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# Welcome to the Heller Social Policy Impact Report

Today's social policy challenges are increasingly complex in nature and global in scope, requiring solutions that are both creative and inclusive. Take inequality, for example — it has permeated every facet of our society, from health care to the labor market, from housing to education. The fight to measure, understand and resolve inequality and related social policy problems is a central focus of research at the Heller School.

It is increasingly clear that multidisciplinary problems — like income and asset inequality, or disparities in health care or other sectors of our society — require multidisciplinary solutions. Therefore, it is with increased energy that we seek to dissolve the often-restrictive boundaries between fields in our work as academics and applied researchers. We believe that bringing together diverse perspectives strengthens our approach and will continue to be a key feature of the Heller research enterprise.

In this issue of the *Heller Social Policy Impact Report*, we demonstrate our continued commitment to generating new knowledge that advances social justice. The report highlights our work to better understand and address inequities in access to oral health and diabetes care, to identify solutions to instability in the workplace and to determine new approaches to addressing childhood poverty. As scientists, faculty members and students, we strive every day to find new ways to have a lasting and positive impact on the world.

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# A Model Oral Health Care System

Researcher and Heller PhD Yara Halasa-Rappel discovers key lessons from Rhode Island's Rite Smiles program for children



Dental cavities are the most common chronic disease in childhood in the United States. But disparities in oral health mean these problems disproportionately affect minority and low-income children, who often have public health insurance like Medicaid and CHIP rather than private health insurance.

Poor oral health can lead to a litany of problems. Socially, children may be shunned by peers and miss school. Economically, expensive procedures like root canals — the result of untreated cavities — can strain a family's finances. Medically, an infection that starts with a tooth isn't just painful — it can travel through the body, leading to brain, lung and heart problems, and even death.

State Medicaid dental programs are working on innovative ways to combat these issues. That's what compelled former dentist Yara Halasa-Rappel, MS'06, PhD'18, to study the impact of RIte Smiles, a managed care program for children born on or after May 2000 who are enrolled in Rhode Island's Medicaid Program. It was launched in 2006 by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, which contracted with UnitedHealthcare.

"The state aimed to move from being a passive payer of health care bills to an active purchaser, to help more people have access to dental services," she says. "The key question was, how can we increase access and improve outcomes?"

Halasa-Rappel, a senior research associate in the Schneider Institutes for Health Policy, found several factors that led to the success of the ongoing program. From its launch until 2013, it gradually increased the overall rate of patients using the dental system and shifted the age of entry into the dental system from 3 and 4 to 1 and 2. Early intervention can help

providers better prevent and control diseases and build better oral hygiene practices.

She found that collaboration among various stakeholders, which included the state agency, patients, providers and dental plans, through every stage of planning and implementation was an important factor in the program's success.

RIte Smiles included capacity building for dentists to learn how to manage the treatment of young children, offering an annual mini-residence series, and improved infrastructure and equipment for Federally Qualified Health Centers. It also included advocacy work to win over both dentists and patients, who had reservations because of misinformation about managed care's role.

"Without these tools, managed care by itself wouldn't have done the job," she says.

Halasa-Rappel presented her findings at AcademyHealth and the New England Rural Health Round Table in 2017. She hopes they can be used by policymakers in states across the country.

"It's obvious that different states are looking for lessons to learn," she says. "They want to know, 'What works? How does it work? How can we move forward in implementing change?'"

Now she's pursuing a study on how to change the behavior of Medicaid beneficiaries.

"I looked at the supply side and now I'm looking at the demand side," she says. "We can take simple steps to better understand the barriers to access and to prevent dental diseases. We can start by asking: How can we change the concept among patients and parents that teeth matter?"

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# Building Wealth for Low- Wage Workers

Janet Boguslaw investigates the effects of shared ownership models

While many researchers, practitioners and policymakers in the workforce development field have spent decades focused on methods to prepare low-skilled workers for employment, Senior Scientist Janet Boguslaw is turning that paradigm on its head: How can we redesign education, training, benefits and compensation to better suit the needs as defined by the workforce? And for companies that have taken this leap — does it work?

To answer these questions, Boguslaw is studying business models centered on shared capital, such as employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs). With colleagues at Rutgers University, which received funding through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Boguslaw is part of a research team examining how ESOPs build wealth and opportunity for low-wage workers, especially women and people of color.

Boguslaw and the team interviewed over 188 employees at 20 companies, collecting quantitative data and creating several representative case studies. Drawing on this research, Boguslaw collaborated with PhD student Sarah Soroui to coauthor a case study book chapter, and with Anna Mahathey, MPP'17, on an essay in a Federal Reserve publication.

In an ESOP company such as Publix supermarkets, employees receive an ownership stake in the company and accrue capital wealth commensurate with the value of the company, at no cost to them. As the company grows, so does each employee's ESOP account. Employee ESOP accounts often far exceed the value of their 401(k) plan, and the funds are accessible as soon as the employee exits the company.

Boguslaw says, "I think the most important finding from our research is that workplaces with large populations of low- to moderate-skilled women and people of color find this

is a valuable institutional structure for helping build wealth. It can help people prepare for a more secure retirement, and because they can start drawing on those resources as soon as they leave the firm, it's also wealth that can be passed on to the next generation in vivo. ESOPs bring more wealth and stability into communities that traditionally have less access to capital wealth."

Companies receive significant tax incentives to operate as an ESOP. They also benefit from decreased employee turnover and increased innovative problem solving from their workforce, who become more aware and invested in the company's future success. "The data show it is possible for the business to thrive and for profits to be more broadly shared," says Boguslaw. "When you're talking about companies with many low-income women and people of color, where there's a huge wealth gap and wage gap, ESOPs can help close some of that, and that's really unique."

Converting a company from privately held to employee-owned is an especially attractive option for baby boomers who own thriving small- and medium-sized businesses and who may be open to selling their firm to its employees as part of a succession plan.

Boguslaw says that the biggest barrier to the growth of shared capital models is a lack of awareness and understanding of ESOPs. "I'd like to see more chambers of commerce, business associations, and city and state governments educate their members about employee ownership," she says. "Especially these days, when many regions are struggling to keep wealth local, we want to find ways to share and circulate wealth and retain employment within regions. Shared capital models are a good way of doing it."

## AGING

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Maria DiMaggio, Healthy Waltham (PI), **Walter Leutz** “Waltham Connections for Healthy Aging”; Funder: Tufts Health Plan Foundation

Waltham Connections for Healthy Aging is creating a model and momentum to mainstream age-friendliness in the policies and practices of Waltham organizations. The project is also including older adults, who are often left out of healthy aging initiatives: racial and ethnic minorities, low income, immigrants, and/or isolated.

## ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

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**Rebecca Loya (PI), Meg Lovejoy** “Understanding and Developing Philanthropic Interest in Children’s Savings Accounts”; Funder: Asset Funders Network

The Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) will write a report on the survey of private funders of Children’s Savings Account (CSA) programs in the U.S. from 2015-16. IASP will develop and conduct a survey of public and private CSA funding for 2017.

**Tatjana Meschede (PI)** “Career Paths of Entrepreneurs of Color: Effects of Self-Employment on Family Wealth, Well-Being, and the Racial Wealth Gap”; Funder: JP Morgan Chase Foundation

This study will enable policymakers to better understand the dynamics of career paths of entrepreneurs of color in the United States and to begin to explore the structures of work and wealth that enable entrepreneurs of color to build, protect and grow assets over the life course through effective business ownership. This is the first phase of a longer-term study which will provide new quantitative data and analyses and pilot qualitative data to inform a comprehensive study on the effects of self-employment on family wealth and well-being for entrepreneurs of color.

**Thomas Shapiro (PI), Rebecca Loya, Jessica Santos** “Scaling Children’s Savings Accounts”; Funder: Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

This grant enables IASP to work closely with the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to continue advancing the CSA field and measure success in three areas: 1) Strengthening program design and implementation; 2) promoting CSA policies; and 3) connecting CSAs to local and statewide financial aid reform and college completion efforts.



**Thomas Shapiro (PI), Tatjana Meschede** “Demonstrating Benefits of Bending Structures and Policy to Racial Equity: Case-Making Evidence and Narrative Building Using the Racial Wealth Audit”; Funder: W.K. Kellogg Foundation

This project strengthens the work-to-wealth escalator and consumer financial protections (and brings to the public square) by adding a racial justice lens to how structures and policy inequitably redistribute opportunities and rewards.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**Diana Bowser (PI)** “Organizational and Environmental Factors Influencing the Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices in Juvenile Justice Settings”; Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse; subcontract to Brandeis from University of Miami

The project will examine data across six states to understand the broader system of overlapping organizational and environmental factors that impact successful implementation, behavioral health services utilization and youth outcomes.

**Constance Horgan (PI), Sharon Reif** “The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Doctoral Training Program on Health Services Research on Alcohol-Related Problems”; Funder: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

The training grant has been renewed for an additional five years. Currently in its 24th year, the training grant has provided support for 80 pre-doctoral students.

**Peter Kreiner (PI), Gail Strickler** “Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program Data Analysis and Evaluation Assistance”; Funder: Department of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance; subcontract to Brandeis from Massachusetts Department of Public Health

The project will evaluate selected Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) activities, including prescriber report cards; and conduct selected epidemiological studies using Massachusetts PMP data, including examination and analysis of geographic variation in prescribing patterns.

**Peter Kreiner (PI), Meelee Kim** “National Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Training and Technical Assistance Center”; Funder: Department of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance

This project provides a range of technical assistance to state prescription drug monitoring program administrators and state and federal stakeholders, including website, webinar and newsletter content, reports on key topics, and responses to ad hoc TA requests.

This work is now part of a larger Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program initiative and involves coordination with multiple categories of site-based grantees and three other TTA provider grantees.



TATJANA MESCHEDÉ

**Sharon Reif (PI), Mary Brolin, Maureen Stewart, Grant Ritter, Margot Davis, Robert Dunigan, Constance Horgan, Deborah Garnick, Cindy Thomas, Andrew Kolodny** “Hub and Spoke Model to Improve Medication-Assisted Treatment Use”; Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); a collaboration of Institute for Behavioral Health (IBH), Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, and Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery

This study will take a hybrid effectiveness-implementation approach, with both implementation evaluation and effectiveness as primary goals. The findings from this study will enable the researchers to understand the essential elements of the H&S model for the most effective treatment for opioid use disorders (OUDs) and how to bring more primary care providers to the addiction pharmacotherapy practice. It will serve as a model for other states and systems, offering a flexible approach that addresses many existing barriers to the use of pharmacotherapy for people with OUDs, ensuring that there is no wrong door to enter treatment and that people with OUDs receive the treatment with the best success for promoting recovery.

**Donald Shepard (PI)** “Vermont Center of Behavior and Health”; Funder: National Institutes of Health; subcontract to Brandeis from University of Vermont

This project is a collaboration on an economic analysis to develop and evaluate behavioral interventions using incentives, particularly around substance abuse and family planning.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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**Susan P. Curnan (PI)** “Connecticut Education Partnership”; Funder: Heidenreich Family Foundation

The Center for Youth and Communities (CYC) is conducting a feasibility study for philanthropic partnership, involving more than 15 private foundations, dedicated to education equity in the state of Connecticut.

**Susan P. Curnan (PI), Alan Melchior** “Evaluation of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Residence (BSOIR) Initiative”; Funder: Leaves of Grass Foundation

CYC will evaluate BSO’s effort to build long-term partnerships between the BSO and selected Boston/Massachusetts communities through the collaborative planning and delivery of music- and arts-related programming in those communities.

**Della M. Hughes (PI), Matt Hoover, Zora Haque** “Evaluation and Learning for Children’s Friend of Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families Program”; Funder: Children’s Friend and Service of Rhode Island (CFSRI)

CYC is collaborating with CFSRI executives and family preservation programs to align their assumptions, strategies and outcomes by facilitating the development of a unified logic model and laying the groundwork for a quality, rigorous evaluation.

**Pamela Joshi (PI), Dolores Acevedo-Garcia** “Health, Neighborhood Context and Mobility”; Funder: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development; subcontract to Brandeis from University of Minnesota

This four-year grant is an interdisciplinary collaboration focused on unpacking how housing rental vouchers in the Moving to Opportunity experiment impact family economic mobility and whether impacts vary based on health risks. The study combines an experimental design with rigorous causal analytic and machine learning techniques to test whether changes in neighborhood and housing context affect economic mobility through their impacts on health. The project proposes new rigorous secondary data analyses, using 15 years of data, applying sophisticated methods to answer significant questions on the role of health for design of housing policy, and etiology of neighborhood effects.



## DISABILITIES

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**Monika Mitra (PI)** “The Intersectionality of Disability and Race: A Health Needs Assessment of People With Disabilities Who Identify as Racial, Ethnic and Linguistic Minorities for the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut”; Funder: Office of Minority Health

Understanding the intersection of race and disability, and its impact on health, is an important public health goal. The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy is conducting a needs assessment of the health status, needs, challenges and resiliencies of people with disabilities who are members of racial, ethnic and linguistic minority communities in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Components of the needs assessment will include community forums, key informant interviews, analysis of secondary health data, a community survey, and development and dissemination of a comprehensive final report of findings.

**Monika Mitra (PI)** “Pregnancy Outcomes and Experiences Among Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Women”; Funder: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development

The goal of this study is to systematically examine and understand the health care experiences, outcomes and costs incurred by DHH women during and after pregnancy. Findings from the study will inform the development of evidence-based policies and practices to improve perinatal care for DHH women and ultimately improve their and their infants’ outcomes.

## HEALTH

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**Diana Bowser (PI)** “Health System Strengthening”; Funder: Management Sciences for Health

The project will provide expertise around systems thinking and use of adaptive management; financial protection and risk-pooling; domestic resource mobilization and private-sector financing; resourcing health services; total market approach to health service delivery; and improving public-sector fiscal management and transparency. The project will also summarize the literature in some key areas and provide technical guidance.

**Diana Bowser (PI)** “2020 MicroClinic Evaluation”; Funder: 2020 MicroClinic

The project will evaluate the impact of 2020 MicroClinic’s program, Operation Karibu (OpK), in six sites in Kenya using facility and program data.

**Donald Shepard (PI)** “Aedes Transmitted Disease Modeling”; Funder: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

This project is leading the economic evaluation of an innovative control approach based on the Wolbachia bacteria, examining programs in Indonesia, Brazil and Colombia.

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Ricardo Godoy (PI)** “Co-producing Environmental Conservation and Social Equity”; Funder: National Science Foundation; subcontract to Brandeis from Purdue University

This project will conduct a randomized controlled trial of payment for environmental services in rural Bolivia in which researchers will compare the impact of conditional versus unconditional transfers in conservation.

## MANAGEMENT

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**Lauren Hajjar (PI)** “National Institute of Corrections — Transition From Jails to Communities (TJC)” Funder: National Institute of Corrections; subcontract to Brandeis from Crime and Justice Institute

The goal of this project is to increase the use of research-based methodologies to develop leadership and collaboration within and between multiple stakeholder groups involved in transitioning individuals from jails back into the community in jurisdictions across the U.S. Using a structured assessment intended to measure coordination and a model to build high-quality relationships reinforced by high-quality communication, the project team will support TJC sites and providers to create better collaboration and improve outcomes.

## PHILANTHROPY

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**Susan Eaton (PI)** “Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive K-12 Schools”; Funder: The Einhorn Family Charitable Trust

This project engages grantmakers and their advisers who want to better understand the causes, myriad harms and potential cures for racial and economic segregation in public schools in the United States. Strongly associated with a host of attendant inequalities in wealth, education, health and access to job opportunities, segregation is relevant for grantmakers because it is at the root of so many of the social challenges that progressive grantmakers aspire to eradicate.



## New Labor Laws for New Economic Realities

Dean David Weil's work on the fissured workplace informs significant, popular legislation in Ontario





Jobs have become increasingly precarious in recent decades. Companies have restructured in significant ways, cutting back on the number of full-time, benefits-eligible employees — and instead turning to contractors to fill positions like housekeeping, accounting or human resources. From hotel chains to tech giants to law firms, employers are looking for ways to cut costs and improve financial performance. This leaves workers at all levels piecing together gigs with little stability.

These changes have led to a “fissured workplace,” according to Dean David Weil, former administrator of the Wage and Hour Division at the U.S. Department of Labor under President Barack Obama. “Policymakers are only beginning to understand the nature of these problems,” he says.

But one place where officials have taken a comprehensive look at their labor laws and recently implemented some significant changes is the province of Ontario in Canada.

In 2015, Ontario Minister of Labour Kevin Flynn appointed two experts to lead the largest review of the province’s labor laws in decades. As part of their work, they traveled to Washington, D.C., in February 2016 to meet with Weil and his staff to understand how the workplace had changed in the United States, the challenges facing the working population and policies that could be implemented in response. That started an ongoing series of talks and meetings between Weil and policymakers and researchers in Ontario throughout 2016-17.

Recommendations from the experts released in mid-2016 “embraced a lot of ideas about how to reorient the workplace,” says Weil, leading to new legislation passed in November 2017. This included an equal-pay mandate for part-time and temporary workers doing the same job as full-time employees, personal emergency leave expansion and a minimum-wage increase.

For Weil, one of the most important recommendations was enlarging and strengthening the enforcement powers of the Ministry of Labour to proactively and systematically target businesses violating labor standards for meeting the minimum wage, accurately tracking hours and paying for overtime.

“Historically, the agency was very reactive, taking action only based on complaints lodged by workers,” he says. That limited its reach, because “the people who complain aren’t the people facing the biggest problems,” like immigrants or low-wage workers who can’t afford to lose their jobs. “They were very impressed by the changes we made at Wage and Hour during the Obama administration to become more strategic and impactful in enforcement.”

The work in Ontario isn’t done. While government polls show the new legislation is popular, “They didn’t enact the full-blown changes the experts asked for. They took on pieces,” Weil says. There’s room for new policies, which he plans to discuss with researchers and officials when he returns to Ontario in the spring.

“What they’re doing through legislation can provide lessons in the United States, where a lot of working people are hurting right now,” says Weil.

“We’re just seeing the beginning of wider interest and political pressure to address things like the gig economy and changes in employment relationships,” he says, pointing to promising state-level actions on paid leave and fair scheduling. “The Ontario example says that these issues will resonate more with the public and therefore, policymakers need to be ready. The final piece of the puzzle is that schools of social policy, like Heller, need to step up and think about what those policies will look like, based on hard-hitting research and analysis.”

*By Karen Shib*

## ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

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**Boguslaw, J.** “Investing in Research: Questions and Methods for Researchers.” Presented at:

- » “Investing in America’s Workforce: Improving Outcomes for Workers and Employers,” the Federal Reserve Bank National Conference, Austin, Texas, October 2017.
- » Investing in America’s Workforce Capstone Conference, Austin, Texas, October 2017.

**Loya, R.** “Cultivating CSAs: The Regional Growth and Spread of CSAs in New England.” Presented at the Midwest CSA Consortium Meeting, sponsored by Heartland Alliance, Chicago, August 2017.

**Loya, R., Santos, J.,** and Poore, A. “Cultivating CSAs: The Regional Growth and Spread of CSAs in New England.” Webinar presented at Strategies for Regional CSA Expansion, sponsored by Prosperity Now, September 2017.

**Meschede, T.** “Secure Jobs, Secure Homes, Secure Families: Employment and Housing Outcomes of Participants in the Massachusetts Secure Jobs Initiative.” Presented at “Strategies for Breaking the Cycle of Poverty,” sponsored by Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association, Boston, August 2017.

**Meschede, T.** “How Measurement of Inequalities in Wealth by Race/Ethnicity Impacts Narrative and Policy.” Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 38th Annual Fall Research Conference, “The Role of Research in Making Government More Effective,” Washington, D.C., November 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “Addressing the Toxic Racial Wealth Divide.” Presented at “Inclusive by Design,” conference sponsored by Common Cents, Washington, D.C., September 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “Addressing Toxic Inequality.” Presented at:

- » Fall 2017 Speaker Series, sponsored by University of Pittsburgh Center on Race and Social Problems, Pittsburgh, September 2017.
- » Fall 2017 Speaker Series, sponsored by Washington University, Center for Social Development, St. Louis, October 2017.
- » Neighborhood Partnerships, Salem, Ore., October 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “Toxic: Economic Inequality Meets Racial Prejudice.” Presented at:

- » Leading Voices in Public Health Lecture Series, sponsored by Eastern Tennessee State

University, College of Public Health, Johnson City, Tenn., October 2017.

- » “Integrating Inclusive Community Development and Financial Capability,” sponsored by Pathways to Prosperity, Raleigh, N.C., October 2017.

**Shapiro, T.** “Closing the Racial and Gender Wealth Gap.” Presented at the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education Research and Training Symposium, San Diego, November 2017.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**Adams, R.S.**, Bauer, M.R., **Lee, S.**, Williams, T.V., and **Larson, M.J.** “Postdeployment Treatment Patterns Among Subgroups of Soldiers With or Without Comorbidity of Psychological Health Problems, Traumatic Brain Injury and Chronic Pain.” Poster presented at:

- » 2017 Military Health System Research Symposium, Kissimmee, Fla., August 2017.
- » 2017 Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (online), September 2017.

**Adams, R.S.**, Bauer, M.R., **Lee, S.**, Williams, T.V., and **Larson, M.J.** “Treatment Patterns Among Soldiers With or Without Psychological Health Problems, TBI and Pain.” Poster presented at American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 2017 Annual Conference, Atlanta, October 2017.

**Adams, R.S.**, **Thomas, C.P.**, **Ritter, G.A.**, **Lee, S.**, **Saadoun, M.**, Williams, T.V., and **Larson, M.J.** “Predictors of Postdeployment Opioid Receipt and Long-Term Opioid Receipt Among Army Active Duty Soldiers.” Presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017.

**Brolin, M.**, Whitcher, H., **Reif, S.**, Jahgoo, S., and McNeil, P. “Screening and Brief Intervention With Low-Income Youth and Young Adults in Community-Based Settings.” Presented at the 14th Annual International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference, New York City, September 2017.

**Hodgkin, D.**, Gao, W., Merrick, E.L., Drebing, C.E., **Larson, M.J.**, **Horgan, C.M.**, **Pugatch, M.**, **Zolotusky, G.**, Sharma, M., Petry, N.M., and Saitz, R. “Implementing Single-Item Screening for Drug Use in a Veterans Administration Outpatient Setting.” Presented at the 14th Annual International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference, New York City, September 2017.

**Hodgkin, D.**, **Reif, S.**, **Stewart, M.T.**, **Mohr, B.**, **Horgan, C.**, and Ma, A. “Target Attainability and Provider Response in Pay-For-Performance: Evidence From Substance Use Disorder Treatment.” Presented at 2017 International Health Economics Association Biennial World Congress, Boston, July 2017.

**Horgan, C.M.** Symposium chair, “Screening and Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Drug Use: How Can Health Care Systems Make a Difference?” Symposium presented at the 14th Annual International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference, New York City, September 2017. The symposium was co-sponsored by the Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center.



JANET BOGUSLAW (SEE STORY ON PAGE 8)

**Horgan, C.M.** Panel chair, “Alternative Payments and Delivery System Reforms for Addiction Treatment.” Panel presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017. The session explored ways in which alternative payment systems and associated delivery system changes may improve quality of addiction treatment. Currently, several different payment and delivery system reforms are being used and tested in addiction treatment, including bundled payments, accountable care organizations and efforts to improve integration through health homes. The panel was sponsored by the Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center.

**Horgan, C.M.** Panel chair, “The Opioid Crisis — A Critical Threat Across the U.S.: Why Health Services Research Matters.” Panel presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017. Opioid use disorders have a heightened focus across the U.S. due to the epidemic of prescription drug addiction, heroin use, overdoses and new opioid threats such as

the rapid increase in fentanyl use. The panel provided a framework for why the opioid crisis remains an urgent issue, discussed the emerging threat of fentanyl, and offered services research views into the roles for states and health plans in addressing the opioid crisis. The panel was sponsored by the Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center.

**Kolodny, A.** “The Opioid Addiction Epidemic: A Public Health Crisis.” Presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017.



DOLORES ACEVEDO-GARCIA (SEE STORY ON PAGE 24)

**Kolodny, A.** Keynote lecture, “The Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis: An Epidemic of Addiction.” Presented at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons 99th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, October 2017.

**Kreiner, P.W.** “Approaches to Patient Record Linking: How Much Difference Can It Make?” Presented at East Regional Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Meeting, sponsored by National PDMP Training and Technical Assistance Center, Burlington, Vt., October 2017.

**Larson, M.J., Saadoun, M., Adams, R.S., Lee, S., Williams, T.V., and Bauer, M.R.** “Examining Complementary and Integrative Health and Pharmacologic Treatments Received Among Soldiers With Postdeployment PTSD, With and Without Comorbid Pain.” Poster presented at 2017 Military Health System Research Symposium, Kissimmee, Fla., August 2017.

Nakase-Richardson, R., Stevens, L.F., Tang, X., Lambert, G.J., Sherer, M., Walker, W.C., Pugh, M.J., Eapen, B., Finn, J.A., Saylor, M., Dillahun-Aspillaga, C., **Adams, R.S.**, and Garafano, J.S. “Do Civilian Epidemiologic Studies Inform Military Traumatic Brain Injury Epidemiology? A Comparison of the VA and

NIDILRR TBI Model System Cohorts.” Presented at 2017 Military Health System Research Symposium, Kissimmee, Fla., August 2017.

**Reif, S.** “Effectiveness of Medications to Treat Addiction.” Presented at “Improving Quality and Integration of Substance Use Disorder Treatment in the Era of Accountable Care,” Massachusetts Medicaid, Westborough, Mass., November 2017. Co-sponsored by the Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center.

**Reif, S., Adams, R.S., Ritter, G.A., Williams, T.V., and Larson, M.J.** “Prevalence of Pain Diagnoses and Burden of Pain Among Active Duty Soldiers, FY2012.” Presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017.

**Reif, S., Creedon, T.B., Horgan, C.M., Stewart, M.T., and Garnick, D.W.** “Commercial Health Plan Coverage of Treatment for Selected Opioid Use Disorders From 2003 to 2014: Results From a National Survey.” Presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017.

**Stewart, M.T.** “Reducing Risky Drinking: What Health Care Systems Can Do.” Presented at the 14th Annual International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference, New York City, September 2017.

**Stewart, M.T.** “The Landscape of Bundled Payment: Where Does Addiction Fit In?” Presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017.

**Strickler, G.** “Trends in Indicators of Prescription Opioid Use and Misuse: Data From the Prescription Behavior Surveillance System, 2010-2016.” Presented at the 2017 Addiction Health Services Research Annual Conference, Madison, Wis., October 2017.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Adams, G., **Joshi, P.**, Ha, Y., and Derrick-Mills, T. “Instability in the Early Childhood Education and Family Context.” Webinar sponsored by Child Trends Early Childhood Education Access Workgroup, November 2017.

**Joshi, P., Baldiga, M., Earle, A., Osypuk, T., and Acevedo-Garcia, D.** “Paid Family and Medical Leave Social Protection in the U.S.: Lessons Learned About Targeting Low-Income Workers.” Presented at the International Labour Office Regulating for Decent Work conference, Geneva, July 2017.

**Joshi, P.**, Giapponi, K., Ha, Y., Bowne, J., and **Hardy, E.** “Assessing Child Care Program Quality and Turnover: Using a Collaborative Research Partnership to Look at CCDBG Reauthorization From the Provider Perspective.” Presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2017.

**Melchior, A.**, and **Burack, C.** “Evaluating After-school STEM Programs: Lessons From the FIRST Longitudinal Study.” Presented at the American Evaluation Association 2017 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2017.

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## DISABILITIES

**Akobirshoev, I., Mitra, M.**, and McKee, M. “Access to Medical Home Among Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.” Presented at 2017 AcademyHealth 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 2017 AcademyHealth 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 Massachusetts Mothers With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” Presented at 2017 International Health Economics Association Biennial World Congress, Boston, July 2017.

**Akobirshoev, I.**, Parish, S.L., Doonan, S., and **Igdalsky, L.** “Does Neighborhood Quality Mediate Racial Disparities in Access to Medical Home Among Children With Special Health Care Needs?” Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2017.

**Lorenz, L.** “Talking With Pictures: Envisioning Community Integration of Older Adults With Acquired Brain Injury.” Presented at the 33rd Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity, sponsored by the Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, October 2017.

**Mitra, M.** “Inclusive Perinatal Care for Women With Disabilities.” Webinar presented at “Health for All—Including the Most Marginalized,” sponsored by Pan American Health Organization, December 2017.

**Mitra, M., Akobirshoev, I.**, and Parish, S.L. “Postpartum Emergency Department Use Among Mothers With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” Presented at the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Asia-Pacific Congress, Bangkok, November 2017.

**Mitra, M.**, Parish, S.L., and Nicholson, J. “National Research Center for Parents With Disabilities.” Presented at National Institutes of Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research, Washington D.C., October 2017.

**Mitra, M., Powell, R.**, Long-Bellil, L., Smeltzer, S., and Iezzoni, L. “Adaptive Parenting Strategies Used by Mothers With Physical Disabilities During Postpartum.” Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2017.

Smeltzer, S., **Mitra, M.**, Long-Bellil, L., Iezzoni, L., and **Smith, L.D.** “Obstetric Clinicians’ Perspectives on Care for Women With Physical Disabilities During Pregnancy.” Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2017.

**Sonik, R.**, Parish, S.L., and **Mitra, M.** “Rise in Food Insecurity Prior to Receipt of Supplemental Security Income Benefits.” Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2017.

**Sonik, R.**, Parish, S.L., and **Mitra, M.** “Uninsurance as a Driver of Supplemental Security Income Uptake.” Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2017.

**Sonik, R.**, Parish, S.L., **Mitra, M.**, and **Altman, S.H.** “Medicaid Cost and Utilization Patterns After Changes in SNAP Benefit Levels Among People With Different Likelihoods of Having a Disability.” Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2017.

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## EDUCATION

**Eaton, S.** “Promoting a Culture of Welcoming for Refugees in Public Schools.” Webinar presented at Welcoming America, August 2017.

**Eaton, S.** “‘The Children in Room E4: American Education on Trial’ and ‘Integration Nation: Immigrants, Refugees and America at Its Best.’” Presented at Merrimack College’s Writer’s House, North Andover, Mass., October 2017.

**Eaton, S.** Delivered welcoming remarks, National Coalition on School Diversity Conference, New York City, October 2017.

## HEALTH

**Altman, S.H.** Summit Topic: “Legal/Regulatory Issues.” Presented at Delaware Health Care Spending Benchmark Summit, sponsored by Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Newark, Del., September 2017.

**Altman, S.H.** Delivered the Michael M.E. Johns Lecture in Health Policy, “The Changing Financial Structure of the U.S. Health System: How Will It Affect the Delivery System?” Presented at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, October 2017.

**Altman, S.H.** “Health Reform: Health Systems Throughout World Must Lower Costs, Become More Efficient and Expand Their Mission.” Telemedicine Ground Rounds Presentation (webinar) presented to International Medical Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, October 2017.

**Altman, S.H.** “U.S. Health Reform: Where We Are and What’s Next.” Presented at 2017 Health Policy Orientation, sponsored by AcademyHealth, Washington, D.C., October 2017.



YARA HALASA-RAPPEL (SEE STORY ON PAGE 2)

**Altman, S.H.** “Environmental Scan of Health Care Environment: Issues Affecting the Health Care System of Massachusetts: National and Local.” Presented to Massachusetts Medical Society, Committee on Strategic Planning, Waltham, Mass., November 2017.

**Altman, S.H.** “The Next Big Health Care Challenge: Can We Control Health Care Spending (Costs)?” Presented to Institute for Healthcare Improvement Fellowship Program, Cambridge, Mass., November 2017.

**Altman, S.H.** “U.S. Health Policy.” Presented at SAGES Leadership Development and Health Care Policy Program for Surgeons, Boston, November 2017.

**Halasa-Rappel, Y.A.** “Broken Smiles: Impact of Untreated Dental Diseases on Employment.” Presented at:

- » 2017 International Health Economics Association Biennial World Congress, Boston, July 2017.
- » 2017 New England Rural Health Conference, Bartlett, N.H., November 2017.

**Halasa-Rappel, Y.A.** “The Impact of a Dental Managed Care Organization on Access, Utilization, and Quality of Dental Services for Children Receiving Medicaid Benefits in Rhode Island.” Presented at the 2017 New England Rural Health Conference, Bartlett, N.H., November 2017.

**Halasa-Rappel, Y.A.** “What Do Dentists Want From a Medicaid Managed Care Program? Conjoint Analysis From Rhode Island.” Presented at the 2017 New England Rural Health Conference, Bartlett, N.H., November 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** “Approaches to Value-Based Payment and Purchasing.” Presented at Value-Based Purchasing Symposium for the Military Health System and the TRICARE Program, Cambridge, Mass., September 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** “Implementing Multiple Payment Models Across Common Providers in Medicare.” Presented at the MIPS/APM Summit, Washington, D.C., October 2017.

**Mechanic, R.** “Risk Contracting and Physician Compensation in Organized Delivery Systems.” Webinar presented at Accountable Care Learning Collaborative, November 2017.

**Shepard, D.S., Halasa-Rappel, Y.A., Halaseh, I.A., Fardous, T., Jrasat, M., and Abu-Shaer, M.** “Cost and Financial Impact of Expanding Insurance Coverage to Vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian Refugees.” Presented to His Excellency Professor Mahmoud Sheyab, Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Amman, Jordan, October 2017.

**Shepard, D.S., Halasa-Rappel, Y.A., Zeng, W., Durand, L., and Coudeville, L.** “Empirical Estimates of Disability Burden of a Symptomatic Dengue Episode.” Presented at the 66th Annual Meeting

of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Baltimore, November 2017.

**Shepard, D.S., Zeng, W.,** Mutasa, R., Das, A., Sisimayi, C., Shamu, S., Banda, S., Nguyen, H., and Friedman, J. “Cost-Effectiveness of Results-Based Financing in Zimbabwe: Results From a Controlled Trial.” Presented at 2017 International Health Economics Association Biennial World Congress, Boston, July 2017.

**Tschampl, C.A.** “Pulling Back the Curtain: Tracking and Costing Out Downstream Outcomes of Chronic Dental Pain.” Presented at 2017 International Health Economics Association Biennial World Congress, Boston, July 2017.

**Zeng, W., Halasa-Rappel, Y.A.,** Coudeville, L., Baurin, N., and **Shepard, D.S.** “Cost-Effectiveness of Dengue Vaccination in 10 Endemic Countries.” Presented at the 66th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Baltimore, November 2017.

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## IMMIGRATION

**Santos, J., and Aguilera, C.** “Integrating Immigrants and Refugees in Rural Northern New England Communities.” Webinar presented in collaboration with Grantmakers Concerned With Immigrants and Refugees, October 2017.

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## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Dassin, J.** “The Importance of International Education: Celebrating 25 Years of the Spring International Language Center at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.” Presented at the 25th Anniversary of the Spring International Language Center, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Fayetteville, Ark., August 2017.

**Dassin, J.,** Kent, A., Mawer, M., and Marsh, R. “Conversation About International Scholarships in Higher Education.” Presented virtually at the Australian International Education Association Conference, Hobart, Australia, October 2017.

**Dassin, J.,** Marsh, R., Campbell, A., and Baxter, A. “International Scholarships in Higher Education: Pathways to Social Change.” Presented virtually at a book launch at University of California at Berkeley, November 2017.



DAVID WEIL (SEE STORY ON PAGE 14)

**Simon, L.** Keynote, “The Prophetic Courage of B.R. Ambedkar in Comparative Perspective.” Presented at “Quest for Equity: Reclaiming Social Justice, Revisiting Ambedkar,” sponsored by the Government of Karnataka and Central Bengaluru University, Bengaluru, India, July 2017. The conference was attended by over 1,000 participants, including 300 academics from around the world. Other keynote speakers included Rahul Gandhi and Martin Luther King III.

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## LABOR AND WORKPLACE

**Weil, D.** “Worker Misclassification: Causes and Consequences.” Presented at United Brotherhood of Carpenters Annual Leadership Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2017.

**Weil, D.** “The Fissured Workplace and the Future of Work.” Presented at “Worker Well-Being and Sustainable Business Health Conference,” sponsored by National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Center for Health, Work and Environment, University of Colorado School of Public Health, Denver, October 2017.

**Weil, D.** “The Need for Problem Solving: Reflections on John T. Dunlop.” Presented at Harvard Trade Union Program 75th Anniversary Celebration, sponsored by Harvard Law School Labor and Worklife Program, Cambridge, Mass., October 2017.

**Weil, D.** “Reflections on the Department of Labor Experience.” Presented at Boston Labor Employment Relations Association dinner, sponsored by Labor Employment Relations Association, Wellesley, Mass., October 2017.

**Weil, D.** Delivered the Koskie Minsky University Lecture, “Income Inequality, Wages and the Fissured Workplace.” Presented at “Precarious Work, Uncertain Rights and the Role of Workplace Law,” conference sponsored by Western University School of Law, London, Ontario, November 2017.

**Weil, D.** “Jobs, Work and Skills.” Presented at “Going Digital,” conference sponsored by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, November 2017.



MARIA MADISON

## MANAGEMENT

**Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.** “The Future of Work in the Third Digital Revolution.” Presented at:

- » The Prescott Family Lecture Series, sponsored by Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, November 2017.
- » MIT Institute on Work and Employment Relations Seminar, sponsored by MIT Sloan School, Cambridge, Mass., November 2017.

**Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.,** and Gershenfeld, A. “How to (Almost) Make Anything.” Presented at Fab 13 Symposium, “From Moore’s Law to Lass’ Law: The Next 50 Years,” sponsored by the Fab Foundation, Santiago, Chile, August 2017.

**Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.,** Gershenfeld, A., and Gershenfeld, N. “Designing Reality: How to Survive and Thrive in the Third Digital Revolution.” Presented at:

- » Book launch event, sponsored by the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, December 2017.
- » Book launch event, sponsored by What’s Now New York? New York City, December 2017.
- » Book launch event, sponsored by the Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., December 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** “NATCO, the Organization for Transplant Professionals.” Presented at the NATCO Annual Meeting, St. Louis, August 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** Co-chair and discussant, “Strategic Relational Human Resource Management: An Emerging Paradigm.” Presented at Academy of Management, sponsored by Organization and Management Theory Division, Human Resources Division and Business Policy and Strategy Division, Atlanta, August 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** “Teaching Positive Relationships at Work.” Presented at the Academy of Management, sponsored by Organizational Behavior Division, Atlanta, August 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** “Ways in Which Social Networks/A Relational Perspective Can Help Bridge the Micro/Macro Gap in HR.” Presented at the Academy of Management, sponsored by Human Resources Division, Organizational Behavior Division and Business Policy and Strategy Division, Atlanta, August 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** “Transforming Relationships for High Performance.” Presented at:

- » “Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments,” sponsored by Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Chicago, September 2017.
- » Patient Safety Leadership Congress, sponsored by the Colorado Hospital Association, Denver, October 2017.
- » Deltager Masterclass, sponsored by Deltager-Danmark, Copenhagen, November 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** “Relational Coordination and Leadership Module.” Presented at the Danish National Leadership Program, sponsored by KORA, Aalborg, Denmark, November 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** “Building Relational Coordination in the Education Sector.” Presented at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Mass., December 2017.

**Gittell, J.H.** (co-chair), and **Okrant, E.** “New Developments in Coordination Theory and Practice — Extending Relational Coordination Theory to Develop Policy Agreement Among Stakeholders.” Presented at the Academy of Management, sponsored by Organizational Behavior Division, Atlanta, August 2017.

**Hajjar, L.,** and Bond, B. “Using Relational Coordination as a Framework and Intervention to Support Collaborative Policing and Improve Crime Outcomes.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2017.



## PHILANTHROPY

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**Seller, S.** “Youth Philanthropy: A Social and Philanthropic Movement for Community-Based Change.” Webinar presented at “Discovering and Engaging Diverse Philanthropic Youth,” sponsored by Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana, Youth Philanthropy Connect, and the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, July 2017.

## SOCIAL POLICY

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**Madison, M.** “The Long Civil Rights Movement.” Presented at:

- » Annual Conference of the Association of African American Museums, in collaboration with the Smithsonian (NMAAHC), sponsored by AAAM/IMLS, Washington, D.C., August 2017.
- » Annual Meeting of Southeastern Museums Conference, New Orleans, September 2017.

**Madison, M.** “Community Partnerships, Nonprofits and the Trustees of Reservations.” Presented at “Truth and Trust: Museums in a Polarized Society,” New England Museum Association Annual Conference, Falmouth, Mass., October 2017.

Nicovich, C., **Tschampl, C.A.**, and Houle, M. “Creating Change by Forming Deep Relationships With Lawmakers and Their Staff.” Presented at RESULTS

International Conference, conference sponsored by RESULTS/RESULTS Educational Fund, Washington, D.C., July 2017.

**Sampath, R.** Panelist, “Global Climate Change, Patriarchy and White Supremacy: The Specter of Fascism and the Crisis of Democracy.” Sponsored by the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, the Mandel Humanities Working Group on Climate Change and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., October 2017.

**Sampath, R.** “Strategy to Collect Information and Prepare and Introduce Binding Resolution on Caste and All Forms of Discrimination Within the Framework of U.S. Domestic Law.” Presented at the Annual Summit of International Commission of Dalit Rights: Seminar IV: U.S. Congress: A Binding Resolution: Caste and All Forms of Discrimination, Washington D.C., October 2017.

**Sampath, R.** Moderator, “Ambedkar’s Unfinished Agenda at the U.N.: Working Toward a U.N. Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Based on Work, Descent and Caste.” Presented at half-day conference sponsored by the Boston Study Group, Waltham, Mass., December 2017.



DEAN DAVID WEIL SPEAKING WITH STUDENTS



## Lifting Children Out of Poverty

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia to serve on committee tasked with halving U.S. child poverty in 10 years

There are few factors more influential on child well-being and the likelihood of health and economic success than poverty. The long-term negative effects of child poverty across a variety of areas are well documented and severe, both in the U.S. and internationally. More than 20 percent of U.S. children live below the federal poverty line, and there are striking disparities by race and ethnicity.

Racial and ethnic minority children are a rapidly increasing subset of the U.S. child population, and the impact of child poverty on these groups has profound implications for the future of the country. So, when Congress charged the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine with finding a way to cut child poverty in half within 10 years, they convened a committee that included experts in child development, poverty reduction strategies, economics, demography and public policy, among others.

When the National Academies invited Dolores Acevedo-Garcia, director of the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy, to join the committee, she was honored and thrilled. “I read the statement of task, and I immediately thought it was incredible that they were soliciting a report on child poverty with a focus on equity. It is so well aligned with everything I’ve done over the last 15-plus years.”

Acevedo-Garcia is a leading expert in racial/ethnic disparities and the social determinants of health for children. One of her team’s flagship projects is [diversitydatakids.org](http://diversitydatakids.org), a comprehensive research program and indicator database of well-being and opportunity for children in the U.S. with a focus on equity.

“Often people are shocked to learn, for example, that the largest racial or ethnic group of kids living in poverty are Hispanic children,” says Acevedo-Garcia. “People tend to know that

minority populations have a higher poverty rate, but many people still think that most children living in poverty are white. That’s no longer true. Although they represent about 25 percent of the child population, Hispanic children represent about 36 percent of children in poverty.”

The National Academies produces extraordinarily rigorous reports and regularly convenes leading experts from around the country to form consensus committees. The child poverty committee is tasked with considering a variety of policy proposals to determine their effect on reducing child poverty rates within 10 years.

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“What is different about this report is that we don’t just want to know the average effect; we also want to know if one policy tool will reduce inequities more than another,” says Acevedo-Garcia. The committee’s analysis uses the supplemental poverty measure, or SPM, a newer metric that takes into account all the government benefits and resources that many children receive.

“It is really important that the National Academies have formed a committee to examine child poverty, which is a huge national problem,” says Acevedo-Garcia. “The committee’s task is to say, based on the evidence and the demographic reality of the country, what is the best that we can propose? People seem to think of child poverty in the U.S. as an intractable problem, even though many other countries that are similar to the U.S. are doing much better than we are. We should not accept the child poverty rates — nor the vast inequities in child poverty — that we have.”

*By Bethany Romano, MBA’17*



## ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

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

- » *The Chicago Tribune's* July 21, 2017, article "Why Black Homeownership Rates Lag Even as the Housing Market Recovers."
- » *Quartz's* Sept. 27, 2017, article "The Racial Wealth Divide Is Worse Than People Think — and It's Growing."
- » *The Desert Sun's* Sept. 29, 2017, article "Long Ago, These Trees Were Planted for Racist Reasons, Neighbors Say. Now They Want Them Gone."
- » *Inman's* Oct. 18, 2017, article "How the Mortgage Tax Break Widens the Racial Divide."
- » *Affordable Housing Finance's* Oct. 19, 2017, article "Report: MID Drives Inequality."
- » *Truthout's* Nov. 8, 2017, article "Federal Housing Assistance Mostly Helps the Wealthy — and GOP Tax Reform Would Make It Worse."
- » *The Washington Post's* Nov. 16, 2017, article "What We Now Know About Who Struggles With Student Debt."
- » *The Greenville News's* Nov. 24, 2017, article "Level the Economic Playing Field for African-Americans."
- » *Newsweek's* Dec. 14, 2017, article "After Alabama, Dems Should Target Policies to Help Blacks."

**Tatjana Meschede** was a panelist in an Oct. 17, 2017, Congressional Briefing titled "#SmartTaxReform: The Republican Tax Plan and the Mortgage Interest Deduction."

**Thomas Shapiro** contributed to the following:

- » He was interviewed for *PRX IdeaSphere's* July 20, 2017, show "Toxic Inequality."
- » His book "Toxic Inequality" was reviewed by *Boston Review* on Sept. 1, 2017, in the article "It's the Gap, Stupid."
- » His research was cited in *Forbes's* Sept. 28, 2017, article "President Trump Should Attack Toxic Inequality, Not The NFL."

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**Tom Clark** contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in *Infobae's* Aug. 5, 2017, article "Los 15 Países en los que Más Personas Mueren por Consumo de Drogas."
- » He was quoted in *The Daytona Beach News Journal's* Dec. 10, 2017, article "Florida Doctors Shrug at Using State's Database to Fight Opioids."

The launch of the **Institute for Behavioral Health's Opioid Policy Research Collaborative** was covered in *The Justice's* Nov. 21, 2017, article "Warning: This Drug May Kill You: A Panel of Experts Discuss How to Solve the Opioid Crisis."

The **Institute for Behavioral Health's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Training and Technical Assistance Center's** research was cited in the following:

- » The White House Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis' July 31, 2017, interim report to President Trump.
- » *Government Technology's* Dec. 29, 2017, article "In Opioid Epidemic, States Intensify Prescription Drug Monitoring."

**Andrew Kolodny** contributed to the following:

- » He was interviewed on NPR's *Diane Rehm: On My Mind's* July 14, 2017, episode "Our Opioid Addiction Crisis and a Theatrical Take on Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia."
- » He was quoted in *Vox's* Aug. 1, 2017, article "How to Stop the Deadliest Drug Overdose Crisis in American History."
- » He was interviewed on NPR's *Morning Edition's* Aug. 2, 2017, episode "Should the Opioid Crisis Be Declared a National Emergency?"
- » He was quoted in *The New York Times's* Aug. 8, 2017, article "Vowing Again to Tackle Opioid Crisis, Trump Faults His Predecessor."
- » He was quoted in *The Washington Post's* Aug. 10, 2017, article "Trump Says Opioid Crisis Is a National Emergency, Pledges More Money and Attention."
- » He was interviewed on *Matter of Fact With Soledad O'Brien* for the Sept. 13, 2017, show "State of Addiction."
- » He authored *The Conversation's* Oct. 4, 2017, article "The Opioid Epidemic in Six Charts."
- » He was quoted in *The New Yorker's* Oct. 30, 2017, article "The Family That Built an Empire of Pain."
- » He was interviewed on NPR's *All Things Considered's* Nov. 4, 2017, episode "Why Is the Opioid Epidemic Overwhelmingly White?"
- » He was interviewed on NPR's *Weekend Edition's* Nov. 26, 2017, episode "Should Hospitals Be Punished for Post-Surgical Patients' Opioid Addiction?"
- » He was interviewed for *Money's* Nov. 27, 2017, article "Here's What It Would Cost to Fix the Opioid Crisis, According to Five Experts."

- » He was quoted in CNN's Dec. 21, 2017, article "Opioids Now Kill More People Than Breast Cancer."
- » He was interviewed for *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* Dec. 21, 2017, article "Five Addiction Experts Weigh in on Future of Opioid Crisis. Their Forecast: Grim."
- » He was quoted in *Vox's* Dec. 21, 2017, article "The Opioid Epidemic, Explained."
- » He was interviewed for *The New York Times's* Dec. 22, 2017, article "The Opioid Crisis Is Getting Worse, Particularly for Black Americans."

**Maureen Stewart, PhD'09**, was interviewed in the *Psychiatric Services* Dec. 15, 2017, podcast "Person-Oriented Recovery, Managing Medical Conditions, and the ACA and Behavioral Health."

Research on opioid treatment by **Cindy Parks Thomas, PhD'00**, was highlighted in the Nov. 13, 2017, issue of *Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Weekly*.

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

In October 2017, Professor **Susan P. Curnan**, director of the **Center for Youth and Communities (CYC)**, participated in a Washington, D.C., national thought leader event hosted by the Gallup Group. The Hon. R. Alexander Acosta, U.S. Secretary of Labor, charged the group with developing "solutions to youth unemployment for urban and rural areas," with a focus on the June 15, 2017, Presidential Executive Order "Expanding Apprenticeships in America." Curnan, the sole participant representing higher education, offered recommendations in support of equity in access, opportunities and outcomes, and shared lessons from CYC research and experience combining employment, education and support for young people transitioning to the workforce.

**Susan Lanspery, PhD'89**, participated as a planning committee member in a September 2017 strategic planning retreat at Bridgewater State University titled "Leading for Change Higher Education Diversity Consortium."

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## CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND COEXISTENCE

**Mari Fitzduff** was quoted in *Alternet's* Aug. 9, 2017, article "Trump's North Korea Statements Are a Disaster for the World — But Probably Good for His Hardcore Supporters."

## DISABILITIES

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The **Lurie Institute for Disability Policy** officially launched the website for the National Research Center for Parents With Disabilities. The goal of the site is to be the repository for a growing body of information that supports parents with disabilities as well as social workers, researchers and legal professionals who work with them. Visit [centerforparentswithdisabilities.org](http://centerforparentswithdisabilities.org).

The **Lurie Institute** was featured in *The Justice's* Nov. 14, 2017, article "Autism in America."

## EDUCATION

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**Susan Eaton** was quoted in *The Boston Globe's* July 23, 2017, article "50 Years Later, Metco's Dream Is Still Unanswered."

## HEALTH

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**Stuart Altman** contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in WBUR's *CommonHealth's* July 5, 2017, article "Increase in Health Care Costs Slowing, But Mass. Still Among Most Expensive States for Care."
- » He was quoted in *The Washington Post's* July 25, 2017, article "One Million Jobs on the Line as Senate Votes on Health Care."
- » He was quoted in the *Newburgh Gazette's* July 26, 2017, article "Doctors' Group Tells Senate to Fix, Not Repeal 'Obamacare.'"
- » He was interviewed on *New England Cable News's* July 29, 2017, program, "Trump Threat: End Health Payments Unless There's an Overhaul."
- » He was quoted in WBUR's *CommonHealth's* Sept. 6, 2017, article "On Capitol Hill, Gov. Baker Will Push a Bipartisan Approach to Health Care Reform."
- » He was interviewed on WBUR's *Radio Boston's* Sept. 13, 2017, program "State Health Care Spending Rises Below Target."
- » He was quoted in *The Boston Globe's* Sept. 13, 2017, article "State Makes Headway in Limiting Health Care Spending, Report Shows."
- » He was quoted in *CommonWealth Magazine's* Oct. 3, 2017, article "Commission Hears Worries on Health Cost Trends."
- » He was quoted in *Modern Healthcare's* Dec. 14, 2017, article "Independent Commission Reviewing Beth Israel-Lahey Health Merger."

- » He was quoted in *Modern Healthcare's* Dec. 26, 2017, article "Healthcare Mega-Mergers Dominate 2017."

**Diana Bowser** was quoted in *Jüdische Allgemeine's* July 20, 2017, article "Löcher im Sozialen Netz."

**Michael Doonan, PhD'02**, was quoted in *The MetroWest Daily News's* Oct. 13, 2017, article "In Mass., Health Premiums Could Rise for Thousands After Trump Decision."

**Robert Mechanic** contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in *The Boston Globe's* July 13, 2017, article "At Tufts Medical Center, Pressure to Cut Costs in a City Rich With Hospitals."
- » He was quoted in *The Boston Globe's* Nov. 21, 2017, article "Mass Eye and Ear Says It Needs Larger System to Thrive."

**Saeid Shahraz, PhD'14**, contributed to the following:

- » His work was covered in *Medscape's* Nov. 14, 2017, article "New U.S. Data Show Positive Trends on HbA1c Awareness in Diabetes."
- » His work was covered in *Healio's* Nov. 17, 2017, article "Nearly One in Seven Patients With Diabetes Have Poor Glycemic Control."

**Donald Shepard** was interviewed for *Break Dengue's* July 22, 2017, article "Active Surveillance: Understanding the Burden of Dengue."

**Cindy Thomas, PhD'00**, was interviewed and quoted in *Health News Review's* Nov. 27, 2017, article "MedPage Today's 'Dinner Table' Stories: Do Readers Really Know What They're Being Served?"

**Cynthia Tschampl, PhD'15**, provided testimony on health care cost implications of infectious disease outbreaks, at the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's Annual Cost Trends Hearing on Oct. 2, 2017, in Boston.

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**Joan Dassin '69** was interviewed on *FreshEd With Will Brehm's* Dec. 11, 2017, podcast "International Scholarships in Higher Education."

## LABOR AND WORKPLACE

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**Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld** was interviewed on WNYC *The Takeaway's* July 6, 2017, episode "As Auto Industry Downshifts, American Labor Stalls."



**AT THE OPIOID POLICY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE LAUNCH, NOV. 16, 2017**

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT**

- » Panel discussion with (l-r): Myechia Minter-Jordan, Marylou Sudders, Perri Peltz, Andrew Kolodny and moderator Cynthia McFadden
- » Congresswoman Katherine Clark talking with Provost Lisa Lynch
- » Dean David Weil and former Dean Marty Krauss speaking with President Ron Liebowitz
- » Andrew Kolodny addressing guests at the dinner

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**Anita Hill** contributed to the following:

- » She authored an op-ed in *The New York Times* on Aug. 8, 2017, titled “Class Actions Could Fight Discrimination in Tech.”
- » She was interviewed in *Forbes*’ Aug. 10, 2017, article “Anita Hill on That Google Memo and What’s Next for Women in Tech.”
- » She authored an op-ed in *Fast Company* on Aug. 15, 2017, titled “What’s Stopping Women in STEM? Only Our Unwillingness to Fix the Problem.”
- » She was quoted in *The New York Times*’ Sept. 8, 2017, article, “Ellen Pao Is Not Done Fighting.”



ANITA HILL INTERVIEWED FOR *THE WASHINGTON POST*

- » She authored a guest column in *Variety* on Oct. 10, 2017, titled “Anita Hill on Harvey Weinstein Scandal: Sexual Harassment Knows No Politics.”
- » She authored an article in the *New York Daily News* on Oct. 14, 2017, “Women Face Creeps Like Harvey Weinstein Everywhere — Not Just in Hollywood.”
- » She was interviewed in *PBS NewsHour*’s Oct. 14, 2017, story, “Nearly Three Decades Later, Anita Hill Sees the Needle Moving on Sexual Harassment.”
- » She was quoted in CNN’s Oct. 18, 2017, story “Anita Hill on Harvey Weinstein: We Have to Ask, ‘How Far Have We Come to Equality?’”
- » She was quoted in *The New Yorker*’s Nov. 1, 2017, article “Anita Hill on Weinstein, Trump and a Watershed Moment for Sexual Harassment Accusations.”
- » She was quoted in *Quartz*’s Nov. 1, 2017, article “Anita Hill Says Fixing the Pay Gap in Silicon Valley Won’t Solve Gender Inequality.”

- » She was quoted in *Variety*’s Nov. 1, 2017, article “Anita Hill Calls for Anti-Sexual Harassment Policies With ‘Teeth’ at Variety’s Inclusion Summit.”
- » She appeared on *Bloomberg TV*’s Nov. 8, 2017, segment “Anita Hill Describes the Red Flags for Sexual Harassment.”
- » She appeared on CNN’s Nov. 9, 2017, panel “Tipping Point: Sexual Harassment in America.”
- » She was interviewed in *The Washington Post*’s Nov. 22, 2017, article “Anita Hill and Her 1991 Congressional Defenders to Joe Biden: You Were Part of the Problem.”
- » She was interviewed on NBC’s *Meet the Press* on Nov. 26, 2017, “Anita Hill: After 26 Years, I Wasn’t ‘Surprised’ by #MeToo Stories.”
- » She was quoted in *USA Today*’s Dec. 8, 2017, article “Anita Hill Visits Hollywood to Talk Sexual Harassment and Changing a Culture.”
- » She was interviewed in *The New York Times Magazine*’s Dec. 12, 2017, article “The Conversation: Seven Women Discuss Work, Fairness, Sex and Ambition.”
- » She was quoted in *The New York Times*’ Dec. 15, 2017, article “Anita Hill to Lead Hollywood Commission on Sexual Harassment.”
- » She was quoted in *The New York Times*’ Dec. 20, 2017, article “Can Anita Hill Fix Hollywood’s Harassment Problem?”

**David Weil** contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in *Entrepreneur*’s Aug. 3, 2017, article “What Do Trump’s Proposed Labor Laws Mean for Small-Business Owners and Freelancers?”
- » He was quoted in *The Huffington Post*’s Aug. 5, 2017, article “Donald Trump Is the Fast-Food President.”
- » He was quoted in *The Los Angeles Times*’ Aug. 31, 2017, article “Behind a \$13 Shirt, a \$6-an-Hour Worker.”
- » He authored *The Huffington Post*’s Sept. 1, 2017, op-ed “Labor Day Should Really Be Called ‘Inequality Day.’”
- » He was quoted in the *Times Herald-Record*’s Sept. 2, 2017, article “Mid-Hudson Employers Struggling to Find Good Workers Amid Low Unemployment Rates.”
- » He was quoted in *The New York Times*’ Sept. 3, 2017, article “Trump Shifts Labor Policy Focus From Worker to Entrepreneur.”
- » He was interviewed for NPR’s *The Takeaway*’s Sept. 11, 2017, episode “When ‘Made in America’ Means Made in Sweatshops.”



- » His work was referenced in *The American Prospect*'s Sept. 19, 2017, article "Trump Stacks Labor Department With Friends of Big Business."
- » He authored a *U.S. News & World Report* op-ed on Oct. 25, 2017, titled "Defend Obama's Overtime Policy."
- » He was interviewed on WBUR's *Radio Boston*'s Nov. 2, 2017, episode "What the Growing Gig Economy Means for Workers."
- » He was quoted in *Bloomberg Businessweek*'s Nov. 21, 2017, article "Grieving Mother's Firing Sparks Backlash Against Chinese Education Startup."
- » He was interviewed on CBC Radio's *Ideas* Dec. 5, 2017, episode "The Disappearing Company Job."
- » He was interviewed on PRI's *The World's* Dec. 5, 2017, episode "How a Sweatshop Raid in an LA Suburb Changed the American Garment Industry?"
- » He was interviewed on NPR's *All Things Considered*'s Dec. 11, 2017, episode "In Effort to Court Drivers, Lyft Offering Education Discounts."
- » He authored a *Huffington Post* op-ed on Dec. 14, 2017, titled "Millennial Employees Aren't the Problem. The Transformed Workplace Is."
- » He was quoted in *Bloomberg BNA*'s Dec. 26, 2017, article "Punching In: Senate Parting Gift, Mixed Signals From Labor Board."
- » He was quoted in *The New York Times*' Dec. 31, 2017, article "Tax Law Offers a Carrot to Gig Workers. But It May Have Costs."

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## MANAGEMENT

**Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld** contributed to the following:

- » His book was reviewed in *Science*'s Nov. 21, 2017, article "Three Brothers Anticipate the Rise of Digital Fabrication."
- » He was interviewed on WBUR's *Radio Boston*'s Nov. 27, 2017, episode "How to Prepare for 'the Third Digital Revolution.'"

**Ohad Elhelo '16, IBS MA'17**, was selected on Nov. 14, 2017, for *Forbes*' annual list "30 Under 30."

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## POLITICS AND POLICY

**Michael Doonan, PhD'02**, authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Dec. 21, 2017, titled "Opportunistic Federalism and a Liberal Resurgence."

**Robert Kuttner** contributed to the following:

- » He authored a *Huffington Post* op-ed on July 16, 2017, titled "The Health Care Muddle: Notes for Next Time."
- » He authored a *Huffington Post* op-ed on Aug. 13, 2017, "U.S. vs. North Korea: The Winner? China."
- » He authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Aug. 16, 2017, titled "Steve Bannon, Unrepentant."
- » He authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Aug. 21, 2017, titled "Taking Bannon's Economic Nationalism Seriously."
- » He authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Aug. 29, 2017, titled "Goodbye, Columbus?"
- » He authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Sept. 26, 2017, titled "Professional Athletes Need a Coherent Strategy to Isolate Trump."
- » He authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Oct. 6, 2017, titled "Steve Bannon, Unleashed."
- » He authored a *Huffington Post* op-ed on Oct. 8, 2017, titled "Missing in Action: Barack Obama."
- » He authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Oct. 10, 2017, titled "White Nationalism and Economic Nationalism."
- » He was interviewed on WBUR's *On Point* on Oct. 10, 2017, for a segment titled "Steve Bannon Goes Another Round."
- » He was interviewed on NPR's *Morning Edition* on Oct. 25, 2017, for a segment titled "Steve Bannon's 'War' Against Establishment Republicans."
- » He authored a *Huffington Post* op-ed on Nov. 26, 2017, titled "The 2018 Election and the Margin of Theft."
- » He authored an article in *The New York Times* on Nov. 29, 2017, titled "Trump Ran for the 'Forgotten.' Then He Forgot Them."
- » He authored an article in *The American Prospect* on Dec. 7, 2017, titled "Al, Please Don't Resign."
- » He authored a *Huffington Post* op-ed on Dec. 17, 2017, titled "The Tax Cut and the Fake Trump Boom."
- » He authored a *Huffington Post* op-ed on Dec. 24, 2017, titled "The Bitcoin Hoax."
- » He coauthored an article in *The American Prospect* on Dec. 27, 2017, titled "Saving the Free Press From Private Equity."

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## PUBLIC FINANCE

**Robert Tannenwald** was quoted in *Birmingham Business Journal*'s Aug. 24, 2017, article "Can Birmingham Score a Bigger Role in the Film Industry?"

**Rachel S. Adams, PhD'13**, won the Best Poster Award from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Military and Veteran Affairs Networking Group for "Treatment Patterns Among Soldiers With or Without Psychological Health Problems, TBI and Pain" (**Adams, R.S.**, Bauer, M.R., Lee, S., Williams, T.V., and **Larson, M.J.**), presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 2017 Annual Conference in Atlanta, October 2017.

On October 10, 2017, the Massachusetts Health Council honored **Stuart Altman** as a Champion of Health and Wellness at its annual "Dining With the Stars" gala event.

**Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld** continued his work as editor of *Negotiation Journal*, a position to which he was appointed in 2016.

**Joan Dassin '69** was named a reader for the Open Society Foundations Civil Society Leadership Awards. She was also appointed a reader for the Schwarzman Scholars Applications.

**Joan Dassin** served as a visiting researcher at the Centre for Latin American Studies, University of Oxford, U.K., for a project on "Internationalization of Higher Education in Brazil," July 7-30, 2017.

**Joan Dassin** was named chair of the External Advisory Committee, MSc International Health and Tropical Medicine, Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, U.K.

**Joan Dassin** was a reviewer for the second edition of McCowan, T., and Unterhalter, E., "Education and International Development: An Introduction" (London: Bloomsbury, 2015). She also served as a reviewer for publications in the journals *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education* and *Integrity Journal of Education and Training*.

**Anita Hill** was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Oklahoma State University, her undergraduate alma mater.

**Constance M. Horgan** received a lifetime achievement award from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) at APHA's annual meeting in Atlanta in November 2017.

**Pamela Joshi, PhD'01**, served as an expert panel member for the Measuring and Comparing Early Childhood Education Access for Families Workgroup, held at Child Trends in Washington, D.C., in August 2017. The meeting was sponsored by the U.S.



Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation.

**Mary Jo Larson, PhD'92**, has been selected to serve as a member of the Interventions to Prevent and Treat Addictions Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, for the term beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2022.

**Maria Madison** was named co-chair of the Tufts University Alumni Council Awards Committee.

**Monika Mitra** received the Allen Meyers Award from the American Public Health Association Disability Section in recognition of combined excellence across the areas of research, teaching and advocacy to improve the health and quality of life for people with disabilities.

**Donald Shepard** was appointed to a review panel by the National Institute on Aging, a division of the National Institutes of Health.

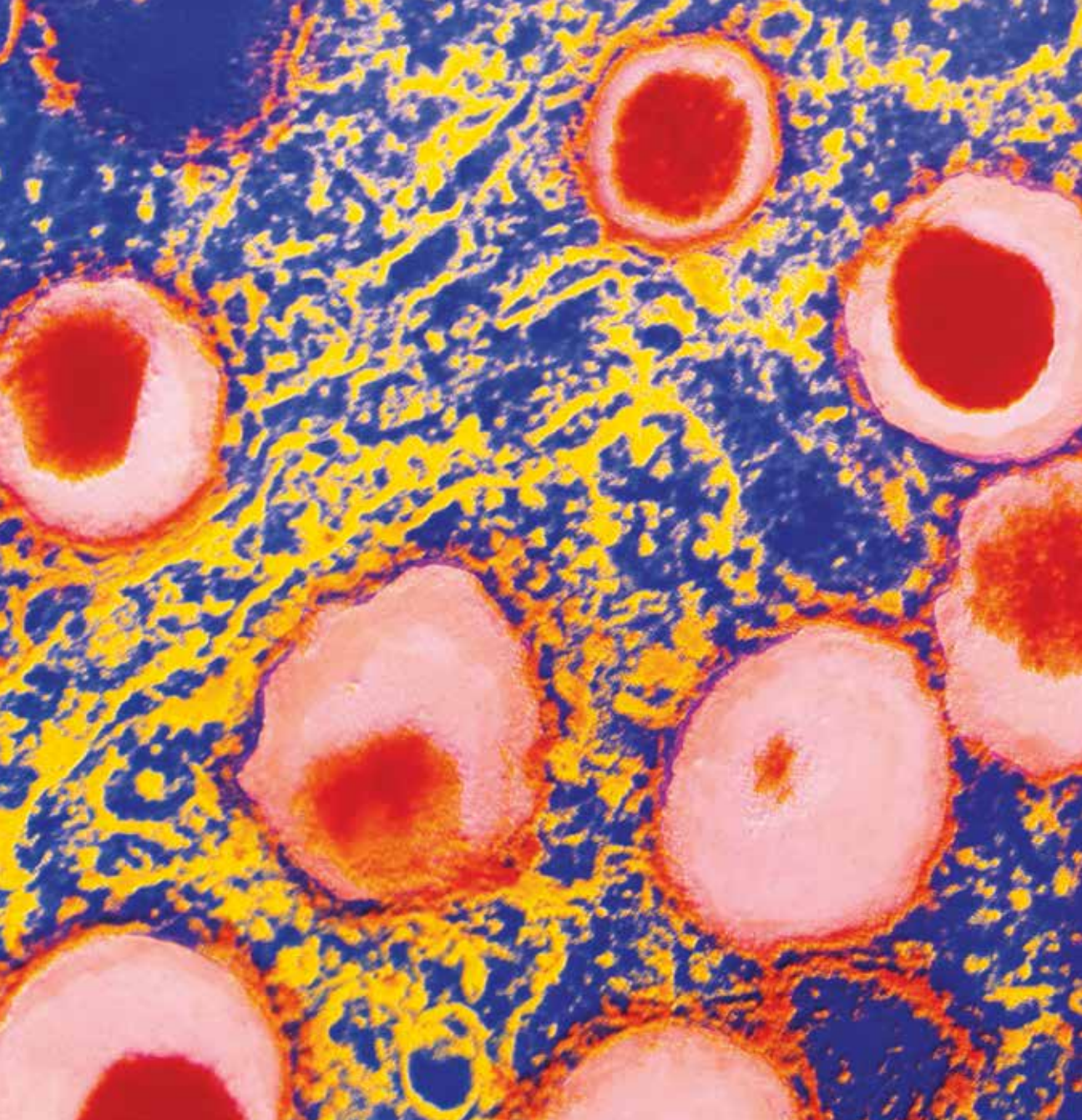
**Donald Shepard** received a 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who.

**Deborah Stone** received the 2017 James Madison Award from the American Political Science Association.

**David Weil** was awarded the Father Edward F. Boyle, S.J., Award from the Labor Guild "for his impact on national labor law and his prolific writing and teaching at the intersection of labor and legal studies." The Labor Guild, an agency of the Archdiocese of Boston, is a membership organization of more than 1,800 individuals, organizations and institutions involved in all aspects of labor-management relations. The award was presented at the 51st annual Cushing-Gavin Awards Dinner in Boston on Dec. 1, 2017.




PROFESSOR JOSEPH ASSAN IN CLASS



## Has Diabetes Control Hit a Ceiling?

Saeid Shahraz finds a plateau in glucose control among U.S. diabetes patients



In a November 2017 research letter published in *JAMA* (the *Journal of the American Medical Association*), scientist Saïd Shahrâz, PhD'14, and coauthors described an apparent plateau in glycemic control among adult diabetes patients in the U.S. from 2007-14.

Shahrâz notes in the opening line of the letter that over 30 million people in the U.S. had diabetes in 2014. Glycemic control, or blood glucose management, is an essential aspect of diabetes care and is strongly related to vascular complications associated with diabetes, such as loss of eyesight, kidney function, stroke and heart attack. Despite increases in blood glucose testing and awareness during the same period, overall blood glucose control levels (measured by HbA1C) held steady.

Diabetes is a risk factor for other conditions, as well as an outcome of other risk factors, such as obesity. The recommended blood sugar level is under constant debate and may depend on many factors, such as the patient's age and overall health and disease profile.

For many patients, especially older patients with multiple conditions, the side effects of keeping blood glucose below a strict threshold may generate more discomfort (e.g. hypoglycemia and falls) than is worthwhile. At the same time, younger diabetic patients benefit the most from diabetes management. Previous research, including that done by Shahrâz, shows that diabetes control in younger age groups is not as good as that in older age groups.

When asked to speculate on the reasons behind this observed plateau, Shahrâz notes that there's currently not a cogent theory that explains it. "Glycemic control was getting better and better for a long time, but to be fair we don't know what an amazing level of

glycemic control would be. What we discovered here is simply the fact that there has been a plateau. Is it a self-limiting curve? We don't know. Will it get better with new diabetes interventions over time? We don't know."

The study was conducted in partnership with colleagues at Tufts Medical Center and Iowa State University. Coauthor and Associate Dean for Research Cindy Parks Thomas, PhD'00, notes that this paper fits into the larger portfolio of quality of care research conducted at Heller. "Understanding health system quality and the role of social determinants that lead to

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improved health care and healthier communities is a main focus across many of the Heller research institutes," she says. "This study provides important new insight into the complex link between patient care and health outcomes across different populations."

Shahrâz's goal in future studies is to link this phenomenon to mortality data, to show whether patients with poor glycemic control are suffering from higher rates of diabetes-related mortality. He also hopes to look at the data by subgroups, to see how these trends are playing out for patients of different races or living in different geographic regions.

"We know there are huge disparities by subgroups that may be canceling each other out," says Shahrâz, "but we were looking at the big picture here — and it's plateaued. We hope this paper triggers thinking around a broad theory that explains this trend."

**Joshua Ellsworth, MA SID'07**, was a co-designer and co-facilitator for “Culture Cannot Wait: Preserving Heritage in a Time of Crisis,” a three-day expert workshop sponsored by the Rose Art Museum. Participants in the workshop, which was held Nov. 7-9, 2017, included Brandeis faculty and outside experts in the field of heritage and humanitarian work.

**Joshua Ellsworth** served as an instructor on the “Project Planning for Social Impact Workshop Series” at the Hartford (Ct.) Seminary International Peacemaking Program on Nov. 13, 2017. He designed and led the first of three annual workshops on project planning for students in an interfaith dialogue and Doctorate of Ministry program. The workshop covered concepts and methods of project planning to promote peacebuilding and sustainable development within a range of social and political contexts.

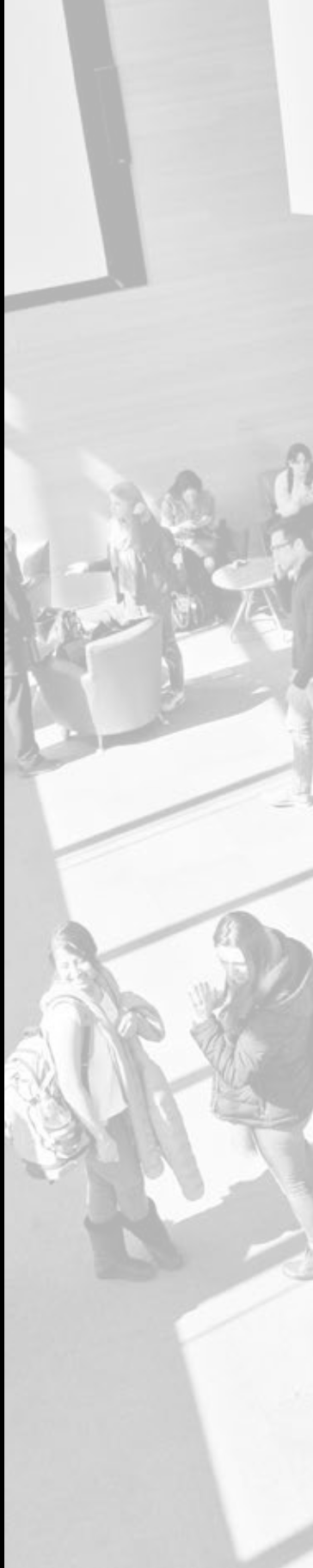
**Joshua Ellsworth** was a co-designer and instructor for the 2017 Get Good Stuff Done Workshop Series at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He serves as the only non-MIT member of a team with colleagues from multiple MIT centers developing and coordinating the series, which examines theories and tools for ethically engaging communities in the co-design of development innovations. Ellsworth was co-instructor on two workshops:

- » “A Systems Approach to Getting Good Stuff Done: Framing the Problem and Theory of Change,” Nov. 16, 2017.
- » “Getting Good Stuff Done Collaboratively: Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement,” Nov. 30, 2017.

On Oct. 18, 2017, the **Health Industry Forum**, under the leadership of chairman **Stuart Altman** and executive director **Robert Mechanic**, hosted a forum in Washington, D.C., titled “Can New Technology and Delivery Model Innovation Lead to Meaningful Reductions in U.S. Health Spending?”

On Oct. 23, 2017, the **Lurie Institute for Disability Policy** hosted “JFK and Another Civil Rights Movement: People With Intellectual Disabilities.” This panel discussion, moderated by Professor Eileen McNamara, included panelists K. Charlie Lakin, Amy Robison, Derek Nord, Deborah Spitalnik and Sue Swenson.

The **Lurie Institute** held its Annual Distinguished Lecture on Nov. 8, 2017. This year’s distinguished lecturer was David Mandell, ScD, director of the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research and associate director of the Center for Autism Research at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. His presentation was titled “The Broken Links Between Policy and Practice in Autism Care.”



The launch of the **Opioid Policy Research Collaborative (OPRC)** on Nov. 16, 2017, included a screening of the HBO documentary film “Warning: This Drug May Kill You” at Brandeis. The film was followed by a panel discussion of policy implications with the film’s producer, Perri Peltz; **Andrew Kolodny**, co-director of the OPRC; MaryLou Sudders, Massachusetts secretary of health and human services; Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, president and CEO of the Dimock Center; and panel moderator Cynthia MacFadden, senior legal and investigative correspondent for NBC News.

Following the documentary events, Brandeis President Ron Liebowitz and his wife Jessica hosted a dinner and salon-style conversation with Senator Edward J. Markey, Congresswoman Katherine Clark and other distinguished guests. These events were sponsored by the **Schneider Institutes for Health Policy**, the **Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center to Improve System Performance of Substance Use Disorder Treatment**, and the **Massachusetts Health Policy Forum** (**Michael Doonan, PhD’02**, executive director).

OPRC, based in the **Institute for Behavioral Health** at the Heller School’s Schneider Institutes for Health Policy, is advancing desperately needed scholarship on interventions to address the opioid addiction epidemic. OPRC serves as a primary resource for state and federal health officials, policymakers and private organizations and plays prominent roles in providing cutting-edge research, offering innovative policy initiatives, serving as a convener and collaborator, and communicating activities, outcomes and accomplishments.

The **Relational Coordination Research Collaborative (RCRC)**, under the leadership of executive director **Jody Hoffer Gittel**, held its seventh annual RCRC Roundtable in Copenhagen in October 2017. The topic was “Creating Change Through Trust-Based Relationships,” and the event included presentations and panel discussions from Professor Gittel; RCRC Research Director **Lauren Hajar, PhD’16**; PhD candidates **Cady Landa** and **Kimberly Lucas**; PhD students **Hebatallah Naim Ali** and **Sana Shaikh**; and Heller alumnae Anne Douglass, PhD’09, and Lynn Garvin, PhD’14.

**RCRC** held its monthly Research Webinar series during the fall. Each webinar features an RCRC partner who is at the early, middle, late or completed stage of his or her research, as well as an invited discussant. RCRC director **Jody Hoffer Gittel** serves as facilitator. Fall 2017 webinars included:

- » September: “Organizing for Student Success: A Proposal for Relational Coordination in Higher Education”; Presenter: Jeff Grim, University of Michigan; Discussant: **Susan Gershenfeld**

- » October: “Factors and Processes Underlying Increases of Relational Coordination in Task-Coordinating Groups”; Presenter: Jim Best, Saybrook University; Discussant: John Paul Stephens, Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Management
- » November: “Relational Coordination and Sustainability”; Presenter: Elli Meleti, University of Glasgow; Discussant: Anne Douglass, PhD’09, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- » December: “Testing Innovative Interventions — The Workforce Crisis in Residential Care”; Presenters: **Laura Lorenz, PhD’08**, **Marji Erikson Warfield, PhD’91**, PhD candidate **Frances Schechter Raede** and PhD student **Hebatallah Naim Ali**; Discussant: **Christine Bishop**

During the monthly RC Café, **RCRC** partners lead a discussion on a topic of mutual interest. The following cafes were held during fall 2017:

- » September: “Building Relational Coordination Across Organizational Boundaries,” led by Dana Minbaeva, Copenhagen Business School, and **Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld**
- » October: “Building RC for Community Health and Wellness — A New Frontier,” led by Sally Retecki, CareOregon, and Sally Kraft, Dartmouth Hitchcock
- » November: “Measuring RC for Organizational Change: Update on Tools,” led by Michael Noce, RC Analytics
- » December: “Back by Popular Demand: The RC Survey Report (and Results),” led by Michael Noce, RC Analytics

The **Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy** co-hosted and organized a conference titled “K-12 School Integration: Building a Future-Facing Vision, Strategy and System of Support,” held July 27-28, 2017, in New York City.

The **Sillerman Center** co-sponsored and organized the 2017 Northeast Youth Philanthropy Gathering with the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation. This event, for youth philanthropists ages 12-21 and the adults who support them, was held on Oct. 22, 2017, at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. **Sheryl Seller ’11, MA’13**, assistant director of the Sillerman Center, co-presented “Striking at the Root: Social Justice Philanthropy.” Some key takeaways from the event are that networking, collaboration and increased learning on social and racial justice and philanthropy are more important than ever.

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## PRESENTATIONS

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**Dembo, R.**, and **LaFleur, J.** "Community Health Contexts and Special-Needs Students: Geographic Inequality and the Use of Exclusionary Discipline in the Boston Metropolitan Area." Presented at Northeastern Educational Research Association 2017 Conference, Boston, October 2017.

**Dembo, R., Mitra, M.**, and McKee, M. "The Psychological Consequences of Violence Against People With Disabilities." Presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2017.

**Henry, B.** "Trauma Informed Correctional Care: A Critical Review of the Literature." Presented at National Organization of Forensic Social Workers Annual Conference, Boston, July 2017.



**Henry, B.** “Comparative Analysis of Private Prisons and Human Rights in the United States and Israel.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, August 2017.

**Henry, B.** “Chasing the Scream.” Presented at NASW Reads Book Club, sponsored by National Association of Social Workers chapter, Worcester, Mass., October 2017.

**Henry, B.** “A Social Determinants Life Course Model of Criminal Justice Involvement.” Presented at 17th Annual Diversity Challenge Conference, sponsored by Boston College Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture, Boston, October 2017.

**Henry, B.,** Wassel, N., and Newman-Polk, L. “Social Work Values and Skills — Action for Social Justice in Tumultuous Times.” Presented at National Organization of Forensic Social Workers Annual Conference, Boston, July 2017.

**Powell, R.M.** “Working With Parents With Intellectual Disabilities and Their Families: Strategies and Solutions for Social Workers.” Webinar sponsored by the National Research Center for Parents With Disabilities, September and November 2017.

**Strod, D.,** and Parks, J. “State Solutions in Workforce.” Webinar sponsored by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, July 2017. The series showcases state-level approaches to the behavioral health workforce shortage and featured the Careers of Substance website ([careersofsubstance.org](http://careersofsubstance.org)), which supports the Massachusetts substance use and addictions workforce.

**Zachary, D.** “Advancing Economic Development in Rural America Through Data and Technology.” Presented at the World Summit on the Information Society Forum, Geneva, June 2017.

**Zachary, D.** “The Opportunity Project: A New Model for Creating Digital Tools for the Public Through Cross-Sector Collaboration.” Presented at Public CIO Technology Summit, conference sponsored by Government Technology and corporate partners, Park City, Utah, August 2017.

**Zachary, D.,** Bhatt, R., Churchwell, N., Maron, D., and Simpson, M. “Expanding Opportunity Through Open Data.” Presented at Cisco Live, conference sponsored by Cisco, Las Vegas, June 2017.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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**Mohamed Quscondy Abdulshafi,** MA SID/COEX student, published the following on the *Peace Insight* blog:

- » “Darfur Students Protests Against Discriminatory Measures” From Bakht Alrida University, Aug. 1, 2017.
- » “Sudan Needs to Address Racial Tension to Build Sustainable Peace,” Aug. 1, 2017.

**Mohamed Quscondy Abdulshafi** contributed an Oct. 8, 2017, op-ed to *The Hill*, “U.S. Should Continue Sanctions Against Sudan Until Human Rights Improve.”

**Sasha Albert,** PhD candidate, co-authored the article “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Challenges of and Recommendations for Tracking Local Policy,” which was published in the August 2017 edition of *Grantmakers in Health’s* “Views From the Field.”

MA SID student **Annika Grassl’s** piece “Why Self-Advocacy Is Essential for You — and Everyone Around You” was published in *The Huffington Post* on Dec. 4, 2017.

MA COEX student **Regine Guevara** published an op-ed in the July 22, 2017, *Jerusalem Post* titled “Arabic as an Official Language of the State of Israel.”

**Regine Guevara** published the following blog posts on July 24, 2017:

- » “Youth, Peace and Security Through Education: From Jerusalem to Boston and Beyond,” *Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth*.
- » “Youth, Peace and Security: Lessons for Israeli and Jewish Universities,” *the Times of Israel*.

PhD student **Brandy Henry** was featured in *Focus*, a publication of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, in the following articles:

- » September 2017: “Brandy Henry Presents Research on Trauma.”
- » October 2017: “Criminal Justice Committee Members Present at Social Justice Rising.”
- » November 2017: “Chasing the Scream in Worcester.”

**Benjamin Kreider**, PhD candidate, was quoted in an Aug. 24, 2017, *Washington Post* article titled “Graduate Students Won Right to Organize as Employees, but That Victory Is in Peril Under Trump.”

**Benjamin Kreider** led a workshop on Nov. 15, 2017, for the Brandeis Labor Coalition titled “Labor Unions 101: What They Are, How They Came to Be, and Why We Need Them Now More Than Ever.” Both undergraduate and graduate students attended.

**Benjamin Kreider** was quoted in a Dec. 4, 2017, WBUR piece, “Graduate Students React to Bill’s Proposal to Tax Tuition Benefits.”

**Kerri Leeper, MA COEX’17**, co-authored a Nov. 23, 2017, piece in *African Arguments*, “DRC: Tensions With Refugees Are Rising and the NGO Response Might Be Making It Worse.”

MBA students **Ariela Lovett, Maria Bennett, Biruchait Mengesha, Lena Muntemba** and **Elaine Theriault** presented the work from their Team Consulting Project at a Haverhill, Mass., City Council meeting. The presentation was covered in an Oct. 4, 2017, Lawrence *Eagle-Tribune* article, “Haverhill to Continue Evaluating New Budgeting Process.”

MBA/MA COEX student **Sylvia Murray** published the following on the blog of Euphrates, an international peacebuilding organization where she conducted her practicum:

- » “The Listening Tour: Reflections From Egypt,” Aug. 4, 2017.
- » “The Listening Tour: Reflections From India,” Aug. 4, 2017.

**Anja Parish**, MPP student, published the following:

- » “A Former Immigration Officer’s Argument Against Banning Refugees,” *The Huffington Post*, July 28, 2017.
- » “Gender-Based Violence Against Women: Both Cause for Migration and Risk Along the Journey,” Migration Information Source, Sept. 7, 2017.

**Ye Z. Pogue**, PhD candidate, presented oral testimony to support Mass. House Bill No. 873, “An Act to Protect Fundamental Freedoms and Prohibit Discriminatory Registration Programs,” at the State House in Boston on Oct. 16, 2017.

**Ye Z. Pogue** met with various Massachusetts state-level legislators and their staff, as well as Asian community leaders, to educate them about the unintended harms of House Bill H3361 on Asian data disaggregation.

**Robyn Powell**, PhD candidate, published the following:

- » “Despite Arrests, People With Disabilities Continue to Fight for Their Lives,” *Rewire*, July 7, 2017.
- » “27 Years After the Americans With Disabilities Act, Has the Nation Kept Its Promise of Equality?” *Rewire*, July 26, 2017.
- » “On Eve of ADA Anniversary, Republicans Vote to Set Disability Rights Back Decades,” *The Huffington Post*, July 27, 2017.
- » “Disability Activists Have Been Fighting for All of Us All Along,” *DAME Magazine*, Aug. 2, 2017.
- » “Disabled People Shouldn’t Have to Fight to Be Parents,” *DAME Magazine*, Aug. 15, 2017.
- » “Congress Makes Progress in Destroying the Americans With Disabilities Act,” *Rewire*, Sept. 11, 2017.
- » “How Betsy DeVos’ Title IX Actions Will Hurt Students With Disabilities,” *Rewire*, Oct. 24, 2017.
- » “How Betsy DeVos’ New Actions Will Hurt Students With Disabilities,” *The Contributor*, Oct. 26, 2017.
- » “Republicans’ Proposed Tax Plans Will Have Devastating Consequences for People With Disabilities,” *Rewire*, Nov. 15, 2017.
- » “New Report Shows How ‘School Choice’ Puts Students With Disabilities at Risk,” *Rewire*, Dec. 13, 2017.
- » “The Women With Disabilities Who Fought for Your Health Care This Year,” *Broadly*, Dec. 20, 2017.

**Robyn Powell** was quoted in the following:

- » “Disabled and Disobedient: How ADAPT Activists Blocked the GOP Health Care Bill,” *In These Times*, July 28, 2017.
- » “This Couple May Have Lost Custody of Their Kids Because They Weren’t Smart Enough,” *Deseret News*, July 31, 2017.
- » “What Alec Baldwin Got Right — and Wrong — About the Power of Art at the Emmys,” *Upworthy*, Sept. 18, 2017.
- » “The Quiet Attack on the ADA Making Its Way Through Congress,” *Center for American Progress*, Sept. 22, 2017.
- » “How to Get Disability Accommodations at School,” *Teen Vogue*, Oct. 2, 2017.
- » “The GOP’s Tax Bill Is a War on Disabled People,” *The Daily Beast*, Nov. 9, 2017.

MA SID student **Meghna Ravishankar** published a piece titled “Whose ‘Empowerment?’” on *The Riveter Magazine* blog, Oct. 11, 2017. Associate Professor **Cristina Espinosa** was quoted in the piece.

PhD candidate **Drew Zachary** was interviewed by *Federal News Radio* for its Nov. 30, 2017, segment, “Census Bureau’s Message to Data Innovators: We Can’t Do It Alone.”

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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PhD candidates **Aaron Coleman** and **Yaminette Diaz-Linhart** were selected as Health Policy Research Scholars by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). As two of 40 selected applicants, Coleman and Diaz-Linhart will join a diverse group of scholars from across the country to collaboratively tackle persistent health challenges by creating innovative solutions through their research. The Health Policy Research Scholars program is led by the George Washington University with support from RWJF.

**Brandy Henry**, PhD student, was elected as a member of the AcademyHealth Behavioral Health Services Research Interest Group Advisory Committee.

**Alexis Mann**, PhD candidate, received funding for her dissertation, “Understanding How City-Level Processes Shape Economic and Social Mobility Outcomes,” from the Herman and Freida Miller Foundation, through a subcontract to Brandeis from Northeastern University.

**Gbenga Isaac Oni**, MA COEX student, received a Small Grant for Accountability Journalism and Research from Search for Common Ground Nigeria to complete research work on “Exposure and Effects of Armed Groups on Children in North-Eastern Nigeria.” This study seeks to know, beyond nutritional support, what effects on children have been addressed in the humanitarian intervention in North-East Nigeria from the Boko Haram conflict.

**Robyn Powell**, PhD candidate, was featured as Writer of the Week in *The Establishment*, Oct. 30, 2017.

**Robyn Powell** was awarded a 2017 Maternal and Child Health Student Fellowship from the American Public Health Association.

**Robyn Powell** received the 2017 American Public Health Association Disability Section Student Member Award.

## SOCIAL POLICY

**Maria Madison** contributed to the following:

- » She authored an article in *The Huffington Post* on Oct. 18, 2017, titled “The Role of Museums in Unmasking Society’s Inequities.”
- » She and **Isaac Cudjoe, MA COEX’19**, hosted the nonprofit organization Harlem Lacrosse, an educational program for over 100 teenagers, in a program on civil rights at the Robbins House Inc., Concord, Mass., in October 2017.
- » She participated in a panel discussion hosted by WBUR and the Thoreau Society on “Why Thoreau Still Matters,” held at the Old South Meeting House, Boston, in October 2017.

**Rajesh Sampath** contributed to the following:

- » He was interviewed for *India Abroad’s* Aug. 25, 2017, cover story “American Outcasts: Dalit Community Faces Prejudice of Indian Americans.”
- » He conducted a video interview with Brandeis University Gittler Prize recipient Kimberlé Crenshaw on Oct. 23, 2017, titled “Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality and Social Resistance.”
- » He authored a response in *The Justice* on Nov. 7, 2017, titled “Views on the News: The New Passports.”
- » He authored an op-ed in *The Huffington Post* on Dec. 3, 2017, titled “The Looming Threat That Conservative Justices of SCOTUS Pose to the Obergefell v. Hodges Decision That Legalized Gay Marriage.”

**Suzannah Scanlon ’14** and **Donald Shepard** coauthored an article in *The Huffington Post* on Sept. 12, 2017, titled “What’s the True Price of Trump’s Wall, and What Exactly Are Taxpayers Buying? A Cost-Benefit Analysis.”

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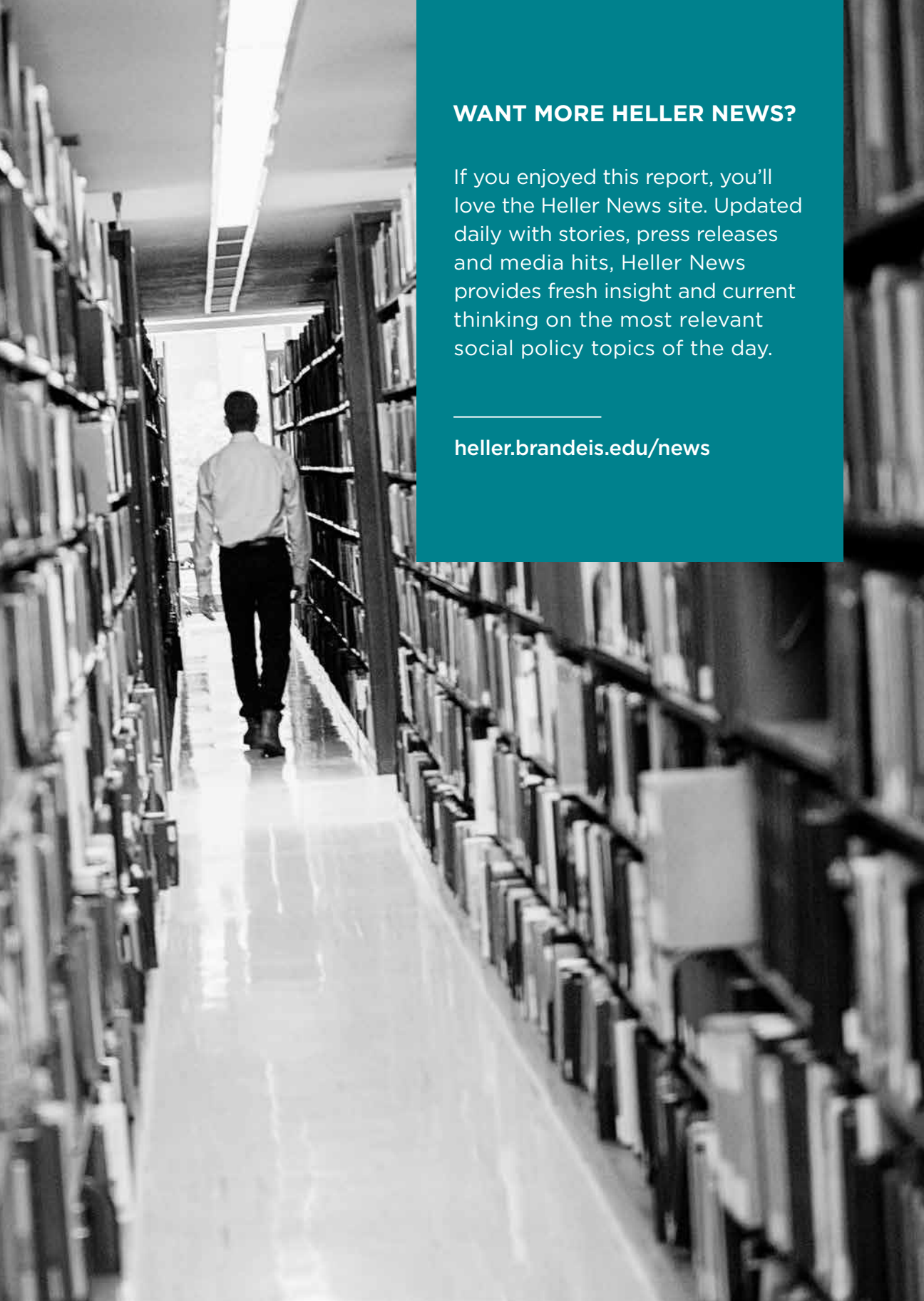
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