: Empirical Studies on Employment-Based Health Insurance Plans and Hospice Care.*" Ph.D. Dissertation Defense, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, December 2009
- "Empirical Analysis of Terrorism Insurance Premiums under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002," The Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2006

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant** 2004 – 2005  
*The Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science (ICES), George Mason University* Arlington, VA

- Conducted economic experiments and analyzed their results using econometric tools (by applying SAS)
- Helped organizing a summer workshop in experimental economics

**Research Assistant**

2002 – 2004

*Department of Economics, George Mason University*

Fairfax, VA

- Collected research data and performed their economic and statistical analyses for a new edition of the book "The State against Blacks" by Professor Walter E. Williams
- Conducted statistical and economic analyses (using STATA) for a research project in environmental economics on "Water Supply in California: Water Charges, Economies of Scale, Efficiency, and Privatization" by Professor John Houtsma. Research results were presented at the ERSA 2003 Congress in August 2003

**Summer Intern**

2003

*Merrill Lynch*

Vienna, VA

- Regularly informed three team members of economic trends in relation to the equity and fixed income markets
- Developed and reviewed portfolios to suit specific clients' needs
- Organized educational seminars for prospective customers and tracked attendance

**Summer Intern**

2003

*Atlas Economic Research Foundation*

Fairfax, VA

- Assisted with organization an international conference on "Ethical Foundations of Economy"
- Performed research on funding opportunities
- Conducted research on the Austrian School of Economics

**CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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- MEPS Two-Day Data Users' Workshop, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Rockville, MD, 2010
- Thirty-First Annual Conference: "Private Solutions to Market Failures: Is Government Always the Answer?," the Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2006
- "The Advanced Summer Seminar in Austrian Economics", the Foundation of Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY, 2003
- "The Emerging Computational Social Sciences" Conference, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA, 2003

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- The American Economic Association, 2003 - Present
- The Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2006 -Present
- The Southern Economic Association, 2008 - Present

**SKILLS**

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- Languages: Fluent in English, German, and Polish
- MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint) and Endnote
- Statistical software: STATA and SAS

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Dissertation Fellowship, George Mason University, 2008 - 2009
- Bradley Fellowship, Department of Economics, George Mason University, 2004-2005
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, George Mason University, 2004
- Adam Smith Award, Department of Economics, George Mason University, 2003
- Membership Award, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, 2002
- Membership Award, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Washington, DC, 2002
- Certificate of Honor, Golden Key International Honor Society, 2002
- Honorary Award Recognition in the National Dean's List, 2001-2004