

# Heller Highlights

## *Recent Achievements of Faculty and Researchers at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management Brandeis University*

### July 2009

## New Publications

**Bailis, L.N. and Shevitz, S.L. Using Theory for a Change as the Framework for an Evaluation.** *Torah at the Center* 12(1), Winter 2009, published by the Union for Reform Judaism, Department of Lifelong Jewish Learning.

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**Bhalotra, S. and Orwat, J. Prevention.** In Satin, D., *Health Management for Older Adults: Developing an Interdisciplinary Approach.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.

**Bishop, C.E., Ryan, A.M., Gilden, D.M., Kubisiak, J., and Thomas, C.P. Effect of an Expenditure Cap on Low-Income Seniors' Drug Use and Spending in a State Pharmacy Assistance Program.** *Health Services Research.* E-pub March 5, 2009. <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/122241182/PDFSTART>

**Bishop, C.E., Squillace, M., Meagher, J., Anderson, W.L., and Weiner, J.M. Nursing Home Work Practices and Certified Nursing Assistants' Job Satisfaction.** *The Gerontologist.* E-pub April 1, 2009. <http://gerontologist.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/gnp040>

Flynn, P.M., Broome, K.M., Beaston-Blaakman, A., Knight, D.K., Horgan, C.M., and Shepard, D.S. **Treatment Cost Analysis Tool (TCAT) for estimating costs of outpatient treatment services.** *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* 100:47-53, 2009.

**Gil, D. Social Development as Sustainable Global Justice.** *Taiwanese Journal of Social Welfare* 7(2), 2009.

**Hahn, A. They Are Back! Summer Jobs Return for Poor Kids, and a Confession.** *Youth Today: The newspaper on youth work* Viewpoints: 22, April 2009.

**Hodgkin D., Horgan, C.M., Garnick, D.W., and Merrick, E.L. Benefit limits for behavioral healthcare in private health plans.** *Administration and Policy in Mental Health* 36(1):15-23, 2009.

**Horgan, C.M., Garnick, D.W., Merrick, E.L., and Hodgkin, D. Changes in how health plans deliver behavioral health services.** *Journal of Behavioral Health Services Research* 36(1):11-24, 2009.

**Kaufman, J. Infectious Disease Challenges in China.** In Freeman, C.W. and Lu, X. (eds.), *China's Capacity to Manage Infectious Diseases: Global Implications.* Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2009. [http://csis.org/files/media/isis/pubs/090325\\_freeman\\_chinacapacity\\_web.pdf](http://csis.org/files/media/isis/pubs/090325_freeman_chinacapacity_web.pdf)

**Kaufman, J. Measuring reproductive health: Moving from contraceptive prevalence to human development.** In Reichenbach, L. and Roseman, M. (eds.), *Reproductive Health and Human Rights: The Way Forward.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009.

**Klerman, L.V. and Dawson, P. Helping plan the next pregnancy.** *Zero to Three* 29(4): 28-32, 2009.

**Lorenz, L.S. Review: Picturing pity: Pitfalls and pleasures in cross-cultural communication.** *Visual Studies* 24(1): 86-87, 2009.

**Mechanic, R. and Altman, S. Payment Reform Options: Episode Payment is a Good Place to Start.** *Health Affairs* 28, no. 2 (2009): w262-w271. Published online January 27, 2009; <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/28/2/w262>

**Melchior, A. A Wake-Up Call for Service Learning.** *Growing to Greatness 2009: The State of Service-Learning,* published by the National Youth Leadership Council, 2009.

**Meschede, T., Sullivan, L., and Shapiro, T. Living Longer on Less in Massachusetts: The New Economic (In)Security of Seniors.** Report from the Institute on Assets and Social Policy, March 2009.

## New Publications (cont.)

Meschede, T., Shapiro, T., and Wheary, J. **Living Longer on Less: The New Economic (In)Security of Seniors.** Report from Demos and the Institute on Assets and Social Policy, January 2009.

Pololi, L., Carr, P., Conrad, P., and Knight, S. **A study of the relational aspects of the culture of academic medicine.** *Academic Medicine* 84(1):106-114, 2009.

Santos, P. and Mechanic, R. **Specialty Pharmaceuticals: Policy Options to Promote Access and Affordability.** Policy Brief: Brandeis University and The Health Industry Forum: Waltham MA, January 2009. <http://healthforum.brandeis.edu/meetings/materials/2008-2-October/Policy-Brief.pdf>

Suaya, J. A., Shepard, D.S., Siqueira, J.B., Martelli, C.T., Lum, L.C.S., Tan, L.H., Kongsin, S, Jiamton, S., Garrido, F., Montoya, R., Armien, B., Huy, R., Castillo, L., Caram, M., Sah, B.K., Sughayyar, R., Tyo, K.R., Halstead, S.B. **Cost of dengue cases in eight countries in the Americas and Asia: a prospective study.** *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 80(5):846–855, 2009. Web: <http://www.ajtmh.org/cgi/reprint/80/5/846>.

Sullivan, L., Meschede, T., and Shapiro, T. **Enhancing Social Security for Low-Income Workers: Coordinating an Enhanced Minimum Benefit with Social Safety Net Provisions for Seniors.** *Social Science Research Network*, [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1371068](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1371068), 2009.

Thomas, C. and Prottas, J. **Implementation of the MassHealth Pharmacy Program.** Report to Community Catalyst, February 2009.

Tompkins, C., Higgins, A. and Ritter, G. **Measuring Outcomes And Efficiency in Medicare Value-Based Purchasing.** *Health Affairs* 28, no. 2 (2009): w251–w261, published online January 27, 2009. <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/28/2/w251>

Tompkins, C., Ritter, G., Ryan, A., Nsa, W., Burgess, J. and Bratzler, D. **Composite Measures for Public Reporting.** Final Report to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, January 2009.

Venner, S. and Parker, J. **Achieving Greater Financial Stability: The Role of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Financial Education in Advancing the Asset Formation Efforts of Community Action Agencies.** Report for MASSCAP (Massachusetts Association for Community Action), February 2009.

## New Grants

**Christine Bishop (PI)**  
**“Private Funding for Long-Term Care in Massachusetts”**

Funder: Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute  
*This project will prepare background for the Massachusetts Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Committee concerning the use of private resources for long-term services and supports in Massachusetts. The project will also carry out Massachusetts-specific analyses of assets available for long-term services and supports.*

**Joan Kaufman (PI)**  
**“Supporting Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation HIV Program Development in China”**

Funder: Gates Foundation/Family Health International  
*Working as a technical advisor to the Foundation for the development of a set of activities to better link the efforts of AIDS NGOs to government efforts to control AIDS in China. Developing a training course and strategic plan with indicators and milestones to better foster and evaluate government and NGO collaboration on the AIDS response in the 15 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation project sites.*

**Alan Melchior (PI), Tracy Cutter, Chris Kingsley**  
**“Evaluation of FIRST LEGO League”**

Funder: U.S. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)  
*The FIRST LEGO League (FLL) involves over 135,000 students in 42 countries in robotics competitions based on the LEGO Mindstorms robotics kits. This 18-month study will evaluate the FLL program in Iowa and includes both a process study focusing on the expansion of the program within the state and a study of the impacts of the program on participants.*

**Alan Melchior (PI), Sadie Miller**  
**“Summer of Service Evaluation Toolkit”**

Funder: Innovations in Civic Participation  
*This project will develop an evaluation toolkit for use by practitioners operating Summer of Service (SOS) service-learning programs for middle and high school aged youth. Innovations in Civic Participation has been a national leader in the movement to create a federally-funded Summer of Service program, which was included in the recently passed Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.*

## New Grants (cont.)

**Donald Shepard (PI), Veronika Ancukuwicz, Aung Lwin, Wu Zeng**

**“Developing and Testing Intervention Costing Tools for Substance Abuse Treatment”**

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Substance Abuse Policy Research Program

*This project will develop and test two Excel-based costing tools (called Planner and Analyst) for estimating the costs of implementing evidence-based practices in substance abuse treatment.*

**Donald Shepard (PI), Aung Lwin**

**“Cost-effectiveness of Vector Control to Help Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis”**

Funder: The Task Force for Global Health

*This project will examine the cost-effectiveness of strategies to control the mosquito which transmits lymphatic filariasis, a debilitating tropical illness, and hasten the disease’s elimination.*

**Donald Shepard (PI)**

**“Restructuring Services for Drug Abusing TANF Women”**

Funder: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/Subcontract to Center on Addictions and Substance Abuse (CASA)

*Heller is conducting the economic analysis of intensive case management for women with substance abuse disorders who are receiving public assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families).*

**Cindy Thomas (PI), Stanley Wallack, Christopher Tompkins**

**“Tufts Clinical and Translation Science Institute”**

Funder: Tufts University/Subcontract to NIH

*This project is a multiple institution consortium led by Tufts University, with the goal of transforming the research and training environment to enhance the efficiency and quality of clinical and translational research. The CTSA program is led by the National Center for Research Resources, part of the National Institutes of Health.*

**Cindy Thomas (PI), Constance Horgan, Deborah Garnick**

**“Technical and Assistance Support Services for Quality Improvement and Finance Programs”**

Funder: Synergy Enterprises/SAMHSA

*This project will develop performance measures for medication in substance abuse treatment.*

**Christopher Tompkins (Project Director); Thomas Croghan, MD, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (PI)**

**“Measure, Instrument Development, and Support (MIDS)”**

Funder: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

*This is an umbrella contract that CMS will use for work related to quality measures.*

**Christopher Tompkins (Project Director); Myles Maxfield, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (PI)**

**“Resource Use Reports, Phase 2, Physician Value-Based Purchasing”**

Funder: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

*CMS must submit a Report to Congress in early 2010 regarding how Medicare might implement a physician value-based purchasing program, and must distribute reports to physicians on their resource use and value serving Medicare beneficiaries.*

**Christopher Tompkins (Project Director)**

**“Physician Quality Reporting Initiative”**

Funder: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); Iowa Foundation for Medical Care

*Heller is helping to specify new measures for 2009, and helping to improve the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative in general.*

**Christopher Tompkins (Lead Analyst for Evaluation)**

**“Hospital Leadership Quality Assessment Tool”**

Funder: Commonwealth Fund; University of Iowa

*A new survey tool measuring hospital leadership and targeted Technical Assistance Protocols will be field-tested and evaluated on a national basis to learn whether improvements in hospital leadership activities also lead to improvements in hospital quality.*

**Stanley Wallack (PI), Gary Gaumer, Joanne Beswick, Marwa Farag, Seyed Moaven Razavi**

**“Health Systems Analysis Support: Hospital Leadership Quality”**

Funder: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

*The research team will conduct an analysis of health care financing topics related to product and disease specific issues (e.g., malaria) as well as institutions that provide or channel financing for product and intervention uptake to developing countries (e.g., Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, Global Fund, multilateral development banks).*

**Stanley Wallack (PI), Cindy Thomas, Stuart Altman, Robert Mechanic, Palmira Santos, Signe Peterson Flieger, Saleema Moore**

**“Provider and Payer Costs and Cost Trends”**

Funder: Commonwealth of Massachusetts/Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

*This project will create a report and hold hearings on health care cost trend drivers.*

## Recent Presentations

Alford, D.P., Almeida, A.B., Saitz, R., **Brolin, M.**, Kim, T.W., Shanahan, C.W., Botticelli, M. and Samet, J. **“Should Adults Who Screen Negative for Unhealthy Substance Abuse Be Rescreened Annually?”** Presented at the Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Miami Beach, FL, May 2009.

Curnan, S.P. **“Preparing Our Kids for Education, Work, and Life.”** Seminar for faculty and doctoral students, presented at the Lynch School of Education, Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology Program, Boston College, Boston, MA, March 2009.

**Dunigan, R.** Guest presenter. **“Addiction Treatment with Diverse Populations.”** Harvard Medical School Continuing Education, Boston, MA, March 2009.

**Espinosa, C.** Session Chair, “Spirituality, Ethnicity and Health,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, March 2009. Prof. Espinosa presented on **“Ethnic Spirituality, Gender and Health Care in the Peruvian Amazon,”** as part of the session. Heller Adjunct Associate Professor **Ellen Messer** served as discussant for the session.

**Garton, E.** **“America’s Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness.”** Presentation of the Wilson Foundation’s study at a Congressional Briefing, Washington, DC, March 2009.

**Garton, E.** **“Social Justice Philanthropy Ideals and Practices.”** Presented at the Council on Foundations Family Foundations Conference, Indianapolis, IN, February 2009.

**Gil, D.** **“Perspectives on Social Justice.”** Presented at Round Table, Pembroke College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, March 2009.

**Gittell, J.H.** **“Is the Doctor In? A Relational Approach to Job Design and the Coordination of Work.”** Featured Speaker, Ohio State University Medical Center Grand Rounds, Columbus, OH, April 2009.

**Gittell, J.H.** **“Is the Doctor In? A Relational Approach to Job Design and the Coordination of Work.”** Presented at the Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, January 2009.

**Green, M.** **“Article 13 and Its Silences: Human Rights, Development, and the Limits of Universality.”** Presented at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th Anniversary Speaker Series, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, January 2009.

**Green, M.** **“Engaging the UN Human Rights System Around Climate Change.”** Presented at the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee’s Climate Change Roundtables, Cambridge, MA, January 2009.

**Kaufman, J.** **“China’s AIDS Epidemic: Update and Challenges.”** Presented at the Harvard Club of New York, April 2009.

**Mechanic, R.** **“Grand Rounds on Healthcare Reform.”** Presented at Cleveland Clinic, Weston, FL, January 2009.

**Nguyen, H.** **“The Acculturation and Adaptation of Mexican and Vietnamese Youth.”** Presented at Jacobs Foundation Conference, “Capitalizing on Migration: The Potential of Immigrant Youth,” Marbach Castle, Ohningen, Germany, April 2009.

**Nsiah-Jefferson, L.** **“The Health of Adolescents of Color: Perspectives on Intersectionality.”** Presented at the Harvard School of Public Health, April 2009.

**Nsiah-Jefferson, L.** **“Health Care Policy and the New Obama Administration.”** Guest lecture, “Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health” class, Boston University School of Public Health, April 2009.

**Nsiah-Jefferson, L.** **“Measuring Health Disparities.”** Guest lecture, “Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health” class, Boston University School of Public Health, February 2009.

Reich, R., **Lynch, L.**, Kochan, T., Sleigh, S., Szymanski, P., Scully, M., and **Gittell, J.H.** **“Can Corporate Social Responsibility Work in an Era of Supercapitalism?”** Presented at the Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, January 2009.

**Reif, S.** **“Does Chronic Disease Affect Substance Abuse Treatment Utilization by Alcohol and Drug Dependent Adults?”** Presented at Integrating Services, Integrating Research for Co-Occurring Conditions Conference, Bethesda, MD, March 2009.

## Recent Presentations (cont.)

**Shapiro, T. “Poverty and Wealth Building Amidst a Mortgage Meltdown and Recession.”** Presented at the Provost’s Lecture Series, Duke University, Durham, NC, March 2009.

**Shepard, D.S. “Economic Analysis of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).”** Presented at 2009 Annual Meeting of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee for Neglected Tropical Diseases, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, April 2009.

**Shepard, D.S. “Economic Models for Evaluating Health Interventions and the Implications for Pneumococcal Vaccination: Structures, Data Sources, Key Parameters, and Economies of Scale.”** Presented at Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal Disease Prevention (ASAP) Regional Summit, Taipei, Taiwan, March 2009.

Timraz, N., **Klerman, L.V.**, Ramey, S.L., and Lanzi, R.G. **“Rapid Subsequent Births among Teenage Mothers.”** Poster session, Society for Research in Child Development 2009 Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO, April 2009.

**Wittenberg, E. “Health State Valuation Methods.”** Guest lecture presented to “Cost-Effectiveness and Cost-Benefit Analysis in Public Health and Medicine” class, Harvard School of Public Health, April 2009.

## Public Engagement

**Stuart Altman** made numerous appearances in print and broadcast media to discuss President Obama’s plans for health care reform. In January he discussed retiree spending on **WBUR’s “Here and Now”** and weighed in on fixing the healthcare crisis on **PBS’ NewsHour with Jim Lehrer**. He also discussed “Kennedy’s 40-Year Push for Universal Coverage” on WBUR in January and revisited the early 90s health care reform efforts in “No Harry and Louise” in **Newsweek** in March. Also in March, he was also quoted in the **New York Times** in “Massachusetts Faces Costs of Big Health Care Plan” and in the **Huffington Post’s** blog on “Zeke Emanuel, Obama’s Health Care Alchemist.” In April alone, he compared the Canadian and US health care systems with **“Dan Rather Reports;”** graded Obama’s health care initiatives for **NPR** in “Obama and Health Care: Big Hurdles Yet to Come;” and weighed the pros and cons of long-term care coverage in “Long-Term Care Gains Attention in Health Reform” on WBUR.

**Robert Dunigan** served as a faculty mentor and reviewer at the NIDA Special Populations Research Development Seminar Series workshop in Washington, DC, April 2009.

An article by Eileen Appelbaum, **Jody Hoffer Gittel**, and Carrie Leana, **“High Performance Work Practices and Economic Recovery,”** appeared on **LERA Commons**, the blog of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, in March 2009.

In April 2009, the **Waltham Daily News Tribune** reported on the visit of students from **Maria Green** and **Eric Olson’s** Right to Water class to the Milford Water Company.

In March 2009 **Maria Green** served as a Resource Person (one of a small group of outside human rights experts expressly asked to participate) in the United Nations’ annual month-long online HURITALK discussion of human rights and development, which includes United Nations Development Programme staff from all over the world.

The **Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP)** drafted the Progress Report of the Massachusetts Asset Development Commission, which appeared in January 2009. In the report, the Commission, appointed by Governor Patrick and the state legislature, puts forward 18 recommendations for immediate administrative and legislative action. The Commission’s mission is to “ensure Massachusetts residents, especially those who are low and moderate income or asset poor, throughout life, have opportunities to develop the assets necessary for sustainable economic security and improved quality of life, and the capacity to end intergenerational cycles of poverty.” <http://iasp.brandeis.edu/pdfs/MADCprogressreportweb.pdf>

**IASP** research was cited in a Boston Globe editorial, **“Good news from the tax man,”** that appeared in April 2009. The editorial cited the recent IASP study of the economic benefits experienced by low income families receiving EITC and financial education.

**IASP’s** study was quoted in the *Insurance News Net* article, **“What does \$10,000 a year cost? Why Income Annuities might offer the best value for retirees,”** by John Rafferty, Vice President Annuity Marketing, American General Life Companies, in March 2009.

## Public Engagement (cont.)

In February 2009, the **Institute for Behavioral Health** coordinated a one-day expert panel meeting in Washington DC focused on developing performance measures for medication-assisted treatment for addiction. **Cindy Thomas** chaired the meeting which was sponsored by the Washington Circle, a multidisciplinary group supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and focused on policy and performance measurement for addictions. **Constance Horgan** chaired a panel focused on approaches in the private sector and **Deborah Garnick** chaired a panel focused on the public sector.

**Joan Kaufman** was interviewed by the Associated Press about swine flu in China, May 2009.

**Peter Kreiner** and **Carol Probst** participated in a regional meeting of 15 Prescription Monitoring Programs (PMP) administrators and staff from nine southern states in Birmingham, AL, in April 2009. Participants identified a number of emerging issues, including data security and the easy availability of prescription drugs in states such as Florida which do not have a prescription monitoring program.

The economic crisis gave Dean **Lisa Lynch** many opportunities to address the public and the media. She and Brandeis International Business School Dean Bruce Magid presented a Brandeis Spotlight event on “**Depressing, but it’s no Depression**” in March. She was the subject of a Boston Globe profile, “Exciting times, for an economist,” in January. She discussed the January unemployment statistics on PBS’ NewsHour and the February unemployment statistics on Minnesota Public Radio.

**Thomas McLaughlin** published the article “**A Cheat Sheet for a Down Economy**” in the *Nonprofit Times Weekly* in March 2009.

**Robert Mechanic** made a presentation to the Connecticut State Legislature on “**Controlling Healthcare Spending**” at the Connecticut Healthcare Forum, February 2009.

**Tatjana Meschede** discussed “Living Longer on Less: The Economic (In)Security of Seniors” in an interview with KOHO radio, Leavenworth, WA, February 2009.

**Tatjana Meschede** provided written testimony to the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging in February 2009. Her report was entitled “**Boomer Bust? Securing Retirement in a Volatile Economy.**”

**Tatjana Meschede** was interviewed by *WirtschaftsWoche*, a German magazine, on the decline of the U.S. middle class, March 2009.

**Tatjana Meschede** was quoted in the article “**Study Finds Today’s Seniors Face Uncertain Economic Future,**” published by *Aging News Alert* in April 2009.

**Huong Nguyen** was invited to attend and participate in the preconference session, **Development in the Context of Immigration: International Perspectives on Emerging Issues** of the Society for Research in Child Development’s Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO, April 2009.

**Thomas Shapiro** appeared on a CBS News story in February entitled “Economic Woes for the Elderly.” He discussed the IASP report on “Living Longer on Less: The Economic (In)Security of Seniors.”

## Honors/Awards

**Susan P. Curnan** was appointed to two Topical Interest Group Peer Review Panels of the **American Evaluation Association** in March 2009. The panels are on “Organizational Learning and Evaluation Capacity Building” and “Nonprofit and Foundation Evaluation.”

**Jody Hoffer Gittell** was appointed to a **National Science Foundation** review committee in May 2009.

In March 2009, **Dominic Hodgkin, Cindy Thomas, Linda Simoni-Wastila, Grant Ritter,** and **Sue Lee** received an Excellence Award from the *International Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, for their paper “**The Effect of a Three-Tier Formulary on Antidepressant Utilization and Expenditures.**”

**Laura Lorenz** was named a Member of the Defense Centers for Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, Community-Based Partnerships Working Group, Building Bridges to Support Military and Veteran Families Collaborative Working Group in February 2009.

**Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson** was appointed Senior Fellow, National Center for Health Behavioral Change, Inc., Urban Medical Institute, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, in February 2009.

**Marji Erickson Warfield** began her tenure as Chair of the **Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Fund** scientific review panel in March of 2009.

# Student Recognition

## Honors/Awards

**Khitam Abu-Hamad**, PhD student, was accepted into the 2009-2010 Population Research Bureau's Population Policy Communication Fellows program.

**Khitam Abu-Hamad** also received a research grant from the Palestinian American Research Center.

**Andrea Acevedo**, PhD student, was recently awarded 2 years of F31 funding from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) to complete her dissertation, "Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Quality of Substance Abuse Treatment."

MPP students **Audrey Etlinger** and **Brian Schon** were awarded summer internships through the **Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program**. Ms. Etlinger is an intern at the Washington, DC office of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), and Mr. Schon is at Health Care for All in Boston.

**Sirii Morley**, MBA '10, and **Denise Rosetti**, MBA '11, are the winners of this year's **Sage Scholarships**. SAGE Publications grants two Sage Scholarships annually to Heller MBA students who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential, scholarly excellence, and a commitment to social justice. The awards were presented at this year's Distinguished Management Lecture on April 21, 2009.

## Honors/Awards (cont.)

MPP Students **Charles Francis**, **Malka Jampol** and **Sara Wall** were the recipients of the **Sillerman Summer Philanthropy Internships**. Mr. Francis has a placement at the EOS Foundation and Boston Rising in Boston, Ms. Jampol's placement is with the Jewish Funders Network in New York, and Ms. Wall is an intern at the California Community Foundation in Los Angeles.

## Publications

Romanelli, L.H., Landsverk, J., Levitt, J.M., Leslie, L.K., **Hurley, M.M.**, Bellonci, C., Gries, L.T., Pecora, P.J., Jensen, P.S., and the Child Welfare–Mental Health Best Practices Group. **Best practices for mental health in child welfare: Screening, assessment, and treatment guidelines.** *Child Welfare* 84(1): 163-188, 2009.

## Presentations

**Perea, F.** "Gender, Language, and Academic Performance: A Study of Children of Immigrant Families from the Dominican Republic." Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development's 2009 Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO, April 2009.

**Waggoner, M.** "Pregnancy Intendedness and Contraceptive Use Among Young Teenagers: A Prospective Study." Poster prepared for the Society for Research in Child Development's 2009 Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO, April 2009.

# Educational Programs

The **Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy** and Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts sponsored a roundtable breakfast, "**Health Care Investing for Foundations: Strategies for Filling the Gaps,**" with **Stuart Altman** and individual guests from the foundation community, in April 2009.

The annual **Distinguished Management Lecture** was held in April 2009 on the topic of "**Innovating Under Pressure,**" with four speakers: **Ron Bell**, Director of Community Affairs and Senior Advisor, Office of the (Massachusetts) Governor; **Catherine D'Amato**, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Food Bank; **Carol Goss**, President and CEO of the Skillman Foundation; and **Paul Grogan**, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation. The speakers discussed how the human service sector is responding to the current financial crisis, including the need for consolidation and new models of service delivery.

In April 2009, the **Heller Inequalities Working Group**, in concert with the **MPP program**, organized and held a seminar, "**The Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Class: Implications for Research and Policy.**" The presenter was **Olena Hankivsky, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Public Policy Program, and Founder and Co-Director, Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health, Simon Fraser University; and Co-Leader, Women's Health Research Network. Dr. Hankivsky also held a special workshop for the Ph.D. students in February 2009.

In April 2009, the **Heller Inequalities Working Group** in collaboration with the **Heller Ph.D. Program** held a Joint Ph.D. seminar entitled, "**Race/Ethnicity and Inequalities: Concepts and Strategies for Research.**" The presenters were **Dr. Dolores Acevedo-Garcia** from Harvard School of Public Health and **Dr. Lisa Dodson, Ph.D. '93**, from Boston College. They presented on issues and options for addressing race and ethnicity in research. .

## Educational Programs (cont.)

The **Health Industry Forum**, under the direction of **Robert Mechanic**, held a forum entitled “**Implementing Bundled Payments for Health Care Services**” in April 2009. Presenters included Francois De Brantes of PROMETHEUS Payment® Inc., Michael Zucker of Baptist Health System, Terry Carroll of Fairview Health Services, Tom Valdivia, of Carol, Inc., and Ellen Zane of Tufts Medical Center.

“**After the Crossing: Implications of Alternative Policy Responses to Illegal Immigration**” was the topic of the annual **Zinner Lecture Series**, held in March. The **Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy** and Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts co-sponsored a dinner prior to the event. Foundation trustees and staff, as well as philanthropists interested in or already funding projects involving immigration, had the opportunity to participate in a discussion with the event speakers, **Rinku Sen** and **Steven Camarota**.

The **Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP)** held a panel discussion that coincided with the release of its report “**Living Longer on Less in Massachusetts: The New Economic (In)Security of Seniors**,” at Heller in March 2009.

The Inaugural **Distinguished Public Policy Lecture** was held in February 2009. **Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA)** spoke on “**Fixing What’s Broken: Regulation, Legislation, and the New Administration**.”

Heller’s **Executive Education Program** presented a two-day **Massachusetts Medical Society Health Leaders Program** in March. Heller faculty members **Stuart Altman**, **Jon Chilingerman**, **Jody Hoffer Gittel**, and **Jeffrey Protas** led sessions on a variety of topics, including health care economics and financing, strategic thinking and decision making, high performance health care, and conflict resolution and negotiation.

The **Massachusetts Health Policy Forum**, under the direction of **Michael Doonan**, held a forum entitled “**The Mass-Health Waiver Renewal: Advancing Massachusetts Health Care Reform**” in February 2009. Stephanie Anthony from the Center for Health Law and Economics, University of Massachusetts Medical School, gave an overview of the waiver, followed by reactions from Health and Human Services Secretary JudyAnn Bigby, Senator Richard Moore, and Stacey Sachs from the Office of Senator Edward Kennedy. Additional speakers included: Alan Weil from the National Academy for State Health Policy, Elaine Ullian, the Chief Executive Officer of Boston Medical Center, Beth Waldman from Bailit Health Purchasing, and Meg Kroepelin from Community Partners.

In January, the **Executive Education Program** co-sponsored the 2009 Health Policy Forum with the Massachusetts Medical Society. This year’s theme was “**Physicians Affecting Change**,” with presentations by **Stuart Altman**, **Jon Chilingerman**, **Robert Mechanic**, **Cindy Thomas**, and **Christopher Tompkins**.

The **Massachusetts Health Policy Forum** held a forum entitled “**Mass in Motion: Addressing Obesity and Overweight in the Commonwealth**” in January 2009. At this forum, Department of Public Health Commissioner John Auerbach laid out the details of Mass In Motion, a comprehensive set of initiative to address the overweight and obesity epidemic in the Commonwealth.. A panel which included Rep. Peter Koutoujian then reacted to the new plan. This event was co-sponsored by The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation’s Growing Up Healthy initiative.