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Health


Shepard, D.S. (Ed.). Lifestyle Modification to Control Heart Disease: Evidence and Policy. Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett Publishers, LLC. (2009). The book includes chapters by Heller faculty, researchers, and alumni, as follows:

- Bhalotra, S., Ruwe, M., Strickler, G., Hurley, C., Shepard, D.S., and Ryan, A. Disparities by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in Treatment for Coronary Artery Disease.


International Development


International Health


New Publications (cont.)

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Management


New Grants

Assets and Inequalities

Larry Bailis (PI), Janet Boguslaw, Jonas Parker
“Evaluation of the MoneyWi$e Financial Literacy Program”
Funder: Consumer Action
This project includes evaluation of the training that Consumer Action staff provide to community-based organizations that offer financial literacy education and a collaborative effort among all parties to develop and pilot test mechanisms to learn what happens to low-income consumers in the year after they receive financial literacy education.

Tatjana Meschede (PI), Laura Sullivan
“Negative Health Events and Wealth Trajectories for Working Age Adults: A Longitudinal Analysis and Exploration by Race and Ethnicity”
Funder: PSID small grants/University of Michigan
This study investigates the impact of negative health events on life cycle savings and wealth building with a specific focus on African-Americans and Latinos. Findings will provide new evidence on the long-term implications of health events on family wealth that has not been captured before.

Behavioral Health

Constance Horgan (PI), Sharon Reif
“Doctoral Training/Health Services Research on Alcohol-related Programs”
Funder: NIAAA
Now in its 16th year, the just-renewed NIAAA Doctoral Training Program at the Heller School prepares students to become alcohol-related health services research scholars for teaching and research careers in universities, government agencies, research organizations and major service delivery systems.

Children, Youth, and Families

Susan Curnan (PI)
“Innovating Under Pressure: The Story of the Summer Stimulus in Four Communities”
Funders: U.S. Department of Labor, The Skillman Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Lilly Endowment, Michael Reese Health Trust, Partners for New Communities, Fry Foundation, Chicago Community Trust
A special documentation project with the U.S. Department of Labor of leading best practices and innovations in summer youth employment programs in four communities, including Detroit; Chicago; Phoenix and Maricopa County, AZ; and Indianapolis, in the summer of 2009.
New Grants (cont.)

Children, Youth, and Families (cont.)

Della Hughes (PI), Mia Khera
“Evaluation of Hyams Teen Futures Initiative”
Funder: Hyams Foundation
An evaluation of Teen Futures, a three-year, $3 million initiative designed to improve the success of young people (ages 16-22) who have dropped out of school and are not employed by increasing the number who gain their high school credential and commence a path towards higher education/career training program through increasing the quality and the quantity of programs that combine education, skill development, and employment.

Della Hughes and Susan Curnan (Co-PIs), Mia Khera
“The Good Neighborhood Readiness Phase Evaluation and Learning”
Funder: The Skillman Foundation
An evaluation of the Good Neighborhoods for Kids (GN4K) initiative, a ten-year, $500 million effort to change the odds for 60,000 young people in six Detroit neighborhoods by working with residents and stakeholders to create a strong system of supports and opportunities, high quality schools, neighborhoods that have the capacities and resources to support youth and families, and broader systems and policies that create conditions under which youth can thrive.

Health

Michael Doonan (PI)
“Healthy Aging in Massachusetts”
Funder: Tufts Health Care Foundation
Provided funding for a series of two conferences over the next two years, also including a research the Professor Walter Leutz will author. The first conference will focus on identifying the problem, challenges and best practices. The second will help create an action plan.

Dana Weinberg, Queens College (PI), Jennifer Perloff
“Evaluating the Relationships between Team Coordination and Quality of Care and Patient Outcomes”
Funder: CUNY-Queens College/Commonwealth Fund
This project is designed to look at the nature of team work on hospital units. More specifically, we will be investigating the level of within-profession and cross-profession collaboration using staff surveys and patient outcomes data.

Recent Presentations

Aging


Leutz, W. “Quality in Integrated Long Term Care Systems.” Presented at the Hilltop Institute Home and Community Based Services conference, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, June 2009.

Behavioral Health


Reif, S. “Clinician Patterns in Treatment of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Disorders in the Private Sector.” Presented at the AcademyHealth annual meeting, Chicago, IL, June 2009.

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### Recent Presentations (cont.)

#### Children, Youth, and Families


**Doonan, M.** “Health Care Reform: Will 2009 be the year? Will Massachusetts be the Model?” Presented at Alumni College, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, June 2009.

**Doonan, M.** “Update on Massachusetts Reform.” Presented at the Ohio Health Policy Institute, Columbus, OH, June 2009.


#### Health (cont.)


**Tompkins, C. and Orwat, J.** “A Randomized Trial of Telemonitoring Heart Failure Patients.” Presented to the Ohio Association of Health Plans, Columbus, OH, May 2009.
Recent Presentations (cont.)

Health (cont.)


Halasa, Y. “Analysis of Hospital Costs as a Managerial Tool.” Presented at International Hospital Management Congress, Sharif University, Tehran, Iran, July 2009.


Labor Markets


Management


Recent Presentations (cont.)

**Philanthropy**


**Sociology**


**Public Engagement**

**Aging**

Christine Bishop presented “Private Financing of Long Term Services and Supports in Massachusetts” to the Massachusetts Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Committee in Boston on June 18, 2009.

Janet Giele was quoted in a Boston Globe article on “Aging in Place,” July 9, 2009, in connection with Wellesley At Home, an organization of which she is now president. The article also mentioned that two Heller MBA students completed their Team Consulting Project with the organization in the summer of 2009 to develop its business plan. Giele was also quoted in an August 2009 article in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review about the increasing number of women being arrested for drunken driving.

**Assets and Inequalities**

Research by the Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) and Demos was cited in an article by Jennifer Wheary of Demos, “An Economic Downslide for the African-American and Latino Middle Class,” on the Huffington Post on May 21, 2009.


IASP, Demos, the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and WOW (Wider Opportunities for Women) issued a Joint Statement on “Better Understanding the Economic Security of Seniors” in May 2009.

IASP’s work with the Massachusetts Asset Development Commission was referenced in the Boston Globe on June 25, 2009, in the editorial “How not to help the poor,” and the article “Sweeping welfare changes on tap.”


Thomas Shapiro’s commentary, “Close the Racial Wealth Gap,” was featured as part of CNN’s Race in America series in June 2009. He was also quoted in a July 2009 Detroit Free Press article, “Study finds lower earners use credit as safety net.”
Cindy Thomas was a member of the National Quality Forum’s (NQF) Steering Committee for development and endorsement of measures to improve medication safety and quality. These measures were outlined in the press release, “National Quality Forum Endorses Measures to Improve Medication Safety and Quality,” issued on August 17, 2009. [http://www.qualityforum.org/News_And_resources/Press_Releases](http://www.qualityforum.org/News_And_resources/Press_Releases)

Jody Hoffer Gittell won the Journal of Applied Behavioral Science’s Douglas McGregor Memorial Award for Best Paper of the Year for her article “Relationships and Resilience: Care Provider Responses to Pressures from Managed Care.” The award was announced in the June 2009 issue of the journal.

Lorraine Klerman was chosen as a reviewer for papers to be considered for publication at the Head Start Research Conference, to be held in June 2010.

Lorraine Klerman has been selected as a reviewer for National Institutes of Health Challenge Grants.

**Public Engagement (cont.)**

**Health**

**Stuart Altman** presented his testimony before the United States Senate Committee on Finance, “Financing Comprehensive Health Care Reform,” in Washington, DC on May 12, 2009. With the national debate over healthcare reform in full swing, he was featured and quoted in a variety of print, broadcast, and web media:

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**Social Policy**

**Anita Hill** wrote about the appointment of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor in an opinion piece for the Boston Globe in August.

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**Jody Hoffer Gittell** was chosen to be a National Science Foundation Reviewer for the Panel on Virtual Organizations as Social Systems.

**Dean Lisa Lynch** discussed recent unemployment figures on the Lehrer NewsHour in June and on Fox Business News in August.

**Jody Hoffer Gittell** was on a FOX Business News panel on trends in the airline industry in July.

**Andrew Hahn** was quoted in a July 9, 2009 New York Times article about philanthropy, entitled “Raising Children Who Care in Times that Need It.” He was also quoted in a July 12, 2009 Washington Post article, “Fresh Faces of Philanthropy.”

The Boston Globe covered the Sillerman Center’s June philanthropy conference in a June 25, 2009 article entitled “For philanthropy courses, students become the givers.”

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In August, PhD student Phuong Hoang received a dissertation support award from the Centers for Disease Control. Her study is titled “Optimal Primary Care for Elders: Annual Physicals vs. Comprehensive Care Systems.”

Junya Zhu, M.S., M.A., was awarded funding from the World Health Organization (WHO)’s World Alliance for Patient Safety for her proposed study, “Assessing Patient Safety Culture in Chinese Hospitals: The Development, Validation and Field Test of a Chinese Survey Instrument.”

Andrew Ryan, PhD ’08, was recently awarded the 2009 AcademyHealth Dissertation Award at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Conference for his dissertation, entitled “The Design of Value-Based Purchasing in Medicare: Theory and Empirical Evidence.”

Susan Butler, PhD student, received a fellowship from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for her dissertation, “Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Quality of Substance Abuse Treatment.”

Andrea Acevedo, PhD student, was offered a position as a Presidential Management Fellow at the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). The position is based in Washington, DC. OSD allows its PMFs to customize their fellowship, so Andrea will be able to serve 3-4 month rotations in a variety of agencies, from USAID to the CIA to the State Department.


Julia Simon-Mishel ’09, an undergraduate writing her honors thesis under the supervision of Maria Green, was one of two students awarded the 2009 Lester Martin Prize for the best thesis on a Legal Studies topic. Her thesis topic was “Changing Norms and Actions: National Human Rights Institutions’ Potential Role in Addressing Harmful Traditional Practices.”

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In July, Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson was named Research Clerkship/Visiting Scholar, University of Pittsburgh, School of Public Health, Center for Minority Health for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Donald Shepard was named as a reviewer for National Institutes of Health challenge grant study groups.

### Student Recognition

#### Publications


#### Presentations

Sara Placha-Elliott, PhD student, presented the paper “Youth Becoming Evaluators: Perspectives on the Process from Start to Finish” at a conference in June. The conference was entitled “Building on Family Strengths: Research and Services in Support of Children and Their Families” and was sponsored by the Regional Research Institute for Human Services, Family Support and Children’s Mental Health Research and Training Center, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, June 2009.


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Margaret Levy, MPP ’09, received a Presidential Management Fellowship as a Program Specialist at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, DC.
The Executive Education Program, under the leadership of Jon Chilingerian, Director, and Laura Lorenz, Program Manager, held its annual Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at the Heller School June 14-20, 2009. The program was partially sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education.

The Executive Education Program held a two-day Nurse Executive Leadership Program at the Heller School June 9-11, 2009. The program was a collaboration of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and Schneider Institutes for Health Policy.


The Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy cosponsored Judy’s Workshop with the Brandeis Education Program on May 7, 2009. The theme of the program was “The Intersection of Health and Education.”

The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum held a program on “Putting the Mouth Back in the Body: Improving Oral Health Across the Commonwealth” on June 16, 2009. Speakers included Senator Harriette Chandler, Representative John Scibak, Conan Davis from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Catherine Hayes from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Frank Robinson from Partners for a Healthier Community, Libby Mullin from Mullin Strategies, Stewart Landers from the MA Department of Public Health, and Judith Jones from Boston University School of Dental Medicine.

The Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy hosted “Teaching Philanthropy with a Giving Component,” on June 12, 2009 at the Heller School. Representatives attended from over 20 colleges and universities that offer philanthropy courses where students allocate actual funds to local non-profits. The conference featured student and faculty panels, as well as a talk by Doris Buffett from the Sunshine Lady Foundation. The conference was co-sponsored by Campus Compact and the Sunshine Lady Foundation. Claudia Jacobs moderated a panel of faculty who taught philanthropy courses. Elenore Garton was a member of a panel of faculty discussing curriculum. Andrew Hahn provided welcoming remarks.