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# Welcome to the Heller Social Policy Impact Report

Every six months, we compile and publish the collective research achievements of the scientists, faculty and students at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management. While the sheer volume of work produced by an institution of our size is always notable, it's just as remarkable to realize how much of it is on the cutting edge of our researchers' respective fields, and how it impacts families and communities on a national and global scale.

In every issue of *The Heller Social Policy Impact Report* we showcase five of these research projects in brief articles. In this issue, you'll read about:

- » The Institute on Healthcare Systems, which is leading a national project for Medicare that could redefine how physicians are paid for the medical care they provide
- » The Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy's multifaceted, online tool that allows researchers and policymakers to explore hundreds of measures of child wellbeing
- » The Center for Global Development and Sustainability's groundbreaking evaluation of India's school lunch program
- » The Lurie Institute's launch of a unique online resource hub called the National Research Center for Parents With Disabilities
- » And, PhD student Sara Chaganti, who is exploring the effects of short-term job readiness training — a ubiquitous social program that has never been properly evaluated

I hope you'll join me in celebrating the great work catalogued in the pages ahead. We are proud of this bold, important research, and we believe it sets the Heller School apart.

Sincerely,


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# From Blank Canvas to a Full Picture

The Institute on Healthcare Systems is developing the solutions for Medicare payment reform



The Institute on Healthcare Systems (IHS) at Heller's Schneider Institutes for Health Policy is focused on improving the ways in which we provide, receive and pay for health care services. The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, or MACRA, has the same vision. In 2015, President Obama signed it into law to replace a Medicare reimbursement system that paid doctors for the services they provided, meaning the more tests a doctor ordered, the more that doctor was paid. MACRA takes a different approach: rewarding physicians for giving better care instead of simply providing more services.

"The MACRA legislation, for the first time, announced that Medicare was going to put physician reimbursement and payment systems front and center," says IHS Director Christopher Tompkins, MMHS'82, PhD'91. "It said we will create an infrastructure that is going to measure quality and report it back to you. We are going to measure costs and report it back to you. It created a culture that supports doctors while entrusting them to transform care delivery and make higher value decisions."

But how will it be structured? Tompkins and his team were part of the initial kickoff meetings with the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services when CMS summarized the requirements of the new law and how they could be developed into a supporting system. From the beginning, the IHS researchers have partnered with the MITRE Corporation, which CMS contracted to build the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System, or MIPS. "MITRE asked us to help them develop the complex payment design features, and to provide modeling support using an enormous, diverse set of data requirements," Tompkins explains.

MITRE has been so impressed by the MIPS work that, earlier this year, it awarded the project team — which includes Tompkins and Heller

colleagues Anju Joglekar, Moaven Razavi, MS'06, PhD'11, John Chapman and Sue Lee — with one of the corporation's most significant awards across all of its many projects.

In addition to this work, IHS has also partnered with the American College of Surgeons to develop an alternative payment model for consideration by Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price. This new model focuses on "episodes of care," which considers the group of services that are typically provided when treating a patient for a specific condition.

"Using administrative claims data, we are now able to identify each condition that each patient has, and we can build a very detailed analysis of how each provider is interacting with each patient in a meaningful and clinical context," Tompkins says. "I think of the old Medicare payment model as an empty canvas, whereas now we can sketch out all the details and draw inferences about the relative quality and costs involved for the entirety of treatment. We can compare a physician's performance over time to the performance of other providers treating similar patients. It allows us to really drive toward higher value."

In April, the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee recommended to Secretary Price that the Heller model proceed with limited-scale testing with a small group of medical practices. If that evaluation goes well, the hope is that it will eventually be implemented by CMS.

"I believe this can be the first meaningful alternative payment model for the United States' health care system," Tompkins says. "It has the potential to scale up and become an enormous option for virtually any specialty."

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## Policy Power Tool

Heller School researchers use [diversitydatakids.org](https://diversitydatakids.org) to better understand legislation's impact on children



When Community Catalyst, a nonprofit organization that works with community partners and policymakers in pursuit of quality, affordable health care for all, wanted to know how repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would affect children, it turned to the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy (ICYFP) at Heller.

ICYFP Director Dolores Acevedo-Garcia and her team are the researchers behind diversitydatakids.org, a comprehensive online research tool created to help answer critical questions like this one about child health equity issues.

The website's data tools revealed that undoing the ACA could result in five million children ages 6 to 19 losing their Medicaid eligibility, with Hispanic and black children disproportionately affected. (The policy brief is available at <http://bit.ly/DDKonACA>).

“The findings were important because they told us that the proposed Medicaid rollback plan was certainly not a ‘marginal’ change that would affect only a handful of children in a handful of racial/ethnic groups or places,” says ICYFP’s Erin Hardy, who led the analysis. “Instead, the results told us that a relatively modest change in the federal eligibility threshold for Medicaid, if realized, would have a sweeping impact felt by millions of school-age children of all races and ethnicities, in all states across the U.S.”

Hardy noted that the impact could also exacerbate health inequities. “We know from the research that access to health insurance coverage for children is vital to supporting child development and well-being. The Medicaid

program plays an important role in how we make coverage accessible to black and Hispanic children, who, on average, are more likely to live in low-income and poor families,” she says.

According to the ICYFP team, about 14 percent of Hispanic and 12 percent of black school-age children would become newly ineligible, compared to about 6 percent of white children.

“The ACA analysis is an example of how diversitydatakids.org can insert the equity implications of potential policy changes into a discussion that is often just about the general or average effects, says Acevedo-Garcia. “Similarly, we have shown that expanding paid family and medical leave would benefit all groups, but particularly Hispanic and black families who have more limited access to leave. This type of analysis, which considers the diversity of our child population, is essential.”

“We know from the research that access to health insurance coverage for children is vital to supporting child development and well-being.”

Earlier this year, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation awarded Acevedo-Garcia and her colleagues a \$3.07 million grant to build the next generation of diversitydatakids.org. The funding will allow the ICYFP team to significantly expand the database, enhance their data storytelling and visualization capacity, and conduct comprehensive targeted outreach and dissemination efforts.

*By Max Pearlstein '01*

## ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

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**Janet Boguslaw (PI)** “In-Practice Paper, Examining the Impacts of the Hilton Foundation’s Program Related Investments With the Corporation for Supportive Housing Program”; Funder: Conrad N. Hilton Foundation; subcontract to Brandeis from VIVA Consulting

The project will produce an in-practice paper examining the impact of the Hilton Foundation’s Program Related Investments With the Corporation for Supportive Housing, which aims to reduce homelessness in Los Angeles by increasing the availability of supportive housing.

**Sara Chaganti (PI)** “MASSCAP Data-Driven Decision-Making Workshop”; Funder: MASSCAP (Massachusetts Association for Community Action)

The workshop, part of the MASSCAP leadership development institute, instructed participants in how to use the data they collect to help them make decisions about agency programming and priorities. Participants learned to develop questions about community needs and agency priorities that data can help to answer, utilize data gathered from key sectors of the community during the community assessment process, and adjust plans and priorities based on information that the data yield.

**Tatjana Meschede (PI), Susan Gershenfeld** “Evaluation of Management Leadership for Tomorrow’s Career Prep and Ascend Scholars Program”; Funder: Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT)

Getting into college, graduating from college and accessing good employment are central to achieving the American Dream. While there has been extensive research on helping underrepresented students get into college and a fair amount is known about graduation results for these students, not enough is known about what happens after college. This evaluation centers on the impacts of MLT’s Ascend College program and MLT’s Career Prep program — the first two steps in MLT’s leadership pipeline to transform minority talent into senior leaders in the business and technology sectors.

**Tom Shapiro (PI), Tatjana Meschede** “Building Bold: Translational Research for an Inclusive Economy”; Funder: Ford Foundation

This grant provides one-year core support for the Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) to conduct and disseminate translational research on inequality, economic mobility and the racial wealth gaps.



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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**Mary Brolin, Constance Horgan (Co-PIs), Sharon Reif, Dominic Hodgkin, Rachel Sayko Adams, Robert Dunigan, Carol Prost, Margaret Lee, Jennifer Miles, Grant Ritter, Lee Panas** “Evaluation of the Lahey Lowell Joint CHART Initiative”; Funder: Argosy Foundation; subcontract to Brandeis from Lahey Health Behavioral Systems

This evaluation studies the implementation and effectiveness of an intensive case management program for high utilizers of emergency department services with substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment needs. The team will (1) conduct a process evaluation of the CHART Initiative to fully understand and document the intervention, including variations by sites; (2) gather input from key health care system stakeholders to learn about system barriers and facilitators for adoption and sustainability; and (3) conduct a quantitative outcomes analysis of the CHART Initiative, using a pre/post comparison design to determine if the CHART model successfully reduced use of, and costs related to, acute treatment services.

**Peter Kreiner (PI), Meelee Kim** “PDMP Technical Assistance Support and Coordination for Prevention for States”; Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); subcontract to Brandeis from Association for State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

The project will provide technical assistance to CDC Prevention for States and Data-Driven Prevention Initiative grantees regarding Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) best practices and use of PDMP data for public health surveillance.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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**Dolores Acevedo-Garcia (PI)** “diversitydatakids.org 2.0: An Indicator and Policy Analysis Project to Advance a National-to-Local Child Racial/Ethnic Equity Agenda”; Funder: W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy (ICYFP) has been awarded a three-year, \$3.07 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to build the next generation of diversitydatakids.org, its pioneering research project to monitor and analyze whether children of all racial/ethnic groups have adequate and equitable opportunities for healthy development.

**Erin Hardy (PI)** “Child-Focused Data Dashboards/Profiles of W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) Priority Grantmaking Communities (2.0)”; Funder: W.K. Kellogg Foundation

WKKF aims to collect indicators related to key child wellbeing outcomes across five topical areas (education, early care and education, health, family economic security, and employment equity), for children and families living in WKKF “priority places” — selected communities across the U.S. where WKKF makes a majority of its grantmaking investments. The foundation has a strong focus on alleviating and addressing racial/ethnic disparities through its grantmaking, and therefore requires that the child outcome indicator data be disaggregated by race/ethnicity. The indicator data will be used by the foundation to inform its planning, research and evaluation efforts and also by external stakeholders.



ERIN HARDY (SEE RELATED STORY ON PAGE 8)

**Pamela Joshi (PI), Kate Giapponi Schneider, Erin Hardy, Diana Serrano** “Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Implementation Research and Evaluation Planning Partnership”; Funder: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation; subcontract to Brandeis from Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

ICYFP researchers were awarded a new contract with the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) to establish a research partnership to (1) provide research support for EEC’s review of policies in response to new federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) regulations focused on quality improvement, and (2) develop a plan to evaluate the implementation/effectiveness of a change in state CCDBG policy aimed at increasing access to high-quality care.

## DISABILITIES

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**Illhom Akobirshoev (PI)** “Trends, Patterns, Quality and Costs of Hospital Utilization Among Working-Age Adults With Autism Spectrum Disorders”; Funder: Brandeis University Office of the Provost

The project will use population-based data to identify national trends, patterns, quality and cost of hospital utilization among working-age adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Monika Mitra (PI), Susan Parish** “Disability-Related Disparities in Sex Education, Contraceptive Use and Unintended Pregnancy”; Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration; Maternal and Child Health Field Initiated Research Program

The researchers will examine disability-related disparities in sex education, contraceptive use and unintended pregnancies.

**Monika Mitra (PI), Susan Parish** “Pregnancy Experiences of Women With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Family Caregiver Perspectives”; Funder: National Institutes of Health; subcontract to Brandeis from Eunice Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

The researchers will examine the pregnancy experience of women with intellectual and developmental disabilities from the perspectives of family caregivers.

## EDUCATION

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**Susan Eaton (PI)** “21st Century School Integration: Taking Stock, Strengthening and Advancing the Field”; Funder: Ford Foundation and Einhorn Family Charitable Trust

This project aims to systematically map, strengthen and advance the active and multifaceted field of individuals and organizations working to (1) reduce racial and economic segregation in K-12 schools, and (2) create more equitable, intentionally anti-racist, diverse K-12 schools.

## HEALTH

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**Diana Bowser (PI)** “Achieving Excellence in Primary Health Care in Ethiopia”; Funder: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; subcontract to Brandeis from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The project will assist the Ethiopian team with three main research activities: (1) An analysis of effective coverage of primary health care in Ethiopia, (2) an analysis of the equality of quality of care in Ethiopia and (3) understanding respectful care in Ethiopia.

**Diana Bowser (PI)** “Health Care Financing in India”; Funder: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; subcontract to Brandeis from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

This project will develop the methodology for and conduct the analysis for two main research activities: (1) a Benefits Incidence Analysis of Public Sector health care in India, and (2) a substitution analysis of central and local health care financing in India.

**Donald S. Shepard (PI), Yara Halasa, Wu Zeng** “Quality of Life of Dengue Patients”; Funder: Sanofi Pasteur

This study aims to increase knowledge on the adverse impact of dengue illness on quality of life based on a systematic literature review and analysis of an original data set. This information will allow for more accurate estimates of burden of disease and cost-effectiveness analyses of preventive interventions.

**Wu Zeng (PI)** “Comprehensive Pricing Survey of the Pharmaceutical Sector in Bangladesh”; Funder: World Bank

The study will provide technical support on examining the prices, availability and affordability of medicines in Bangladesh.

**Wu Zeng (PI)** “Review of Value for Money in Results-Based Financing Programs”; Funder: World Bank

This study will conduct a literature review of cost-effectiveness of health system interventions on maternal and child health in low- and middle-income countries.

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Joseph Assan (PI), Afia Adaboh** “Perceptions of Charity, Cash Assistance and State-Led Welfare in Ghana”; Funder: John Templeton Foundation

The study employs ethnographic research to examine the initial impact of Ghana’s Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) program. LEAP is a social cash transfer program that provides cash and health insurance to extremely poor households across the country with the objective of reducing poverty and enhancing sustainable human capital development.

**Marion Howard (PI)** “Forgotten Voices: Ocean Identity and Heritage”; Funder: Brandeis University Office of the Provost

This grant includes field-based research to explore ocean heritage and marine “sense of place” in the world view of the Raizal people of Colombia’s San Andres Archipelago, Western Caribbean.






# Measuring India's Grade School Lunch Program

Researchers from the Center for Global Development and Sustainability evaluated the impact in India's largest state





In an ideal educational setting, lunch would be as much a staple of the standard grade school day as math and history. But that hasn't always been the case in India, which is home to 61 million malnourished children.

To combat the problem, in 2001 the Supreme Court of India passed an order directing state governments to provide schoolchildren with a free, nutritious lunch. To carry out this ambitious "Mid-Day Meal Scheme," many local governments hired private and nonprofit organizations to implement the program.

One of those nonprofit partners is Akshaya Patra, a U.S.-based foundation that serves meals to more than 1.6 million children in over 13,000 Indian schools. It recently built a centralized kitchen in Lucknow, the capital of India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, and wanted to assess its performance.

Akshaya Patra hired the Center for Global Development and Sustainability (GDS) at Heller to conduct the evaluation, led by Joseph Assan (PI) and GDS Director Laurence Simon.

"On its surface, it may sound like just a feeding program, but it is also a significant food security and nutrition intervention, as well as a human capability development program," Assan says. "In that sense, it is very much a social policy initiative."

Akshaya Patra provides lunch at more than 1,000 schools in Uttar Pradesh alone. The GDS team wasn't tasked with assessing each school's performance, but instead examined the high-level social, educational and nutritional impacts of the program. They also set out to gain an understanding of student and teacher satisfaction levels.

The GDS researchers prepared data collection tools and arranged for Abdullah Al Mamun, MA SID'16, a statistician and field survey specialist, to train a group of local university students to gather information from more than 2,000 individuals. Assan then worked with Heller GDS

PhD students Dinar Kharisma and Afia Adaboh to clean and analyze the data.

"In the technical sense, the program is doing well," Assan says. "Akshaya Patra's goal is to ensure a high standard of food quality and consistent delivery. Thanks to the centralized kitchen in Lucknow, the logistical routines are operating smoothly and the program has a positive reception. There are, of course, some variations in terms of food occasionally arriving early or late. Overall, however, teachers are engaged in the program, and the children are consistently being fed."

In looking through the data, the researchers noticed that *how* children are fed highlighted an unexpected issue.

"When we asked how the program could be improved, a significant number of respondents asked for utensils and cutlery, which was a surprise," Assan says. "In traditional Indian culture, you wash your hands before a meal and then you eat with your hands. We dug into the data to understand what might have contributed to this view, and it turns out that because school meals are traditionally taken on the floor instead of at tables, many children would have to touch the floor to sit down before eating and wanted to avoid cross-contaminating the food."

The study also identified at-risk children who require additional nutritional support.

The GDS team delivered its report to Akshaya Patra in early summer. "The Mid-Day Meal Scheme is valuable, and it's vital for Akshaya Patra to communicate to its donors that this needs to be a continuous program and not just a one-off intervention," Assan says. "One problem in many developing countries is that when programs achieve a goal, it's exciting for a time. But once that initial elation fades, the whole thing falls apart and everything goes back to the original state of affairs. This report highlights and stresses the need for continuous monitoring/evaluation, expansion and improvement of the program."

## ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

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**Boguslaw, J.** “The Working Low-Middle Class and Employee Ownership: Can Families Build Significant Asset Wealth?” Presented at Kelso Workshop Conference, sponsored by Rutgers University, School of Labor and Management Relations, New Brunswick, N.J., January 2017.

**Boguslaw, J.** “Developing Leadership Projects.” Presented at 2017 Leadership Development Institute, sponsored by Massachusetts Association for Community Action, Worcester, Mass., March 2017.

**Boguslaw, J.** “Impact of Employee Ownership on Modest Income Workers and Their Families.” Presented at the Beyster Symposium, sponsored by the Foundation for Enterprise Development, Employee Ownership Foundation and Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, La Jolla, Calif., June 2017.

**Boguslaw, J.** “Impacts of Employee Ownership for Women and Their Families: Findings From the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Rutgers Study.” Presented at the 69th Annual Conference, “Jobs, Opportunity and Equality in the New World of Work,” sponsored by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, Anaheim, Calif., June 2017.

**Santos, J.** “Looking Upstream: Systemic Oppression as a Key Determinant of Health Inequalities.” Presented at the Culture of Health Institute for Leadership Development, sponsored by Allies for Reaching Community Health Equity, Global Policy Solutions, online, March 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “Toxic Inequality: How America’s Racial Wealth Gap Threatens Our Future.” Presented at:

- » Summit on Inequality and Opportunity, sponsored by the Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C., March 2017.
- » Virginia Festival of the Book, sponsored by Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Charlottesville, Va., March 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “Toxic Inequality: Race, Mobility, Wealth and Politics in Today’s America.” Presented at New America, Washington, D.C., April 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** Panelist, “The Wealth Gap.” Presented at “State of Race,” conference sponsored by the Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C., April 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “Racial Wealth Gap: Hidden Costs/Visible Solutions.” Presented at Portland City Club, Portland, Ore., May 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “America’s Widening Racial Wealth Gap—Why It Distances All of Us From Each Other.” Presented at Communities Foundation of Texas, Dallas, June 2017.

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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**Adams, R.S.,** Harris, A.H.S., Cheng, C., Meerwijk, E., Williams, T.V., and **Larson, M.J.** “Postdeployment Prevalence of TBI, PTSD, and Chronic Pain Among OEF/OIF Soldiers Who Utilized Care in the Veterans Affairs Polytrauma/TBI System of Care.” Presented at 12th World Congress on Brain Injury, sponsored by International Brain Injury Association, New Orleans, March 2017.

Bethausler, L.M., **Adams, R.S.,** Hostetter, T., Scher, A.I., Schwab, K., and Brenner, L.A. “Lifetime History of TBI Among Soldiers Returning From OEF/OIF Deployments.” Presented at 12th World Congress on Brain Injury, sponsored by International Brain Injury Association, New Orleans, March 2017.

**Hodgkin, D., Reif, S., Stewart, M.T., Mohr, B., Horgan, C.M.,** and Ma, A. “Target Attainability and Provider Response in Pay-For-Performance: Evidence From Substance Use Disorder Treatment.” Presented at:

- » 13th Workshop on Costs and Assessment in Psychiatry, sponsored by International Center of Mental Health Policy and Economics, Venice, Italy, March 2017.
- » Mental Health Seminar, Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C., April 2017.

**Horgan, C.M.** (panel chair), **Kolodny, A.,** Pollock, H., **Thomas, C.,** and **Reif, S.** (panel speakers). “The Opioid Crisis — A Critical Threat Across the U.S. — Why Health Services Research Matters.” Panel sponsored by the Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center to Improve System Performance of Substance Use Disorder Treatment and the Brandeis Opioid Policy Research Collaborative. Presented at AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, June 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** “Responding to the Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis: An Epidemic of Addiction.”

- » Keynote lecture presented at the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York Winter Conference, New York, N.Y., January 2017.

- » Keynote lecture delivered at the Orange County District Attorney’s Office Opioid Crisis Summit, Santa Ana, Calif., May 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** “Responding to the Opioid Addiction Epidemic.” Webinar presentation sponsored by AbleTo, January 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** Keynote speaker, Community Medical Center’s 12th Annual Winter CME Symposium, Scottsdale, Ariz., February 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** Keynote speaker, Lake County California Second Annual Opioid Safety Summit, hosted by Marymount California University, Lucerne, Calif., February 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** Keynote speaker, Cooperstown New York Opioid Summit, Cooperstown, N.Y., March 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** Keynote speaker, Satellite Session 1, “Epidemic of Addiction: Opioids, Heroin, and Fentanyl,” American College of Medical Toxicology Annual Scientific Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** Keynote speaker, Grand Rounds lecture of the CNY Heroin and Opioid Key Stakeholder Summit, “A Call to Action,” sponsored by Leatherstocking Collaborative Health Partners, in collaboration with New York State Senator James Seward (R/C/I - Oneonta) and Bassett Healthcare Network, Cooperstown, N.Y., March 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** “Pain and Addiction Course: Common Threads.” Presented at the 45th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference, “Innovation and Integration Strategies on Addiction Medicine,” sponsored by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Orlando, Fla., April 2017.

**Kolodny, A.** Introduced “Warning: This Drug May Kill You” (Perri Peltz, director, 2017), HBO Documentary Films Special Preview Screening, National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, sponsored by Operation Unite, Atlanta, April 2017. Dr. Kolodny served as medical advisor on the film and appears in its web extras.

**Kreiner, P.** “PDMP Policy Developments: Evaluating Prescriber-Use Mandates.” Presented at National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, sponsored by Operation Unite, Atlanta, April 2017.

**Kreiner, P., Thomas, C.,** and **Horgan, C.M.** “CBHSQ Research Seminar: Prescription Behavior Surveillance System (PBSS) Project.” Webinar supported by Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), June 2017. Attendees included invited guests from SAMHSA, National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.



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**Larson, M.J.** “Lessons Learned From a Pilot Study of Academic Detailing to Prevent Opioid Problems in Military Populations.” Presented at Society for Prevention Research 2017 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., June 2017.

**Larson, M.J.**, and **Saadoun, M.** “Addressing Mental Health Conditions to Reduce Social Exclusion and Improve Health Outcomes.” Presented at the Prince Mahidol Award Conference 2017, Bangkok, February 2017.

Nakase-Richardson, R., Stevens, L.F., Tang, X., Lamberty, G.J., Sherer, M., Walker, W.C., Pugh, M.J., Eapen, B., Finn, J.A., Saylor, M., Dillahunt-Aspillaga, C., **Adams, R.S.**, and Garafano, J.S. “Comparison of the VA and NIDILRR TBI Model System Cohorts.” Presented at 12th World Congress on Brain Injury, sponsored by International Brain Injury Association, New Orleans, March 2017.

**Reif, S.**, **Creedon, T.B.**, **Stewart, M.T.**, **Horgan, C.M.**, and **Garnick, D.W.** “Commercial Health Plan Coverage of Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders From 2003-2014 — Results From a National Survey.” Presented at:

- » AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, June 2017.
- » 40th Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting, Denver, June 2017.

**Reif, S.**, **Horgan, C.M.**, **Stewart, M.T.**, **Garnick, D.W.**, **Quinn, A.E.**, **Evans, B.**, **Garito, L.**, and **Creedon, T.B.** “Behavioral Health Provider Network Structures and Adequacy Standards in Private Health Plans.” Presented at:

- » College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), Montréal, June 2017.
- » 40th Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting, Denver, June 2017.

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**Reif, S.**, **Stewart, M.T.**, **Davis, M.T.**, **Torres, M.E.**, **Nguyen, A.M.**, **Hodgkin, D.**, and **Horgan, C.M.**

“Incentivizing Clinicians in Outpatient Substance Use Treatment for Program-Level Performance — Early Results From an RCT.” Presented at:

- » AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, June 2017.
- » College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), Montréal, June 2017.

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

**Acevedo-Garcia, D.** “Why Disaggregate Data on U.S. Children by Immigrant Status? Some Lessons From the diversitydatakids.org Project.” Presented at “The Role of Data Disaggregation in Understanding the Health of Immigrants and Migrants of Diverse Backgrounds,” a conference sponsored by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Washington, D.C., June 2017.

Cancian, M., DuMont, K., **Joshi, P.**, and Zaslow, M. “Research-to-Policy Translation for Generating Evidence-Based Child Care and Early Education Policy.” Presented at 2017 Annual Meeting of the Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium, sponsored by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

Coley, R.L., Newman, S., **Hardy, E.**, and Sanchez-Jankowski, M. “Shaping Economic Futures: The Role of Communities: Why and How Racial/Ethnic Equity Matters.” Presented at Federal Reserve System

Community Development Research Conference, sponsored by U.S. Federal Reserve System: Community Affairs, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

**Dodson, L.**, and Meric, L. “Mothers Know Best’ Report on the Integrating Resources Project.” Presented at 905 National Association of Working Women National Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2017.

Ha, Y., **Joshi, P.**, **Hardy, E.**, and **Giapponi, K.** “Child Care Subsidy Eligibility Reassessment and Its Impact on the Stability of Child Care Subsidy Receipt and Care Arrangements.” Presented at Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, Tex., April 2017.

**Hardy, E.**, **Giapponi, K.**, Ha, Y., and **Joshi, P.** “Lessons From Massachusetts’ ‘Dual-Mechanism’ Subsidy Delivery System: Learning From Mapping and Examining Local Variation.” Presented at 2017 Annual Meeting of the Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium, sponsored by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

**Hardy, E.**, Rankin, J., and Weber, R. “Using GIS and Spatial Analysis to Advance Child Care and Early Education Policy Analysis and Research.” Workshop presented at 2017 Annual Meeting of the Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium, sponsored by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

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**McArdle, N.**, and **Acevedo-Garcia, D.** “Consequences of Segregation for Children’s Opportunity and Well-Being.” Presented at “A Shared Future: Fostering Communities of Inclusion in an Era of Inequality,” conference sponsored by Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, Wellesley, Mass., April 2017.

**Rosenfeld, L.**, and **McArdle, N.** “Children’s Access to Opportunity: Using diversitydatakids.org to Teach About Neighborhood Opportunity and Child Well-Being.” Presented at webinar hosted by Programs in the Population Sciences by Social Science Data Analysis Network, May 2017.

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND COEXISTENCE

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Eyraud, C.H., Habran, J., and **Lempereur, A.** “Workshop on Host Country Agreements Negotiations.” Presented at Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders), Sustainable Humanitarian Intervention Through Exemption and Legal Derogation, Nairobi, March 2017.

**Jean, I.** “Changing the Role of Affected People: Accountability and Participation.” Presented at Active Learning Network for Accountability and Humanitarian Performance Annual Meeting, sponsored by Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Stockholm, February 2017.

**Lempereur, A.** “First-Aid Moves for Negotiators.” Keynote speech presented at Association and Conference Forum, Frankfurt, Germany, January 2017.

**Lempereur, A.** “Power of Non-Violence Intervention: How Humanitarian Negotiation Saves Lives.” Presented at Haifa University, Haifa, Israel, January 2017.

**Lempereur, A.** “John Rabe, Humanitarian Negotiator and Organizer.” Presented at Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders), Nairobi, March 2017.



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**Lempereur, A.** “The State of Diplomacy in Europe.” Presented at Sciences Po (Paris School of International Affairs), Paris, March 2017.

**Lempereur, A.** “Negotiating Europe: War, Peace and Society.” Presented to Brandeis University Alumni Association, Dutch Waterways, The Netherlands, April 2017.

**Lempereur, A.** “Contemporary Belgium at the Heart of Europe.” Inter-University Lecture, Antwerp, Belgium, May 2017.

**Lempereur, A.** “Empowering Leaders Through Responsible Negotiating.” Presented to Brandeis Alumni Association, Washington, D.C., May 2017.

**Lempereur, A.** “Negotiating in Europe: Celebrating Callières.” Presented at Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, May 2017.

## DISABILITIES

**Akobirshoev, I., Mitra, M.,** and McKee, M. “Access to Medical Home Among Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.” Presented at AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, June 2017.

**Akobirshoev, I., Mitra, M.,** and Parish, S.L. “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Birth Outcomes and Delivery-Related Hospitalization Costs Among U.S. Mothers With Intellectual and Developmental Disability.” Presented at AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, June 2017.

Charrette, A.L., **Lorenz, L.S.,** Fong, J., O’Neil-Pirozzi, T.M., and Demore-Taber, M. “Outcomes, Supports and Barriers Related to Intensive Exercise Participation for Adults With Chronic Moderate-to-Severe Acquired Brain Injury.” Presented at 12th

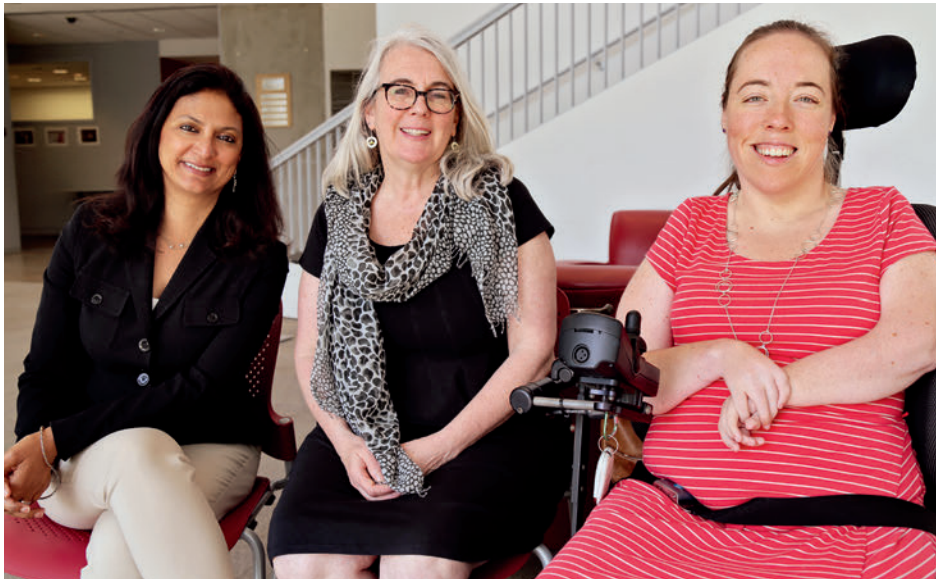
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**Lorenz, L.S.** “The Continuum of Care for Severe Brain Injury and the ‘Case’ of Massachusetts.” Presented at Ethics Series II: Ethics of Care, webinar sponsored by the National Association of Head Injury Administrators, June 2017.

**Lorenz, L.S.,** Noonan, P.J., and O’Neil-Pirozzi, T.M. “Total Health for Chronic Moderate-to-Severe Brain Injury: Maximizing Function and Quality of Life Through Community-Based Physical, Cognitive and Social Programming.” Presented at 36th Annual Brain Injury Conference, sponsored by Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, Marlborough, Mass., March 2017.

**Mitra, M.** “Pregnancy Outcomes and Barriers to Perinatal Care Among Women With Physical Disabilities.” Presented at “Serving the Underserved: Addressing Health Disparities for People With Disabilities,” sponsored by the Harvard Medical School General Medicine Fellowship and Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship, Boston, January 2017.

**Mitra, M.** “Pregnancy Outcomes and Barriers to Perinatal Care Among Women With Physical Disabilities: Making the Case for Inclusion.” Presented at:  
» Pregnancy and Perinatology Branch Speaker Series, hosted by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver



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National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, Rockville, Md., February 2017.

- » University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds, Worcester, Mass., May 2017.

**Mitra, M., Parish, S.L., and Akobirshoev, I.** “Post-natal Emergency Department Visits Among Women With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” Presented for the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Health Issues Special Interest Research Group 2017 Conference, Belfast, U.K., June 2017.

**Mitra, M., Parish, S.L., Akobirshoev, I.,** and Moore-Simas, T. “Antenatal Hospital Utilization Among Women With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” E-poster presentation, American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Conference, San Diego, Calif., May 2017.

Sannicandro, T., **Parish, S.L., Fournier, S., Mitra, M.,** and Paiewonsky, M. “Employment, Income and SSI Effects of Postsecondary Education for People With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

## HEALTH

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**Altman, S.** “How Proposed ACA Changes Could Affect Healthcare Costs, Markets, and Payment and Delivery Reform Progress in the Coming Years.” Presented at “ACA Repeal and Replace: Implications for Healthcare Cost, Quality and Coverage in Massachusetts,” sponsored by KPMG LLP and *Boston Business Journal*, Boston, March 2017.

**Altman, S.** “The Possible Impact of the Election on the U.S. Health Care System.” Presented at the Gordon H. Defriese Distinguished Lecture on Health Services Research and Health Policy, sponsored by University of North Carolina Health Care and University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, N.C., March 2017.

**Bishop, C.** “Integrating Post-Acute Care: Progress of Relational Contracting Between Accountable Care Organizations and Post-Acute Providers.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Industry Studies Association, Washington, D.C., May 2017.

**Bowser, D.** “Health System Strengthening for Cardiovascular Care.” Keynote speech delivered at the Conference on the Management of Cardiovascular Disease in Rwanda, sponsored by Team Heart and Ministry of Health, Kigali, Rwanda, March 2017.

**Bowser, D.** “Understanding Breast Cancer Care in Egypt and Oman.” Presented at the Breast Cancer Care Research Study Technical Workshop, sponsored by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard Medical School Center for Global Health Delivery, Dubai, February and March 2017.

Foley, M., **Tschampl, C.,** and **Halasa, Y.** “Cost Offsets to Funding a Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit.” Presented at the 2017 National Medicaid and CHIP Oral Health Symposium, hosted by the Medicaid-CHIP State Dental Association, Washington, D.C., June 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** Moderator, “ACOs and Post-Acute Care.” Presented at the National Association of ACOs Spring Conference, Baltimore, Md., April 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** “The Evolving Landscape of Medicare Payment Reform and Population Health.” Presented at the Geisinger Health System 5th Annual Analytics Conference, Danville, Pa., April 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** “Medicare Physician Payment Reform: Opportunities and Challenges.” Hoffman Lecture presented at the American Urology Association Annual Meeting, Boston, May 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** “Applying Lessons From Medicare Total Joint Replacement Bundles to Other Conditions.” Presented at the CoHSTAR Summer Institute on Health Services Research, Boston, June 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** “The Evolving Landscape of Value-Based Healthcare.” Keynote address delivered at the American Orthopedic Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, N.C., June 2017.

**Shepard, D.S.** “Dengue Global/Regional Economic Costs and Value of Cost-Effectiveness Studies.” Presented at the Eliminate Dengue Health Economics Framework Workshop, sponsored by Eliminate Dengue, Singapore, Singapore, June 2017.

**Shepard, D.S.** “Economic Burden of Dengue in Maldives.” Presented at the Third Advisory Group Meeting on Dengue Burden Estimation, sponsored by the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2017.

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**Shepard, D.S., and Halasa, Y.** “Health Care Cost Study at Ministry of Health on Costs to Insure Vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian Refugees.” Presented at the UNICEF Stakeholders’ Meeting, Amman, Jordan, May 2017.

**Shepard, D.S., Zeng, W., Halasa, Y., Durand, L., and Coudeville, L.** “Impact of a Dengue Episode on Quality of Life or Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs): Systematic Review.” Presented at the International Society for Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research 22nd Annual International Meeting, Boston, May 2017.

**Tschampl, C., Razavi, S.M.,** Zurweste, E., **Garnick, D.W., and Shepard, D.S.** “Treatment Completion for Tuberculosis Infection in a Vulnerable Population as Bridge Case Management Intensifies.” Presented at the Union-North American Region Annual Meeting, sponsored by the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, February 2017.

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Assan, J.** “Building Successful Resilience to Drought and Its Determinants: A Case Study of Northern Ethiopia.” Presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, co-sponsored by the African Specialty Group and the Association of American Geographers, Boston, April 2017.

**Assan, J.** “Current U.S. International Development Policy and Its Global Implications.” Keynote speech delivered at the Harvard Global Development Conference, sponsored by the Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass., April 2017.

**Espinosa, C.,** and Hannig, A. Panelists, “Ethnicity, Gender and Health in the Peruvian Amazon.” Presented for the Brandeis Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children, hosted by Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., March 2017.

**Howard, M.** Delivered a series of guest lectures on small island sustainable development and environmental conservation, sponsored by the University College of the Cayman Islands, Cayman Islands, British West Indies, February 2017.

**Sampath, R.** “Viveiros de Castro on Clastres’s ‘Society Against the State’ and ‘Archaeology of Violence.’” Presented at Brandeis University’s Symposium on Violence, Waltham, Mass., May 2017.

**Sampath, R.** “Global Justice and Moral Arguments to Alleviate World Poverty.” Presented at Brandeis University Alumni College 2017, Waltham, Mass., June 2017.

## MANAGEMENT

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**Gittell, J.H.** “Transforming Relationships for High Performance: The Power of Relational Coordination.” Presented at:

- » Visiting speaker series, Alberta School of Business, sponsored by the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta., Canada, February 2017.
- » Care Redesign Workshop, sponsored by the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, March 2017.
- » Construction Industry Conference, sponsored by the Norwegian Business School, Oslo, March 2017.
- » RC Intervention Workshop, sponsored by the Institute for Co-Creating Leadership, Oslo, March 2017.
- » Strategy and Organizations Seminar, sponsored by the Norwegian Business School, Oslo, March 2017.
- » Emory Quality Conference, sponsored by Emory Healthcare, Atlanta, June 2017.
- » University College Zealand Research Forum, Online, June 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** “Student-Centered Learning and High Performance Schools: The Role of Relational Coordination.” Presented at the 69th Annual Conference, “Jobs, Opportunity, and Equality in the New World of Work,” sponsored by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, Anaheim, Calif., June 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.,** and Batalden, M. “Measuring Patient Coproduction.” Presented at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality research conference, “Improving the Quality and Affordability of Healthcare Through Co-Production of Healthcare Services,” sponsored by the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Cincinnati, May 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** (chair), and **Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.** (discussant). “Innovations in Public Education.” Presented at the 69th Annual Conference “Jobs, Opportunity and Equality in the New World of



Work,” sponsored by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, Anaheim, Calif., June 2017.

**Hajjar, L.,** and Moore, S. “Health Center Engagement: Relational Coordination.” Presented to the Quality Improvement Peer Learning Team of the Health Resources and Services Administration, Nashville, Tenn., May 2017.

## SOCIAL POLICY

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**Eaton, S.** “Integration Nation: Immigrants, Refugees and the Role of Funders.” Presented at the Clowes Fund Annual Meeting, Ashland, Mass., April 2017. International Society for Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research 22nd Annual International Meeting, Boston, May 2017.




FRANCISCO BELDA IN CLASS WITH A HELLER STUDENT



## Bridging the Information Gap

Lurie Institute launches National Resource Center for  
Parents with Disabilities



In recent decades, people with disabilities have become increasingly integrated into mainstream employment, education, housing and public life. Among them, a growing number are choosing to become parents, and yet they encounter a lack of support and increased discrimination when they do so. Many people assume that people with disabilities are inherently unfit as parents, although the evidence shows that this assumption is false.

The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy has identified a scarcity of information about parenting with a disability, for parents themselves, as well as advocates, policymakers, health care professionals, family members, legal professionals and social workers.

In response to this information gap, Lurie Institute Interim Director Monika Mitra and a team of researchers are launching a web-based resource hub called the National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities. This project is the product of a five-year grant from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research, and its huge coalition of supporters includes an advisory board of parents with disabilities, research partners at eight universities, and dissemination partners at 15 national advocacy and professional organizations.

The project has three main prongs, says Mitra. “One is conducting research — building a body of evidence and systematically analyzing existing state legislation that applies to parents with disabilities. The second piece is developing a knowledge base of interventions, and the third is disseminating resources to a broad set of stakeholders. We want to be inclusive of parents with a very diverse set of disabilities, as well as physicians, attorneys, judges, child welfare professionals, social workers and so forth.”

On the website, parents with disabilities will find information on adaptive parenting,

training related to their parental rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other resources. Attorneys can access guides on civil rights protections for parents with disabilities. Advocates can utilize campaign strategy toolkits based on successful state initiatives to pass legislation that protects parents with disabilities.

“Whether you’re a social worker, a policy wonk in a state senator’s office or a parent with a disability, you can come to this website and get an array of relevant information.”

“This will be the central hub for all of that, and more,” says Mitra. “We’re doing this in a very systematic way.”

The team is also deeply committed to inclusiveness and accessibility for people with a broad range of disabilities. “Everything we write, we look at through the lens of accessibility, including for people with intellectual disabilities, and we structure it so that it’s appropriate for cross-disability support as well,” says Michelle Techler, Lurie Institute assistant director.

“Resources are useless if you can’t actually access them,” adds Robyn Powell, a PhD candidate and Lurie Institute research associate. “That’s also why we’re making sure that all of our resources are fully accessible to people with diverse disabilities, as well as free.”

“Until now, there’s been no centralized hub for this diverse set of stakeholders,” says Mitra. “Whether you’re a social worker, a policy wonk in a state senator’s office or a parent with a disability, you can come to this website and get an array of relevant information. And we know from our research that people from all of these different groups really want this information. There’s a real gap here, and this is one way to fill it.”



## AGING

**Christine Bishop** was interviewed on *Wisconsin Public Radio's* June 2, 2017, segment "What's Behind the High Cost of Caring for Seniors?"

## ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

In November 2016, the **Institute on Assets and Social Policy** held a convening in New York City entitled "Reimagining Work and Wealth," which was supported by a grant from the Institute of International Education and the Ford Foundation. IASP speakers included **Janet Boguslaw**, **Jessica Santos, PhD'15**, and **Thomas Shapiro**, who discussed "Occupational Segregation and the Racial Wealth Gap."

The **Institute on Assets and Social Policy's** research was cited in the following:

- » *Fortune's* Feb. 6, 2017, article "The Racial Wealth Gap Is Not Going to Improve."
- » *NextCity's* Feb. 6, 2017, article "The Racial Wealth Gap Is a Policy Problem, Not a Behavior Problem."
- » *The Root's* Feb. 6, 2017, article "Attending College Doesn't Close Wage Gap and Other Myths Exposed in New Report."
- » *Bloomberg's* Feb. 8, 2017, article "The Big Reason Whites Are Richer than Blacks in America."
- » *NPR's* Feb. 8, 2017, article "Black, Latino Two-Parent Families Have Half the Wealth of White Single Parents."
- » *Mic's* Feb. 9, 2017, article "Single-Parent White Families Have More Wealth than Two-Parent Black and Latino Families."
- » *Slate's* Feb. 9, 2017, article "This Damning Chart Shows How Much of a Head Start White Families Have Over Black Families."
- » *Bloomberg's* Feb. 13, 2017, article "Why Black Americans Stay Poor."
- » *WPR's* Feb. 16, 2017, article "Study: Inheritance Is Behind the Racial Wealth Gap."
- » *The Philly Tribune's* Feb. 21, 2017, article "Root Causes of the Age-Old Wealth Gap for Blacks."

**Rebecca Loya, PhD'12**, provided testimony for the Oregon State House Early Childhood and Family Supports Committee regarding House Bill 3367 on April 4, 2017.

**Rebecca Loya, PhD'12**, provided testimony for the Oregon State Senate Education Committee regarding Senate Bill 996 on April 4, 2017.

**Thomas Shapiro** contributed the following:

- » He co-authored *Roll Call*'s Jan. 13, 2017, article "Opinion: Narrowing the Racial Wealth Gap."
- » He authored *The Boston Globe*'s Feb. 24, 2017, article "Seven Ideas for Curing Toxic Inequality."
- » He was interviewed for *The Atlantic*'s March 20, 2017, article "Why Black Families Struggle to Build Wealth."
- » He produced *This Is Hell*'s April recording "On the Origins of America's Racial Wealth Divide, and the Endpoint of Toxic Inequality."
- » He authored *Alternet*'s April 11, 2017, article "How Did America's Wealth Inequality Reach This Level of Toxic?"
- » He was quoted in *The Portland Tribune*'s May 9, 2017, article "Many Missed the Homeownership Boat."
- » He was interviewed for *PolicyLink*'s May 11, 2017, article "Visionary Opposition: Thomas Shapiro on the Growing Racial Wealth Gap and How to Reduce It."
- » He was interviewed for *The Big Picture*'s May 17, 2017, video "Is Inequality Tearing Apart Our Democracy?"
- » He authored the *Bill Moyers* May 17, 2017, article "How Our Tax Code Makes Inequality Worse."
- » He was quoted in *KGW Portland*'s June 6, 2017, article "How Market Forces and Bias Displaced African Americans in Portland."
- » He was interviewed on *Slate*'s The Gist's June 20, 2017, podcast, "Is Terrorism Coverage Racist?"
- » He was interviewed on *The Majority Report*'s June 29, 2017, segment "Toxic Inequality: How America's Wealth Gap Destroys Mobility, Deepens the Racial Divide, and Threatens Our Future."

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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**Mary Brolin, PhD '05**, co-authored *Common Wealth Magazine*'s May 29, 2017, article "How to Stop Prison's Revolving Door."

**Tom Clark** was quoted in *The Washington Post*'s Jan. 14, 2017, article "New State Rules are Forcing Opioid Prescribers to Confront 'Doctor Shopping.'"

The **Institute for Behavioral Health** was cited in an April 20, 2017, *LinkedIn* blog post "Preventing Chronic Opioid Therapy Addiction: PDMP's Alone Are Not the Answer!"

**Andrew Kolodny** contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in *PRI Science Friday*'s Dec. 31, 2016, article "In 2015 Alone, 33,000 Americans

Died of an Opioid-Related Overdose. What's Fueling the Epidemic?"

- » He was quoted in *Addiction Now*'s Jan. 11, 2017, article "OxyContin Targets the World."
- » He was quoted in *The Christian Science Monitor*'s Jan. 11, 2017, article "Chris Christie Wants to Limit Painkiller Prescriptions. Will That Cut Back on Opioid Addiction?"
- » He was quoted in *The Washington Informer*'s Jan. 11, 2017, article "Opioid Addiction: A Matter of Black and White?"
- » He was quoted in *Crain's New York's* Jan. 29, 2017, article "Can Marijuana Help New York Kick Its Opioid Habit?"
- » He was quoted in *USA Today*'s Feb. 4, 2017, article "N.J. Opioid Story: From Football Field to Addiction."
- » He was interviewed on *WBUR's On Point with Tom Ashbrook*'s Feb. 8, 2017, segment "America's Ongoing Opioid Crisis."
- » He was quoted in *The New York Times*' Feb. 10, 2017, article "Addiction Treatment Grew Under Health Law. Now What?"
- » He was quoted in *CBS San Francisco Bay Area*'s Feb. 16, 2017, article "Price of Drug That Saves Overdose Victims Soaring out of Reach."
- » He was quoted in *Philly.com*'s Feb. 21, 2017, article "Health Insurers Make it Easier for Doctors to Prescribe Addiction Treatment."
- » He was quoted in *CNN*'s Feb. 24, 2017, article "Are Recreational Marijuana and Opioid Addiction Linked?"
- » He was quoted in *FOX31 Denver*'s Feb. 26, 2017, article "73% of Overdose Deaths in 2015 Were From Opioids."
- » He was quoted in *The New York Times*' March 13, 2017, article "As Drug Deaths Soar, Mayor Offers Plan to Cut Toll."
- » He was quoted in *USA Today*'s March 14, 2017, article "Federal Advisory Panels Agree Opana's Risks Outweigh Benefits."
- » He was quoted in *Modern Healthcare*'s March 30, 2017, article "Trump Opioid Commission Leaves Out Key Stakeholder."
- » He was quoted in *The Intercept*'s April 4, 2017, article "Donald Trump's Pick to Oversee Big Pharma Is Addicted to Opioid-Industry Cash."
- » He was quoted in *Fox News*' April 11, 2017, video "Drugged: Big Pharma, the FDA, and the Opioid Crisis."
- » He was quoted in *Modern Healthcare*'s April 12, 2017, article "Trump's Rumored Pick for Drug Czar Panned by Addiction Experts."

- » He was quoted in *The International Business Times*' April 14, 2017, article "Trump's Pick for Drug Czar Hauled in Thousands of Dollars From Drug Distributors He Wrote Bill to Protect."
- » He was quoted in *Modern Healthcare*'s April 24, 2017, article "Surgeon General Murthy's Departure Paints Uncertain Path Ahead for Opioid Crisis."
- » He authored *The Hill*'s April 25, 2017, article "Trump Is Not Off to a Good Start With Opioid Addiction."
- » He was quoted in *The Los Angeles Times*' May 3, 2017, article "Congressional Representatives Warn WHO of OxyContin Maker's Global Push."
- » He was quoted in *Mother Jones*' May 10, 2017, article "Trump's Health Secretary Says Addiction Meds Are 'Substituting One Opioid for Another.'"
- » He was quoted in *Philly.com*'s May 15, 2017, article "Ready to Get off Opioids? How to Make Recovery Stick."
- » He was quoted in *USA Today*'s May 15, 2017, article "Trump Administration Missing Mark on Opioids, Advocates Say."
- » He was quoted in *Refinery29*'s May 19, 2017, article "What Everyone Should Know About Opioids."
- » He was quoted in *Vox*'s May 23, 2017, article "Trump's Budget Makes it Official: He's Doing Little to Nothing About the Opioid Epidemic."
- » He was quoted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*'s May 31, 2017, article "To Counter Opioid Crisis, NIH Pushes Researchers to Invent More Drugs."
- » He was interviewed in *NBC's Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly*'s June 4, 2017, video "Addicted to Profit?"
- » He was quoted in *The Chicago Tribune*'s June 5, 2017, article "Chronic Pain Patients Say Opioid Crackdown Is Hurting Them."
- » He was a guest speaker in *Democracy Now!*'s June 7, 2017, video "Worst Epidemic in U.S. History? Opioid Crisis Now Leading Cause of Death for Americans Under 50."
- » He was quoted in *Forbes*' June 8, 2017, article "'Wow.' In a First, FDA Requests an Opioid Be Pulled From the Market."
- » He was quoted in *STAT News*' June 8, 2017, article "FDA Wants to Yank an Opioid Painkiller Over Concerns About Abuse."
- » He was quoted in *USA Today*'s June 11, 2017, article "Medical Responses to Opioid Addiction Vary by State, Analysis Finds."
- » He was quoted in *The New York Times*' June 16, 2017, article "As Opioid Panel Meets, Some Say Action, Not Study, Is Needed."

- » He was quoted in *STAT News*' June 21, 2017, article "Addiction Experts Say GOP Proposal to Replace Medicaid Spending Won't Help."
- » He was a panelist for *The Washington Post*'s June 21, 2017, panel "Live: Addiction in America: Cause and Effect."
- » He was a guest speaker on *WBUR's On Point with Tom Ashbrook*'s June 27, 2017, segment "Health Care, Medicaid Cuts and the Opioid Crisis."
- » He was quoted in *Vox*'s June 27, 2017, article "3 Ways the Senate Health Care Bill Would Make One of America's Deadliest Public Health Crises Worse."
- » He was quoted in *Politico*'s June 29, 2017, article "Opioid Cash to Sweeten Senate Health Bill for Moderates."
- » He was quoted in *Vox*'s June 29, 2017, article "America's Failed Response to the Opioid Epidemic, in One Statistic."

**Andrew Kolodny** appeared on a panel at the Tribeca Film Festival, held in New York, N.Y., in April 2017, following a screening of the HBO documentary film "Warning: This Drug May Kill You" (Perri Peltz, director, 2017). Dr. Kolodny served as medical advisor on the film and appears in its web extras.

**Peter Kreiner** was quoted in the following:

- » In *NYMag*'s Feb. 2, 2017, article "Cat Marnell's Memoir Provides a Window Into 2000s-Era Doctor Shopping."
- » In the (Minneapolis/St. Paul) *Star Tribune*'s Feb. 20, 2017, article "Could Mandatory Database Curb Opioid Abuse?"
- » In *Modern Healthcare*'s March 10, 2017, article "Missouri PDMP Fight Reignites Debate Over National Program."
- » In *Triad Business Journal*'s April 5, 2017, article "OxyContin Maker Launches Initiative to Tackle Opioid Crisis in North Carolina."
- » In *Behavioral Health Executive*'s May 24, 2017, article "How Effective Are PDMPs?"

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

**Maura Baldiga** and **Pamela Joshi, PhD**<sup>or</sup>, co-authored the article "Making Leave Affordable" in the following publications:

- » *The Society Pages* on May 31, 2017.
- » *The Huffington Post* on June 1, 2017.

**Erin Hardy** contributed to the following:

- » She was interviewed in *WBUR's All Things Considered*'s June 2, 2017 segment.



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- » DEBORAH STONE
- » AT THE BOSTON STUDY GROUP CULTURE NIGHT
- » THE LURIE INSTITUTE FOR DISABILITY POLICY
- » HELLER STUDENTS IN CLASS
- » AT THE WELCOME RECEPTION FOR DEAN AND PROFESSOR DAVID WEIL
- » STUDENTS MEETING OUTSIDE

- » She was cited in *Community Catalyst's* May 30, 2017, blog post “Rolling Back Progress: Medicaid Cuts Would Deny Children of Color Access to Care.”
- » She was cited in *Education Votes'* May 31, 2017, blog post “Trump’s Health Care Bill Puts Millions of Children in Harm’s Way.”

The **Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy's** research was cited in the following:

- » The research section of the most recent *Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Policy (the FAMILY Act)* in the Senate (see #21) on Feb. 7, 2017.
- » *BrandeisNOW's* May 30, 2017, cover story “Heller School Researchers Estimate that 5 Million Children Will Lose Medicaid Eligibility Under ACA Repeal.” The story was also picked up by *Speak Now for Kids* for a May 31, 2017, article under the same title.
- » *Georgia Health News'* June 5, 2017, article “GOP Health Bill Would Hit Children Hard, Study Says.”
- » *The Miami New Times'* June 6, 2017, article “In Florida, 88,000 Black and 118,000 Hispanic Kids Would Lose Coverage Under Obamacare Repeal.”
- » *WDEF TV's* June 9, 2017, article “Chattanooga Group Protest Republican Healthcare Plan.”



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- » Representatives were interviewed on *WBUR/ National Public Radio All Things Considered* regarding findings from the diversitydatakids.org Data-for-Equity Policy brief, “Federal Medicaid Eligibility by Child Race/Ethnicity Under the Affordable Care Act and Proposed Repeal.”

**Nancy McArdle, Maura Baldiga, Pamela Joshi, and Dolores Acevedo-Garcia** co-authored *The Society Pages'* May 18, 2017, article “Myths and Facts for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.”

**Lindsay Rosenfeld** co-authored *The Huffington Post's* May 19, 2017, article “National School Lunch Program Threatened: Students Need Healthy, Nutritious Food.”

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## CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND COEXISTENCE

**Mari Fitzduff** contributed to the following:

- » She authored *The Huffington Post's* Feb. 17, 2017, article “Fostering Transformative Leadership and Peaceful Plurality in the Age of Trump.”
- » She was interviewed on *The Matt Townsend Show's* May 31, 2017, segment “Why Irrational Politics Appeals.”

**Ted Johnson** authored *The Worcester Telegram's* April 23, 2017, article “As I See It: Syria & R2P: A Path Away From Hypocrisy.”

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## ECONOMICS

**David Weil** contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in *The Washington Post's* June 8, 2017, article “Trump Officials Quietly Scrap Obama-Era Plan to Protect Fast Food Workers.”
- » He was interviewed on *NPR's* June 9, 2017, segment “The Faceless Boss: A Look Into the Uber Driver Workplace.”
- » He was quoted in *The Boston Globe's* June 13, 2017, article “That \$9.99 find at T.J. Maxx? It Might Raise Questions About Labor Practices.”
- » He was interviewed for *Equitable Growth's* June 22, 2017, article “Equitable Growth in Conversation: David Weil.”
- » He was quoted in *Politico's* June 30, 2017, article “5 Things Trump Did While You Weren't Looking.”

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## EDUCATION

**Susan Eaton** contributed to the following:

- » She was cited on *WCVB's* Jan. 16, 2017, video segment “METCO: Parents Fight for Education.”
- » She was quoted in *The Ct. Mirror's* June 12, 2017, article “English Learners: Other Places Are Showing What Works.”



## ENVIRONMENT

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**Eric Olson** published the following in *The Newton TAB*:

- » “Commentary: A Better Electricity Plan for the Environment and Wallet,” Jan. 20, 2017 (co-authored with Emily Norton).
- » “Commentary: Aggregation Presents a Rare Opportunity,” March 17, 2017.

## HEALTH

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**Stuart Altman** contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in *Boston.com*'s Feb. 27, 2017, article “Massachusetts Was Ranked as the No. 1 State in the Country. And Governor Charlie Baker is Pretty Pumped.”
- » He was quoted in *Boston Magazine*'s March 13, 2017, article “We Can't Go Back to Romneycare: How an ACA Repeal Endangers Massachusetts.”
- » He was quoted in *CommonHealth*'s March 29, 2017, article “Massachusetts Tightens Cap on Health Care Spending for 2018.”
- » He was quoted in *Boston Business Journal*'s March 30, 2017, article “We Have to Do It: State Lowers Caps on Health Care Spending.”
- » He was quoted in *State House News Service*'s April 3, 2017, article “State Panel Seeks Lower Rate of Growth in Health Care Costs by Fiat.”
- » He was a guest on *WBUR's On Point with Tom Ashbrook*'s June 26, 2017, segment, “Senate Takes a Swing at Health Care.”

**Diana Bowser** and **Monica Jordan** co-authored *The Huffington Post*'s Feb. 9, 2017, article “Why You Should Study Global Health Policy and Management in the Age of Trump.”

**Jon Chilingirian** was quoted in *Modern Healthcare*'s March 25, 2017, article “Teaching Physicians How to Lead.”

**Michael Doonan, PhD'02**, was quoted in *The MetroWest Daily News*' March 7, 2017, article “In Mass., Federal Funds at Risk Under GOP Health Care Proposal.”

**Donald Shepard** was quoted in *Public Health Post*'s Feb. 13, 2017, article “Understanding Cost Disparities in Dengue-Endemic Countries.”

**Cynthia Tschampl, PhD'15**, gave a training titled “Advancing Cost-Effective Global Health Initiatives,” for the Effective Altruists Meeting on Feb. 19, 2017, in Cambridge, Mass.



LINDSAY ROSENFELD

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Clark Abt** was a guest speaker on the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative's Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action's June 21, 2017, podcast “‘Serious’ Games: Innovative Learning in the Humanitarian Sector.”

**Joseph Assan** was interviewed for *Bloomberg News*' Feb. 1, 2017, segment “Africa is Rising,” which covers the perception of recent economic development in Africa and the current development trajectory of African countries.

The **Center for Global Development and Sustainability** was cited for its contribution to the inauguration of the bust of B.R. Ambedkar in the Brandeis University library in the following articles:

- » *BrandeisNOW*'s April 24, 2017, article “Uniting Against Untouchability: Social Reform and the Caste System.”
- » *Two Circles*' April 25, 2017, article “Late Dr. Omar Khalidi and Others to Be Honored at Brandeis University.”
- » *Two Circles*' May 2, 2017, article “Ambedkar's Bust Inaugurated in Boston, USA.”
- » *BrandeisNOW*'s May 2, 2017, article “Brandeis Awarded Bust of Indian Legal Champion.”
- » *The Citizen*'s May 3, 2017, article “The World Discovers Ambedkar.”
- » *India New England News*' May 3, 2017, article “Ambedkar Bust Inaugurated at Brandeis as the University Hosts Its Third Annual Conference on Caste.”

**Joshua Ellsworth, MA SID'07**, authored *The International River Foundation*'s Feb. 23, 2017, blog post “USA-Mexico Twinning Takes Off.”

**Nader Habibi** contributed to the following:

- » He was interviewed for *Radio Sputnik's* January segment "Restoring Relations With Moscow Helped Turkey to Preserve Its Economy."
- » He published *The Conversation's* June 15, 2017, op-ed "Can Tiny Qatar Keep Defying Its Powerful Neighbors? It May Be up to Washington."

**Marion Howard, MA SID'04**, contributed to the following:

- » She attended the 26th Session of the Governing Council (GC 26) of UN-Habitat at United Nations Africa Headquarters as the only special guest from a U.S. university for the Colombian delegation and conference organizers.
- » She attended the Young Diplomats of Kenya Conference at the United Nations as the only special guest from a U.S. university, where she supported an event jointly sponsored by the Turkish Embassy on the role of women in conflict prevention, resolution and peace-building, in accord with UN Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security).
- » She was on sabbatical leave on-site in the Caribbean from January through mid-March and in Kenya from April until mid-July. The purpose of the sabbatical was to advance community-based, applied research into the effectiveness of Marine Spatial Planning as a tool to achieve sustainable development and improve resilience of coastal and marine resources and the communities that depend upon these resources for their livelihoods.

**Robert Kuttner** wrote *Alterner's* May 9, 2017, article "Will Macron Move Left, or Feed Populist Anger?"

**Rajesh Sampath** contributed to the following:

- » He authored *The Huffington Post's* Feb. 16, 2017, article "Why Study Global Development in the Isolationist Age of Trump?"
- » He was quoted in *India Abroad's* May 5, 2017, article "Heart of Darkness: Caste or Color? Both Spark Hostilities in India."

**Larry Simon** was interviewed on *National Public Radio* on May 1, 2017, regarding caste discrimination at American universities.

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## MANAGEMENT

**Michael Appell, MA'79**, authored *The Huffington Post's* Feb. 8, 2017, article "Is the U.S. Ready for the Business Backlash?"

**Carole Carlson** was interviewed for *SAGE Connection's* Feb. 9, 2017, article "Case in Point: A For-Profit Model for Social Entrepreneurship."

**Ohad Elhelo '16, MA'17**, was quoted in *Forbes'* March 25, 2017, article "Backed by Big Wheels, A Boston Incubator Hooks up Young Israelis and Palestinians to Launch Startups."

**Jody Hoffer Gittel** contributed to the following:

- » She delivered the speech, "The Power of a Simple Idea," at *TEDx Rochester* on April 24, 2017.
- » She authored *The Huffington Post's* May 4, 2017, article "An Unexpected Detour From Ivory Tower to Action Research."
- » Her research was cited in the (Rochester, N.Y.) *Democrat & Chronicle's* May 4, 2017, article "RCSA's Deane-Williams Works to Gain Employee Trust, Family Buy-In."

**Our Generation Speaks** was recognized in the following:

- » In *BrandeisNOW's* May 17, 2017, article "Our Generation Speaks Wins Innovation Award."
- » In *The Boston Globe's* May 19, 2017, article "Could a Cluster of Startups Incubate Peace in the Mideast?"

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## PHILANTHROPY

**Sheryl Seller '11, MA'13**, authored a June 5, 2017, blog post for *Indiana Philanthropy Alliance*, "Democratic Youth Philanthropy: The Power of Youth Voice at the Decision-Making Table."

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## PUBLIC FINANCE

**Robert Tannenwald** was quoted in *The Boston Herald's* Jan. 4, 2017, article "Film Tax Credit's Bottom Line: 'A Bum Deal.'"

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## SOCIAL POLICY

**Joan Dassin '69** was a participant at the Reunion of the Social Science Research Council Staff in New York on May 1, 2017.

**Michael Doonan, PhD'02**, authored *The Huffington Post's* Jan. 5, 2017, article "Why You Should Study Public Policy in the Age of Trump."



MICHAEL APPELL SPEAKING WITH A HELLER STUDENT

**Anita Hill** contributed to the following:

- » She authored *The Washington Post's* Jan. 19, 2017, article "Trump's Election is Disappointing for Feminism. But It's Not the Final Word."
- » She was interviewed for *BrandeisNOW's* Feb. 3, 2017, article "Supreme Court Nominee Neil Gorsuch's Philosophy of Constitutional Originalism Makes Him Likely to View Protection of Rights Narrowly, Hill Says."
- » She co-authored *Variety's* Feb. 23, 2017, article "The Need for Female Equality and Diversity in Hollywood."
- » She authored *The Washington Post's* April 6, 2017, article "Fox News, Bill O'Reilly and How to Stop Companies that Tolerate Harassment."
- » She was interviewed for *NPR's* April 8, 2017, segment "Anita Hill on Workplace Harassment."
- » She was interviewed for *Bloomberg's* April 20, 2017, video "Anita Hill and Ellen Pao on Workplace Harassment."
- » She was interviewed for *MSNBC's* April 25, 2017, video "Anita Hill: Sexual Harassment Is a Cultural Problem."
- » She was interviewed for *The San Diego Tribune's* June 2, 2017, article "Anita Hill Urges San Diego Lawyers to Take a Stand Against Inequality."

**Robert Kuttner** authored the following articles in *The Huffington Post*:

- » Jan. 1, 2017, "Impeaching Trump."
- » Jan. 15, 2017, "Phillip Roth's 'The Plot Against America' Is Fast Becoming Reality."

- » Jan. 29, 2017, "The Inevitability of Impeachment."
- » March 5, 2017, "The Search for Trump's Smoking Gun."
- » March 12, 2017, "Higher Interest Rates – Oh, Goodie!"
- » April 2, 2017, "Needed: A Democratic Shadow Cabinet."
- » June 4, 2017, "Waiting for Lefty: The Deeper Meaning of Corbyn and Brexit."
- » June 18, 2017, "What Will It Take to Dump Trump?"
- » June 25, 2017, "Cheer Up, Democrats."

**Robert Kuttner** published an op-ed, "How the Airlines Became Abusive Cartels," in *The New York Times* on April 17, 2017.

**Jeffrey Prottas** authored *The Huffington Post's* Feb. 3, 2017, article "The Role of Research in the Age of Trump."

**David Weil** was recognized for his appointment as the new dean of the Heller School in the following articles:

- » In *BrandeisNOW's* May 18, 2017, article "Scholar and Former Obama Appointee David Weil Named Dean of the Heller School."
- » In *Boston Business Journal's* May 18, 2017, article "Former Obama Official Gets a New Gig at Brandeis."

**Larry Bailis** was elected president and chair of the Board of the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Policy.

**Christine Bishop** was selected as the assistant secretary for planning and evaluation for the Technical Advisory Group for Trends in Home Care project.

**Joan Dassin '69** was selected as a reader for the Yidan Prize for Education Research, which is administered by the Institute of International Education.

**Joan Dassin '69** served as reviewer for a research project submitted to the European Commission for funding. The project, "Tracking Agents of Change: Western Education and Democratic Governance in the Developing World," will be led by Anar Ahmadov, assistant professor at Leiden University, the Netherlands.

In June 2017, **Joan Dassin '69** was invited by the Graduate Program in Media and Technology at the State University of São Paulo, Brazil, to work on strengthening the Brandeis-State University of São Paulo institutional partnership and research on information and communications technology for development.

**Susan Eaton** was appointed to the Advisory Board of Embrace Race.

On June 1, 2017, the Wellesley College Class of 1967 honored **Janet Zollinger Giele** with a bequest designated by her former Wellesley student Elizabeth Bates Johnson and her husband, Joel Johnson, to name three student research internships in Janet's honor. The interns will work with researchers at the Wellesley Centers for Women, based at Wellesley College.

**Jody Hoffer Gittel** served as an expert adviser for the RX Foundation Grant Project in January 2017.

**Jody Hoffer Gittel** served on an expert panel for the Cambridge Health Alliance Innovation Fellowship Symposium, a partner of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

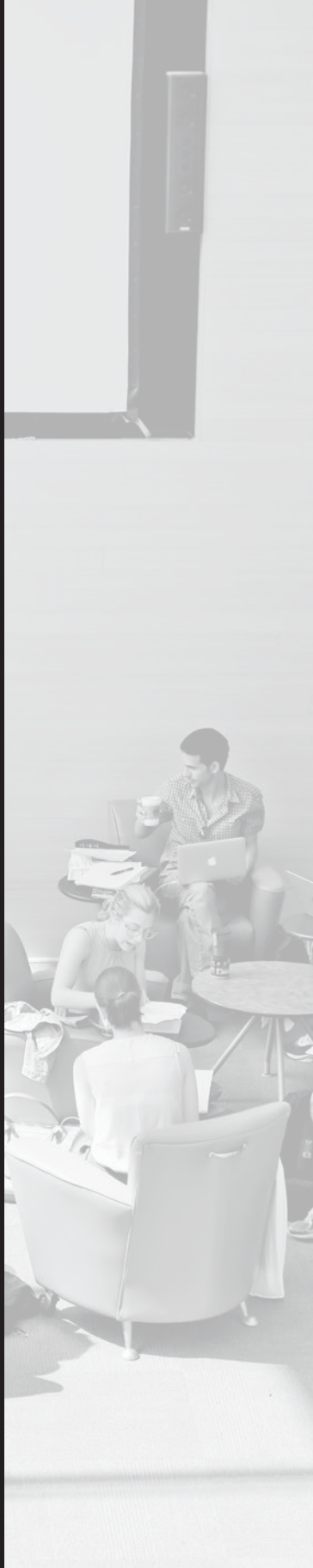
**Erin Hardy** was named a mentor for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program in January 2017.

**Alain Lempereur** served as external examiner at Trinity College in Dublin.

**Alain Lempereur** served as a scientific committee member for the academic journals *Négociations*, *Politique et Management Public* and *Question de Management*.

**Donald Shepard** received a biographical listing in *Who's Who in America*, 71st edition.

**Donald Shepard** received a biographical listing in *Who's Who in the World*, 34th edition.



Scholars of caste — India’s long-standing, religious-based system of social hierarchy — gathered at Brandeis for the third annual conference on social exclusion in South Asia organized by the Center for Global Development and Sustainability. In recognition of the center’s commitment to this major human rights issue, during the conference the Boston Study Group dedicated a bust of B.R. Ambedkar, the politician and social reformer who is credited as the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, to Brandeis in the university library.



HELLER'S RAJESH SAMPATH WITH CONFERENCE PANELISTS SUKHADEO THORAT, CHAIR OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH, AND CORNEL WEST OF HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

The **Brandeis University Africa Forum** and the **Heller School** sponsored an African Cultural Night, “Celebrating the Social and Economic Achievement of Africa and Its Culture,” on April 22, 2017. The event was facilitated by Professor **Joseph Assan**, with Professor Khalid Kodi of Boston University as guest speaker.

The **Center for Global Development and Sustainability** held its third annual international conference on the unfinished legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Brandeis April 28-30, 2017. This year’s three-day conference, titled “Reimagining Religion, Caste and Social Justice in South Asia,” was attended by 155 registrants from South Asia and North America. Brandeis President **Ronald Liebowitz** opened the conference, and Cornel West of Harvard Divinity School was a featured speaker. Heller faculty and student speakers included the following:

- » Professor **Rajesh Sampath** presented the keynote address “The Unthinkable: Why the Justification of Caste Requires Discord Between Religion and Morality.”
- » Professor **Joseph Assan**, assisted by PhD students **Dinar Kharisma** and **Afia Adaboh**, presented “An Examination of India’s School Feeding Program as a Strategy for Reducing Inequality.”
- » **Eamon Anderson, MA SID’16**, affiliated expert at the Center for Global Development and Sustainability, presented “Applying a Framework of Historical Trauma to the Psychological Impacts of Caste.”
- » **B.K. Man**, Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Center for Global Development and Sustainability, presented “Inclusion From the Bottom: A Study on Microfinance Cooperatives in Nepal.”
- » Professor **Andreas Teuber** presented “A Society of Equals: Ambedkar’s Pragmatic Egalitarianism.”
- » **Jaspreet Mahal, MA SID joint with WGSS’17**, Fulbright Master’s Fellow, presented “Implications of Decentralization Process in Haryana, India.”
- » **Adiba Nasser, MA SID’17**, presented “Secular Bangladesh: Redefine Co-existence Now or Never.”
- » **Nidhi Sen, MA SID joint with WGSS’17**, Fulbright Master’s Fellow, presented “The Moral Imperative of Gender-Just Personal Laws and a Uniform Civil Code in India.”
- » **Sohani Sirdeshmukh, MA SID’17**, presented “Analysis of the Relationship Between Religion, Personalization of Politics, Indian Identity and Social Media.”



The **Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence** organized the following events:

- » A screening of the film “The Man Who Mends Women: Dr. Mukwege,” in February 2017.
- » A lecture by Hideaki Shinoda, professor at the Graduate School of Global Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, titled “Managing Territorial Disputes Constructively: The Case of Japan,” in March 2017.
- » A lecture by Jerome Grimaud, from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, titled “Humanitarian Mediation,” in April 2017.
- » A lecture by Julie Habran, from Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), titled “Negotiating Host Country Agreements,” in April 2017.
- » A lecture by Claude Bruderlein, from the International Committee of the Red Cross, titled “The Center of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation,” in May 2017.
- » A lecture by Nanako Tamaru, from the Institute for Inclusive Security, titled “Women at the Peacebuilding Table: Simulation,” in May 2017.

The **Council on Health Care Economics and Policy**, under the leadership of chairman **Stuart Altman** and director **Michael Doonan, PhD’02**, held its 24th Princeton Conference, titled “Implications of the Election for the Health Care System,” at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, N.J., May 23-25, 2017. The conference assembled over 130 attendees, including health care industry leaders, academic experts and policymakers, who discussed pressing issues and challenges facing the U.S. health care system. The aims of the meeting were to incite policy recommendations and some conclusions regarding session topics, and to offer attendees meaningful opportunities to network and connect with professionals from varied sectors and with diverse areas of expertise. The Princeton Conference also aimed to create discussions that could be the fodder for policy creation and industry transformation as attendees return to their respective organizations with new knowledge and insights into health care topics and use that material to inform their future work.

The **Health Industry Forum**, under the leadership of chairman **Stuart Altman** and executive director **Robert Mechanic**, hosted a forum in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 27, 2017, titled “The 2016 Election: How Will It Affect the U.S. Health Care Industry?” This forum examined the potential impact of repeal-and-replace efforts from the perspective of the health care industry. The meeting covered a range of issues, including options for creating stable efficient health insurance markets, the future of Medicare value-based payment initiatives, and the environment for pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

On March 31, 2017, the **Health Industry Forum** hosted a forum in Washington, D.C., examining “The Future of Medicare Advantage.” More than 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries now select private Medicare Advantage (MA) plans for their health coverage. Prior to the Affordable Care Act, payments to MA plans averaged 15 percent more than fee-for-service coverage, and plans could profit simply by targeting counties where premiums exceeded underlying costs. The Affordable Care Act lowered MA premiums close to parity and added a star rating system with additional payments to reward high-quality plans. Republicans generally favor using private plans to provide public health benefits and will likely propose new policies to advance the MA program. This forum examined current key policy issues, including pricing and risk adjustment, reviewed innovative delivery models developed by MA plans, discussed the new administration’s potential approach to MA and examined the implications of possible changes for beneficiaries and taxpayers.

The **Institute for Behavioral Health** and the **Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center** co-sponsored the following events:


- » A statistical seminar by Thomas McGuire, PhD, professor of health economics in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School, titled “Differences, Disparities and Discrimination in Health Care: Conceptual and Methodological Issues,” at Brandeis University on April 27, 2017.
- » A presentation by Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, chief executive officer of the American Psychological Association, titled “Employing a Population Health Approach to Address Behavioral Health Conditions,” at the Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center Spring Symposium on May 31, 2017.



# When Social Programs Reinforce Social Inequality

PhD student Sara Chaganti studies short-term job readiness training





In community-based career centers across the U.S., the most common strategy to help unemployed people find work is job readiness training. In these programs, participants learn to write a resume and cover letter, get interview tips and learn the basics of workplace behavior, including how to shake hands, make eye contact and the importance of showing up on time. Over the last three decades, these programs have moved away from vocational training (such as learning to operate a factory machine) and instead are focusing on getting people through the hiring process — and into any job — as quickly as possible.

“Job readiness training is a really simplistic way of understanding unemployment,” says Sara Chaganti, a student in Heller’s joint PhD program in social policy and sociology. For her dissertation, Chaganti is examining these programs with an eye toward inequality. “Tons of research shows that unemployment has to do with the economy, race, gender — structural forces. But these programs are our main intervention and they don’t take any of that into account. They’re based on the assumption that unemployed people simply don’t know how to get a job. That seemed flawed to me.”

Furthermore, workplace behavior training reinforces cultural norms that are biased toward a white, middle-class presentation. “Employers say they are looking for these ‘soft skills,’ but allowing employers to dictate how an ideal worker should present means they never have to examine their own biases. They may be biased to believe that white workers are more trustworthy, or that eye contact and a firm handshake indicate reliability. Does training people to conform this way reproduce systems that marginalize people?” Chaganti asks.

After participating in these programs and conducting interviews, Chaganti was surprised to learn that participants really enjoy the program, saying it gave them more confidence. They also loved learning the potential reasons they weren’t getting calls back on their resumes, which helped them better understand their situation. Many participants also referenced an internal transformation, using this program as a catalyst to pivot and make positive changes in their lives and relationships.

Chaganti also noticed moments when participants asked questions such as, “How can the employer get away with being a bad person?” “Those questions were never really addressed, which seemed like a missed opportunity,” Chaganti says. “In the program, they say you have to make yourself into the kind of person the employer wants you to be. That was very troubling to me, and sad.”

As Chaganti finishes data analysis and begins writing her dissertation, she says, “One of the most important questions I learned to ask at Heller is: Are there ways that a policy, either intentionally or unintentionally, is driving inequality? I think I can safely say yes, these job readiness programs are reproducing systems that marginalize certain groups of people.”

Chaganti continued, “But I went into this research wanting to write these programs off, and I don’t feel like I can do that, because participants do get something out of it — a feeling of confidence, anyway. Mostly they get jobs paying around \$12 an hour, not enough to sustain a household, but better than nothing. They’re getting out of a place of real desperation. That’s all positive.”

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Dardarian, L.M., Girma, H., **Powell, R.M.,** and Feingold, L. "Telling Our Stories — Using Mainstream and Social Media to Message Disability Rights Struggles and Victories, and Engage With Clients." Presented at the Disability Rights Bar Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Md., March 2017.

Downing, M., **Powell, R.M.,** and Tissot, K. "Parents With Disabilities in Child Welfare Cases: What You Need to Know." Workshop presented at the American Bar Association's 17th National Conference on Children and the Law, Tysons Corner, Va., April 2017.

**Garito, L.** "Evaluation of the Accuracy of a Private Insurance Plan's Behavioral Health Provider Directory." Presented at the 23rd Annual National Research Service Award Research Trainees Conference, sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, New Orleans, June 2017.

**Henry, B.** "Panel on Solitary Confinement and Social Work." Presented at the Social Justice Caucus, sponsored by the Boston College School of Social Work, Boston, October 2016.

**Henry, B.** Organizer and presenter, "Mass Incarceration: A Panel on Causes and Pathways to Change." Panel presented at 'Deis Impact Festival of Social Justice, with funding from Brandeis University, sponsored by International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., January 2017.

**Henry, B.** "Drug Court Clinical Screening: A Call for Quality Performance Measurement." Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Regional Student Conference, with funding from the Brandeis University Graduate Student Association, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, Arlington, Va., April 2017.

**Henry, B.** "Incarceration and Mental Health: A Panel Discussion." Presented at Active Minds, sponsored by Tufts University, Somerville, Mass., April 2017.

**Henry, B.** "Translational Research in Behavioral Health Screening, Assessment and Referral to Treatment in Juvenile Justice Systems." Presented at the Health Services and Research Administration Behavioral Health Fellowship Seminar, sponsored by the Boston College School of Social Work, Boston, April 2017.

**Henry, B.** "Evidence-Based Programs and Management Strategies in Trauma-Informed Correctional Care." Presented at the AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, June 2017.

**Honigsberg, L.** "School Quality: Who Decides What Gets Measured, and How Do They Decide?" Presented at the 69th Annual Conference, "Jobs, Opportunity, and Equality in the New World of Work," sponsored by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, Anaheim, Calif., June 2017.

**Kreider, B.** Discussant and organizer, "Joint Union-Worker Center Campaigns: New Frontiers in Labor Organizing." Panel discussion presented at the 69th Annual Conference, "Jobs, Opportunity, and Equality in the New World of Work," sponsored by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, Anaheim, Calif., June 2017.

Krevor, S., Young, L., and **Powell, R.M.** "Focusing the Court's Attention and Overcoming the Bias." Panel presented at the Maryland Legal Aid Annual Family Law Training, Columbia, Md., May 2017.

**Powell, R.M.** Panelist, "Advocacy and Policy." Presented at "Serving the Underserved: Addressing Health Disparities for People With Disabilities," sponsored by the Harvard Medical School General Medicine Fellowship and Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship, Boston, January 2017.

**Powell, R.M.** "The Disabled Parenting Project: An Online Community by and for Parents and Prospective Parents With Disabilities." Presented at the National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers, Alexandria, Va., April 2017.

**Powell, R.M.**, Downing, M., and Cokley, R. “Representing Parents With Disabilities: Strategies and Solutions.” Workshop presented at the American Bar Association’s 5th National Parent Attorney Conference, Tysons Corner, Va., April 2017.

**Powell, R.M.**, and Iezzoni, L.I. Panelists, “Disability Community Perspective.” Presented at the Drive-By ADA Lawsuit: A Public Service or Open Season Roundtable, sponsored by the American Bar Association, Section on Litigation, January 2017.

**Shields, M.C.**, Scully, S., Borba, C., Trinh, N., and Singer, S. “Consumers’ Suggestions for Improving the Mental Healthcare System: Options, Autonomy, and Respect.” Presented to Academy Health’s Behavioral Health Services Research Interest Group, Academy-Health 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, June 2017.

**Taylor, J., Meschede, T.**, and **Shapiro, T.** “The Great Equalizer? Exploring K-12 Education and Wealth Outcomes.” Presented at Strong Foundations: The Economic Futures of Kids and Communities, sponsored by the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

**Tian, L.** “Effects of Children on Retirement Resources in China: Using Instrumental Variable Approach.” Presented at the Population Association of America’s 2017 Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2017.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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**Abby Alexanian, MPP/MBA’17**, authored *The Huffington Post*’s Jan. 17, 2017, article “Improving Lives, Improving Communities: The Case for Trauma-Informed Philanthropy.”

**Joshua Cramer-Montes, MA SID/MBA’17**, authored *The Stanford Social Innovation Review*’s March 24, 2017, article “Sustainability: A New Path to Corporate and NGO Collaborations.”

**Finn Gardiner, MPP’18**, authored *NOS Magazine*’s April 19, 2017, article “50+ Autistic People You Should Know.”

**Finn Gardiner, MPP’18**, was quoted in *CNN*’s April 22, 2017, article “In Autism Arrest, the Only Thing New Was the Video.”

**Zion Griffin ’15, MA SID’17**, authored *The Huffington Post*’s June 12, 2017, article “Ending Child Abuse and Maltreatment in the U.S.: What We Know and How to Move Forward.”

**Brandy Henry**, PhD student, was quoted in *The Justice*’s Jan. 30, 2017, article “Speakers Examine Implications of Mass Incarceration at Event.”

**Jared Hite, MBA/MPP’17**, authored *The Huffington Post*’s March 9, 2017, article “GOP Healthcare Bill Uses Smokescreen of ‘Personal Responsibility’ to Abandon Pre-Existing Condition Protections.”

**Rebecca Huber, MPP joint with WGSS’18**, authored *The Huffington Post*’s March 30, 2017, article “When it Comes to Reproductive Rights, both Pro-Choice and Pro-Life Arguments Must Evolve.”

**Ben Kreider**, PhD student, contributed to the following:

- » He served as Research Coordinator for United for a Fair Economy’s fourteenth annual *State of the Dream* report, “State of the Dream 2017: Mourning in America,” released on Jan. 16, 2017, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- » He moderated and spoke at the Feb. 13, 2017, panel discussion “Stand Up Fight Back: How Labor is Fighting Trump to Save the 99%,” sponsored by the Brandeis Labor Coalition, Graduate Labor Coalition, and Service Employees International Union Local 509.
- » He was quoted in *The Justice*’s May 2, 2017, article “Graduate Students to Conduct a Vote for Unionization.”

**Huong Le, MBA/MA SID’17**, authored *Ryot News*’ article “Saving Son Doong.”

**Carolina Leff, MA SID’17**, co-hosted the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative’s Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action’s June 21, 2017, podcast “‘Serious’ Games: Innovative Learning in the Humanitarian Sector.”

**Robyn Powell**, PhD candidate, contributed to the following:

- » She authored *Vox*’s Jan. 6, 2017, article “I’m a Disabled Woman. I’m Scared About What Trump Will Do to My Health Care.”
- » She authored *The Establishment*’s Jan. 9, 2017, article “How Jeff Sessions Could Threaten the Disability Rights Movement.”
- » She authored *Rewire*’s Jan. 11, 2017, article “The Right to Learn, Earn, and Live: What Trump’s Cabinet Selections Mean for People With Disabilities.”
- » She authored *Bustle*’s Jan. 19, 2017, article “As a Disabled Woman, I’m Calling on My Sisters to Roll and March Against Trump.”

- » She authored *Bustle's* Jan. 24, 2017, article "Don't Thank Me for Marching Because I'm Disabled — Join Me."
- » She authored *Vice's* Feb. 17, 2017, article "Gun Control Shouldn't Mean Stigmatizing the Mentally Ill."
- » She authored *Rewire's* Feb. 24, 2017, article "Are the Courts the Solution to Ensuring Disability Rights During the Trump Era?"
- » She authored *The Establishment's* Feb. 27, 2017, article "Until It Honors Disabled Performers, the Oscars Can Never Truly Be Diverse."
- » She authored *The Establishment's* March 6, 2017, article "What I Wish I'd Known About Disability When I Was Younger."
- » She was quoted in *The Columbia Chronicle's* May 8, 2017, article "It Takes a Village — How Parents With Mental Health Conditions Can Be Successful."
- » She authored *Rewire's* May 8, 2017, article "With Health Care Bill, GOP Forgets That People With Disabilities Vote."
- » She authored *The Establishment's* May 11, 2017, article "How We Treat Disabled Mothers."
- » She authored *Rewire's* May 30, 2017, article "The Americans With Disabilities Act is Under Attack in Congress."
- » She authored *Dame Magazine's* June 15, 2017, article "Can We Do Away With 'Inspiration Porn?'"
- » She authored *Rewire's* June 27, 2017, article "How Media Coverage of Health Care Protests by People With Disabilities Missed the Point."

**Taylor Rippy, MA COEX'18**, was quoted in *The Justice's* March 14, 2017, article "Community Leaders Convene for International Women's Day."

**Kayla Scire, MPP/MBA'18**, was quoted on *WBUR's* March 15, 2017, segment "What the House GOP Health Bill Would Mean for Mass."

**Morgan Shields**, PhD student, contributed to the following:

- » She was quoted in *The Establishment's* Jan. 2, 2017, article "We Need a Review Site for Psychiatric Hospitals, So I Built One."
- » She was quoted in *The Daily Dot's* March 23, 2017, article "*Psych Ward Reviews* Shows the Dire State of Mental Health Care in the U.S."
- » She was quoted in *Undark's* (an MIT publication) June 27, 2017, article "A Yelp for Psychiatric Facilities."
- » She authored *Health Affairs'* June 28, 2017, blog post "How Could the 21st Century Cures Act and the Joint Commission Improve Eating Disorder Care?"

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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WorkAround, the company founded by **Wafaa Arbash, MA SID/COEX'17**, **Shai Dinnar '20**, **Jennie Kelly, MA SID/MBA'17**, and **Shadi Sheik Saraf MA SID/COEX'17**, was chosen for the MassChallenge Accelerator.

**Brandy Henry**, PhD student, was appointed to the Boston College School of Social Work Field Education Advisory Board.

**Megan Madison**, PhD candidate, was elected as the first student representative to the Governing Board of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

**Robyn Powell**, PhD candidate, was reappointed for a third term as Commissioner for the American Bar Association Commission on Disability Rights.

**Kate Giapponi Schneider, PhD'17**, was awarded the Society for Research in Child Development's (SRCD) Post-Doctoral State Policy Fellowship (2017-2018). She is one of only two researchers selected for this fellowship nationwide.

**Morgan Shields**, PhD student, was selected for the Harvard Kennedy School's Rappaport Public Policy Fellowship, where she will be working with Massachusetts State House Representative Kay Khan.

In January 2017, the Eli J. and Phyllis N. Segal Citizen Leadership Program at the Center for Youth and Communities selected two Heller students to join the lifelong network of emerging citizen leaders: **Sylvia Stewart, MPP'18**, and **Kayla Scire, MPP/MBA'18**. Over the summer, Kayla supported Mass. Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, chair of the Joint Committee for Health Care Financing, while Sylvia joined the Farm Aid team based in Cambridge, Mass., on an exciting project to support black farmers across the U.S.

The **Relational Coordination Research Collaborative**, under the direction of **Jody Hoffer Gittell**, presented the following:

- » **Jody Hoffer Gittell** facilitated a Jan. 19, 2017, research webinar presented by Caroline Logan, PhD'16, associate at Abt Associates, titled "Improving Interdisciplinary Teamwork in Surgical Care Through a Relational Coordination Change Initiative." Kent Haythorn, vice president of Surgical Services at Emory Healthcare, served as discussant.
- » **Jody Hoffer Gittell** facilitated a Feb. 9, 2017, research webinar presented by Julia Lee, postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan, titled "Relational Self-Affirmation: Changing the Stories We Tell Ourselves." Amy Wrzesniewski, professor at Yale University, served as discussant.
- » **Jody Hoffer Gittell** and Sheila McNamee of the Taos Institute presented a March 23, 2017, research webinar, titled "Relational Coordination Meets Social Construction: A Conversation," facilitated by Tony Suchman of Relationship-Centered Healthcare.
- » **Jody Hoffer Gittell** facilitated an April 20, 2017, research webinar presented by Birgitte Topping, PhD candidate at Aalborg University, titled "Improving the Interdisciplinary Team Work in the Operating Room: Using Relational Coordination as a Framework and Model for Organizational Change." Tim Vogus, associate professor at Vanderbilt University, served as discussant.
- » **Jody Hoffer Gittell** facilitated a May 25, 2017, research webinar presented by Edel Conway of the DCU Business School and Aoife McDermott of the Cardiff Business School, titled "Performance Management in Context: Formative Cross-Functional Performance Monitoring for Improvement and the Mediating Role of Relational Coordination in Hospitals." Martin Connor of Gold Coast Health served as discussant.

The **Program in Sustainable International Development** and the **Brandeis University Africa Forum** sponsored a seminar on Ethiopia's current and future development, titled "The Future of Ethiopia: Land, Identity Politics and the Future of Ethiopia," on March 21, 2017. Professor **Joseph Assan** facilitated the event, with Dr. Ezekiel Gebissa of Kettering University as guest speaker.

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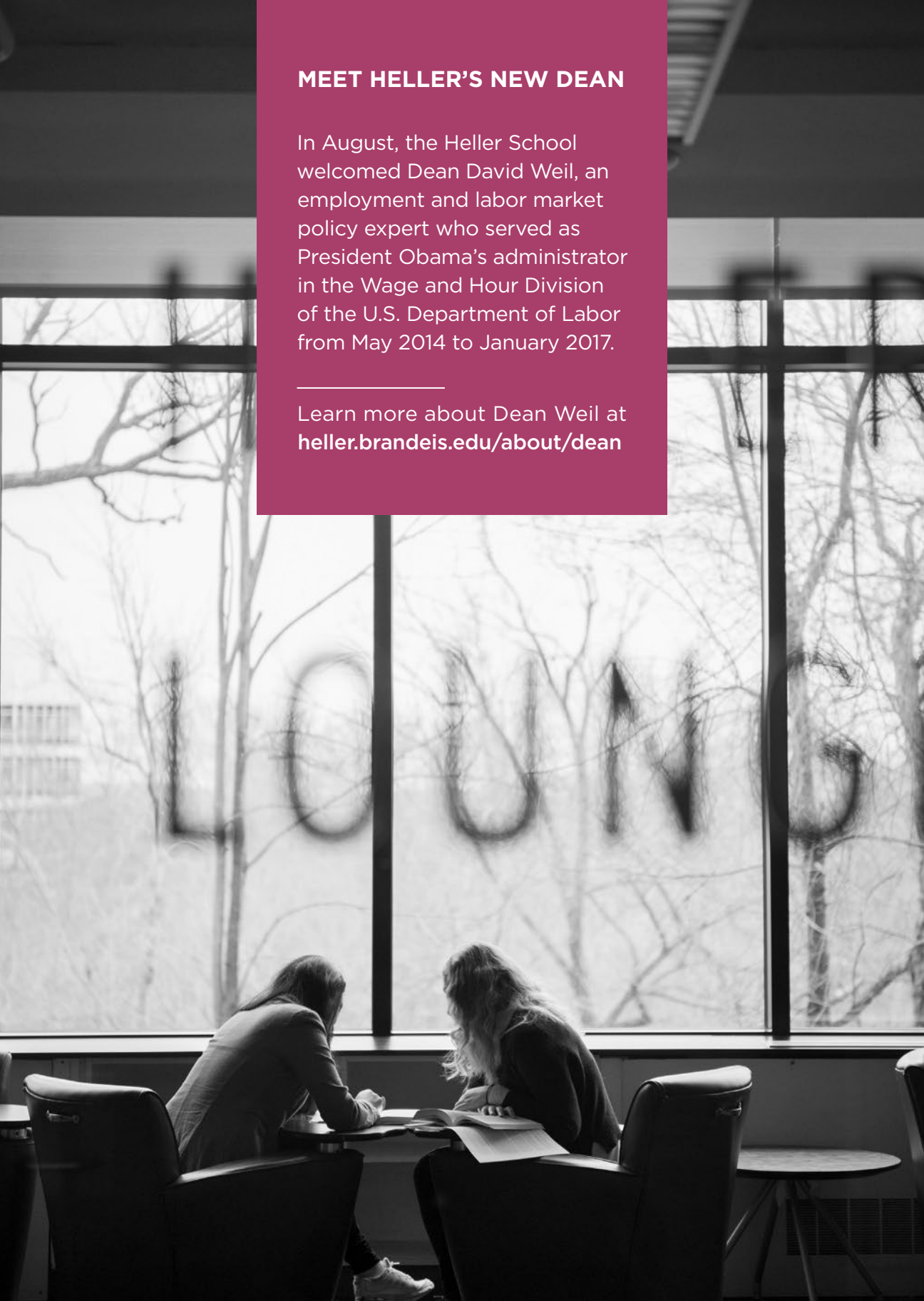
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## MEET HELLER'S NEW DEAN

In August, the Heller School welcomed Dean David Weil, an employment and labor market policy expert who served as President Obama's administrator in the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor from May 2014 to January 2017.

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Learn more about Dean Weil at [heller.brandeis.edu/about/dean](http://heller.brandeis.edu/about/dean)



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