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**ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES**

Janet Boguslaw (PI)
“Asset Field and Funders”
Funder: Asset Funders Network
The Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) will develop a 3-to-5 page document to articulate the purpose and intended outcomes of the asset-building field to funders who do not currently identify their work as an asset-building strategy and will reinforce the value and purpose of the current work for those funders that do identify themselves as asset funders.

Thomas Shapiro (PI), Janet Boguslaw, Tatjana Meschede, Hannah Thomas
“Closing the Racial Wealth Gap and Building Economic Security”
Funder: The Ford Foundation
This grant enables IASP to continue to build its ongoing work of research and policy development on the racial wealth gap and economic security. This funds a third year of work on this project, focused on the production of written work, including research briefs and a Color of Assets Forum that will impact program and policy development to close the racial wealth gap and build economic security for vulnerable families.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Mary Brolin (PI)
“Evaluation of the Trauma-Informed Care Enhancement to the Ayer Concord Drug Court Program”
Funder: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
The PI will evaluate the Trauma-Informed Care Enhancement to the Ayer Concord Drug Court Program to assess the impact of evidence-based, gender-responsive and trauma-informed care on drug court clients’ behaviors and outcomes. Researchers within the Institute for Behavioral Health will conduct a process evaluation to assess implementation and fidelity and an outcomes evaluation to assess substance use and criminal justice outcomes.

Mary Brolin (PI), Margot Davis, Robert Dunigan
“Evaluation of the Treatment Enhancement for Adolescents in Massachusetts (TEAM)”
Funder: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA; subcontract to Brandeis from Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
The researchers will evaluate the Treatment Enhancement for Adolescents in Massachusetts project to assess whether the initiative increases access to and quality of treatment for adolescents ages 12-18 with substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

Peter Kreiner (PI), Robert Dunigan
“Evaluation of Worcester Initiative for Supported Reentry (WISR)”
Funder: Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts; subcontract to Brandeis from Advocates, Inc.
After a planning year and pilot project year, WISR is carrying out full implementation of system-level changes to provide coordinated services for prisoners reentering the greater Worcester community. The researchers will evaluate this implementation, tracking participants and a comparison group for up to 3 years and assessing system-level changes.

Peter Kreiner and Cindy Thomas (Co-PIs)
“Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA)”
Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
SAMHSA has funded nine state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) to develop or improve the interoperability of PDMP data with other PDMPs, with in-state health information exchanges and electronic health record systems, and/or with in-state pharmacy dispensing software. The CDC is evaluating this project and has hired the researchers to lead the evaluation team.

Mary Jo Larson (PI), Margot Davis, Robert Dunigan, Deborah Garnick, Margaret Lee, Laura S. Lorenz, Jennifer Perloff, Grant Ritter
“Department of Defense TEAMs IDIQ”
Funder: DOD/TRICARE Management Activity; subcontract to Brandeis from AXIOM Resource Management
The researchers will respond to task orders that request policy analysis and research support on pressing deployment-related and other health system problems.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

Cathy Burack (PI), Alan Melchior, Larry Ballis
Funder: Corporation for National and Community Service, Social Innovation Fund (SIF); subcontract to Brandeis from the GreenLight Fund
The GreenLight Fund works with local communities to proactively attract and support relevant national programs to close the achievement and opportunity gap for youth. In Boston, Philadelphia, and the San Francisco Bay area, the GreenLight Fund SIF initiative will impact the lives of 20,000 low-income children by improving school persistence and academic achievement, increasing high school graduation and GED attainment, and increasing college access, credit accumulation and degree completion. The Center for Youth and Communities (CYC) will provide evaluation support and technical assistance to GreenLight and its subgrantees over the course of the 5-year project.
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Alan Melchior (PI)  
“Evaluation of the 2012-13 FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) Program”  
Funder: US FIRST, Inc.  
CYC will evaluate the FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) program, an after-school robotics competition for middle-school-aged youth. FIRST is a national nonprofit that operates four after-school robotics competitions for elementary, middle, and high school-agers youth. The FLL study is intended to update similar FLL evaluations conducted by CYC in 2003 and 2008.

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Lindsay Demers (PI), Marji Erickson Warfield  
“Impact of Early Intervention on Development Pathways from Preschool to Adulthood”  
Funder: Noonan Memorial Research Fund  
The Early Intervention Collaborative Study (EICS) is a longitudinal investigation of children with early-identified developmental disabilities (Down syndrome, motor impairment, or developmental delay) and their families from the time they entered EI services, through the end of EI service participation at age 3, and from age 3 through age 23. The specific aims of the proposed study are to (1) utilize the EICS data to assess the impact of EI services on child development and parent adaptation pathways from preschool to early adulthood; (2) conduct focus groups with EI providers and families to review the pathways findings and build consensus around establishing evidence-based guidelines for EI service delivery; and (3) interview state EI officials to discuss the implications of the pathways findings on reviewing eligibility standards, assessing the use of different system management tools, and developing greater integration with other service delivery systems.

HEALTH

Jennifer Gaudet (PI), Andrea Acevedo, Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson, Christine Bishop, Grant Ritter, Candi Ramos, Yasmin Abbas, Henrietta Awo Osei-Anto  
“Improving Nursing Home Compare to Meet the Needs of Minority Populations”  
Funder: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)  
This project will identify differences in nursing home information preferences across race/ethnicity. The team will also develop population-specific indicators of nursing home quality and test them for statistical feasibility and stability, as well as value and relevance among potential users of Nursing Home Compare. The overall goal of the project is to identify ways in which the content of the Nursing Home Compare report cards can be improved to ensure it meets the needs of members of racial and ethnic minority groups.

Robert Mechanic (PI), Jeffrey Prottas, Darren Zinner  
“Evaluation of Carefirst Patient-Centered Medical Home Program”  
Funder: Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maryland  
In this evaluation the researchers are working with a team from Harvard Medical School to assess the impact of a new program that aims to reduce the rate of health care spending by offering new financial incentives and care management support to groups of primary care physicians. The research team will conduct a series of site visits and interviews with practices participating in the program as well as a statistical analysis of Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield claims data.

Palmira Santos (PI)  
“Safety Culture and Patient Outcomes”  
Funder: Ascension Health System  
This project will evaluate the culture of safety at seventy diverse hospitals to determine the role in patient outcomes specific to hospital-acquired conditions and avoidable readmissions.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

Diana Bowser (PI), Danielle Fuller, Adeyemi Okunogbe  
“Caribbean Results-based Financing Program”  
Funder: World Bank  
The aim of the project is to conduct an in-depth review of the health systems in Dominica and Saint Lucia to identify areas for piloting a results-based program of financing in these countries. Country visits were made to Dominica and Saint Lucia in November and a final report is being submitted to the World Bank in 2013.

Diana Bowser (PI), Wu Zeng, Donald Shepard, Joanne Beswick, Gary Gaumer, Marion Cros  
“Bangladesh NGO Health Service Delivery Project”  
Funder: USAID/Pathfinder  
The Institute for Global Health and Development will be assisting Pathfinder/USAID in assessing the financial stability of 26 NGOs under the Smiling Sun Franchise Program in Bangladesh in order to set up performance-based contracts that focus on equity, efficiency, quality and access to care.

Donald Shepard (PI), Wu Zeng  
“Capacity Development for Monitoring and Evaluation Unit of the Ukrainian AIDS Center to Improve PEPFAR (President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) Planning”  
Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; subcontract to Brandeis from Westat  
The project team, working with Heller graduate Oleksandr Pokanewych, will plan and run training sessions on spreadsheets for the staff of the AIDS program in the Ukraine.


Horgan, C. “Improving the Quality of Addiction Treatment through Provider Pay-for-Performance.” Presented at Health Policy and Management Seminar Series, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA, November 2012.


Horgan, C., Garnick, D., Hodgkin, D., Merrick, E., Reif, S., Stewart, M., Creedon, T., and Quinn, A. “Screening for Alcohol Problems in U.S. Private Health Plans.” Presented at International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism, Sapporo, Japan, September 2012.

PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

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Larson, M.J., Mohr, B., Lorenz, L.S., Adams, R.S., Wooten, N.R., Funk, W., Merrick, EL., Jeffery, D.D., and Williams, T.V. “Can We Improve Linkage of Soldiers to Post Deployment Alcohol Use Assessment and Treatment Services?”
- Poster presented at Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) 36th Annual National Conference, Bethesda, MD, November 2012.


- Presented at AMERSA 36th Annual National Conference, Bethesda, MD, November 2012.


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- Presented at Clinical Scholars Symposium, Tufts University, Medford, MA, October 2012.
- Presented at the annual Health Policy and the Practice of Medicine Interclerkship, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA, October 2012.
- Presented at Clinical Scholars Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 2012.
- Presented at the Robert Wood Johnson Program, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 2012.

- Presented at the Colorado Hospital Association Annual Meeting, Vail, CO, September 2012.


Santos, P. “Healing without Harm.” Preliminary results of five site labor and delivery unexpected outcomes and malpractice resolution AHRQ study. Presented at Healing without Harm Study All Sites Meeting, sponsored by Ascension Health, Dallas, TX, December 2012.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT


Sampath, R. “Morality, Ethics and Justice in Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit as an Antipode to Rawls’s A Theory of Justice.” Presented at the Northern New England Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA, October 2012.

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Shepard, D.S. “Dengue in Asia: Cost of Illness and Cost-effectiveness of Vaccination and Vector Control.” Presented via videoconference at Regional Meeting on Dengue Prevention and Control, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, India, September 2012.


- Presented at the ASTMH 61st Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2012.
- Presented at “The Efficacy of Insecticide-treated Durable Wall Liners (ITWL) as a Method for Malaria Control in Endemic Rural Tanzania,” start-up workshop, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, December 2012.


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Ann Bookman was invited by the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development in Somerville, MA, to be the keynote speaker at a public symposium on housing and planning for the aging population. She presented “Housing Design Principles for Healthy Aging; Placing Home in a Community Context” in Somerville on October 18, 2012.

ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES


Tatjana Meschede was interviewed and IASP's work on the U.S. middle class was cited in a September 6, 2012 BBC News article, “Democratic convention: A question of inequality.” http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-19494471

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH


Mary Jo Larson spoke at Brandeis’ Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Career Panel For Humanities on October 24, 2012.

Laura Lorenz spoke on brain injury rehabilitation policy at “Understanding Brain Injury: Neuroscience, Rehabilitation Policy, and Lived Experience,” an educational program sponsored by the Brandeis Neuroscience Club in September 2012. Other speakers included Arthur Wingfield, Nancy Lurie Marks Professor of Neuroscience and Chair of the Neuroscience Program at Brandeis; and Peggy Sue Lebba, Waltham resident, who discussed lived experience with traumatic brain injury. The program was also presented at Brookhaven, a lifecare living facility in Lexington, MA, in November 2012. Professor Emeritus David Gil welcomed and introduced the program at Brookhaven.

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Subharati Ghosh and her paper, “Adaptation to a Spouse’s Disability by Parents of Adult Children with Mental Illness or Developmental Disability” (Psychiatric Services Vol. 63, No. 11, 2012), were the subject of a December 14, 2012 BrandeisNOW article, “Impact of caring for adult child with disability studied.”

Susan Parish presented a briefing for House Ways & Means Committee professional staff on Supplemental Security Income for children with disabilities in September 2012.

HEALTH

On December 13, 2012, Stuart Altman participated in Massachusetts State Representative Jay Kaufman’s public policy forum, Open House, entitled, “Health Care Reform: What’s Happening? What’s Next?” The event took place in Lexington and also featured Aron Boros, Executive Director of the Center for Health Information and Analysis. During the forum, Altman addressed the work of agencies, the role of new cost containment legislation, and the implementation of federal health care reform as affecting the health care system.

“Stuart Altman’s Huge Challenge: Bring Down Mass. Health Costs,” an interview conducted by WBUR’s Martha Bebinger, working in partnership with Kaiser Health News and NPR, was published on November 18, 2012. The interview focused on health care cost containment and Altman’s new role as chairman of the board of Massachusetts’ Health Policy Commission.


Stuart Altman was quoted in The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer’s September 22, 2012 article regarding changes in health care delivery systems, “Medical Billing, a World of Hurt: Costs Rise for Patients on High Deductible Insurance Plans as Hospital Health Centers Replace Private Practice Doctors.”

Robert Mechanic presented “Payment Reform and Cost Containment in Massachusetts” to the Rhode Island Health Care Reform Commission on December 20, 2012.
On November 15, 2012, **Robert Mechanic** was interviewed by *New England Journal of Medicine* Managing Editor Steven Morrissey about the challenges and potential benefits of Medicare’s new bundled-payment program. The interview (listen here) coincided with the release of November 15, 2012, perspective paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, entitled “Lessons Learned Preparing for Medicare Bundled Payments.”

**Robert Mechanic** was the featured guest on WNPR Radio’s October 21, 2012 Conversations on Health Care show about the recent Massachusetts health care cost control legislation. http://www.chcradio.com/wnprepisodes.php

On September 9, 2012, **Robert Mechanic** spoke with the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* about hospital financial incentives to invest in robotic surgery programs.


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**Wu Zeng** was interviewed by *LiveScience* about his study in *Economics and Human Biology* that linked having a younger sibling and higher adult blood pressure. The story was reported in media around the world, including *Fox News*, *the Daily Mail*, *the Daily Telegraph*, *the Huffington Post*, *News Australia*, and the *Korea Herald*. http://www.foxnews.com/health/2012/11/19/how-siblings-affect-your-heart-health/

**PHILANTHROPY**

**Claudia Jacobs** published a blog post, “Twas the Night After Christmas—and Before the New Year,” on the *Huffington Post* on December 20, 2012. In the post, she pondered the future of tax deductions for charitable giving. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/claudia-jacobs/charitable-tax-deductions_b_2341475.html

**PUBLIC FINANCE**

**Robert Tannenwald** was quoted in an October 5, 2012, *Variety Magazine* article by Todd Longwell, on the pros and cons of film tax credits.

**Robert Tannenwald** was quoted in a December 12, 2012 article in *State Tax Notes Today*, “Massachusetts Misclassification Task Force Finds $11 Million in Unreported Wages,” on the extent of the misclassification.
On November 1, 2012, Stuart Altman was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick to chair the Board of the Health Policy Commission as part of Massachusetts’ implementation of a health care cost containment law passed in July 2012. The new agency is charged with monitoring the reform of health care delivery in the Commonwealth as well as improving payment systems, quality, and transparency in health care.

Larry Bailis welcomed about 1100 youth and adults to the AmeriCorps Opening Day “swearing in ceremonies” on November 9, 2012, in his role as Chair of the Board of the Massachusetts Service Alliance, at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

Constance Horgan was appointed to the workgroup on quality measure development of care coordination for children with behavioral health needs, part of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) demonstration grant to the Massachusetts Child Health Quality Coalition (CHQC).

Constance Horgan was named to the Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization Advisory Committee of the National Committee on Quality Assurance, Washington, DC.

Constance Horgan is a member of the Stakeholder Measure Selection Workgroup, National Behavior Health Quality Framework, of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockville, MD.

Sajed Kamal received the “Rachel Carson Award” from Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light (www.mipandl.org), for over 25 years of working to educate the world about the importance of transitioning from nuclear-fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. The award was given on October 31, 2012, at the 10th anniversary celebration of MIP&L, held at First Church Unitarian Universalist, Jamaica Plain, MA.

Sharon Reif has been named a member of the C4 Recovery Solutions Substance Abuse Outcomes Planning Group.
Rachel Sayko Adams was selected for a 2012 New Investigator Travel Award from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to attend the 2012 Addiction Health Services Research Conference (AHISR) in October in New York City. At the conference she gave an oral presentation based on her dissertation findings, entitled “Frequent Binge Drinking After Combat-Acquired Traumatic Brain Injury among Active Duty Personnel with a Past Year Combat Deployment.”

Taletha Demington was selected as the winner of the 2011-2012 Straussner/Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions Doctoral Dissertation Award for her dissertation, titled “Drug-Exposed Young Children and Early Intervention: What Influences Service Engagement?” The members of the Award Committee felt that this dissertation has the “potential for significant public health impact” and that the “author did an excellent job of explaining the rationale, procedures and results of the research in a manner that makes it accessible to others for future policy implementation and research.”

Danielle Fuller received dissertation support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation for her research on the aid effectiveness of NGOs providing services in Haiti.

Thomas Mackie received an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality grant for his dissertation, which proposes a national examination of state psychotropic medication oversight programs, both the policies adopted and organizational resources deployed. The goal is to understand better whether these programs improve the safe use of psychotropic medications.

Anna Perlmutter’s paper, “Shared Space as a Tool for Relational Coordination in Multi-Organizational Networks,” was one of two student papers selected by the Organizational Development Network to be presented at its national conference in Phoenix, Arizona in October 2012. The paper will be published in the Organizational Development Networks journal in 2013.

Tom Sannicandro (D-Ashland) was reelected to the Massachusetts State Legislature in November. He joined a Heller School panel of faculty in November 2012 to discuss the implications of the election results.


Angela Wangari Walter was approved for 2 years of funding from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA) for her dissertation, “A Mixed Method Analysis of Alcohol Use and HIV Risk Behaviors among Women.”
STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONT.)

PUBLICATIONS


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MA-SID student Grace Majakusi was the subject of a feature story, ”Girl Child in the Promised Land,” in the Fall 2012/Winter 2013 issue of Brandeis Magazine.

The Center for Youth and Communities (CYC) hosted the “2012 Smart Summer Jobs: Community of Practice Convening” at the Heller School in October 2012. CYC faculty, researchers, and staff Susan P. Cuman, Susan Lanspery, Christopher Kingsley, and Matthew Hoover presented. CYC is the National Program Office for Smart Summer Jobs, the Walmart Foundation’s $5 million investment in summer youth employment.

In fall 2012, the Programs in Coexistence and Conflict (COEX) sponsored film series on “Whether to Negotiate or to Fight” and on peaceful coexistence in medieval Spain, as well as a residency by Michel Noureddine Kassa, Country Team Leader for the Initiative for a Cohesive Leadership in the Democratic Republic of Congo. COEX also presented a discussion with Farhat Agbaria, Dialogue Facilitator with Seeds of Peace, on the effectiveness of peace education in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

Heller’s Executive Education Program, under the leadership of executive director Jon Chilingerian, launched a partnership with Maine’s statewide Physician Executive Leadership Institute (PELI) in the summer and fall of 2012. The Heller School is working with the Hanley Center in Portland, ME, to provide executive leadership training to help transform Maine’s healthcare delivery system at both the local and state levels.

On October 22, 2012, the Health Industry Forum, led by executive director Robert Mechanic, held a forum in Washington, DC, entitled “Building the Components of Accountable Care: What Do Physicians, Hospitals and Insurers Need to Do Differently?” This forum examined strategies for optimizing performance through program design and development of organizational capacity, in the face of predetermined budgets to help control health care spending.

“Intersectionality: Innovations in Research, Policy and Teaching,” a two-day symposium coordinated by Heller faculty member Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson, was held at Brandeis in November 2012. Keynote speaker Kimberle Crenshaw is credited as the founder of intersectionality, a concept which describes the simultaneous intersection between aspects of social difference and identity, such as race/ethnicity, gender and class.

The annual Lurie Distinguished Lecture was held on October 4, 2012. Aaron Bishop, MSSW, spoke on “Disability Policy beyond Politics: Building for a Better Future.” Mr. Bishop is the executive director of the National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency that advises the U.S. Congress and the president on disability policy.

The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, under the direction of Michael Doonan, held two policy forums during the fall. In November 2012, over 300 health policy leaders in the state attended “The Impact of the Presidential Election on Health Policy 2012.” In December, over 400 leaders attended “Healthy Aging in Massachusetts: Where Do We Go From here?” Walter Leutz presented the main research paper and Michael Doonan moderated a discussion of key stakeholders.

The Heller School held its second Poster Session in October 2012. Held in conjunction with the fall meeting of the Heller Board of Overseers, the poster session gave each of Heller’s 9 research institutes and centers the chance to share their research with the larger Heller community.

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Training and Technical Assistance Center hosted the Western Regional Prescription Drug Monitoring Program meeting in Boise, ID, in September 2012. The meeting was led by Peter Kreiner, Principal Investigator for the PDMP.

Peter Kreiner also led “Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Third Party Payers,” the first organized discussion of how PDMPs and public and private third party payers can collaborate to address prescription drug abuse and reduce associated costs. The meeting was hosted by the PDMP Center of Excellence in Washington, DC, in December 2012.

Nearly 80 participants from around the U.S. and beyond met in November 2012 for the second annual Relational Coordination Research Collaborative (RCRC) Roundtable, “Delivering Accountable Care through Patient Engagement, Relational Coordination and System Redesign,” at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy. Presenters from the eastern, midwestern and western U.S., Canada and Denmark shared their innovations and insights. Jody Hoffer Gittell is executive director of RCRC.

The first Heller Eli J. Segal Seminar in Citizen Leadership and Service course module focused on engaging students in a rigorous examination of the concepts of citizen leadership and citizen service as they have evolved in the United States. Speakers included Shirley Sagawa, Alan Khazei, Gloria Johnson-Cusack, Mary Curley, Peter Levine, as well as Phyllis and Mora Segal.

40 fellows from 10 states across the Segal Network, including Heller MPP students and MPP graduates, came together for a powerful weekend retreat in November which included leadership development, community building, roundtables with Segal Program Founders David Belluck, Deb DeLee, Nancy Gertner and Mark Feldman, and inspirational discussions about continuing to participate as citizen leaders across the nation.

Guest speaker Priyanka Borpujari spoke to students in Cristina Espinosa’s Sustainable International Development (SID) course, “Indigenous Peoples and Development.” The 2012-2013 International Women’s Media Foundation Elizabeth Neuffer Fellow at MIT, Ms. Borpujari is an Indian photojournalist and human rights activist who discussed the situation faced by indigenous peoples in the tribal areas, which are quite rich in natural resources. Systematic violence targeting tribal communities has escalated into genocide and displacement, aimed at clearing the areas from their ancestral occupants and opening them up for investors.