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INTERNATIONAL HEALTH


Public Finance

Tannewald, R. Concerns About the Tax Foundation’s State Business Tax Index. 67 State Tax Notes 601, February 25, 2013.


SOCIAL POLICY


OTHER

ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

Tatjana Meschede (PI)
“Evaluation of the Massachusetts Workforce Development Initiative for HomeBASE Families”
Funder: The Paul and Phyllis Fireman Charitable Foundation
The Institute on Assets and Social Policy will conduct an implementation and short-term outcome evaluation aimed at informing further development of the workforce development initiative for homeless families in HomeBASE and laying the groundwork for its expansion and further study.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Dominic Hodgkin (PI), Constance Horgan, Stuart Altman
“Mental Health Reform in Israel”
Funder: Bronfman Philanthropies
The object of this grant is to establish a research collaboration with the Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute in Israel, initially focused on Israel’s current reform of mental health financing.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CONT.)

Susan P. Curnan (PI), Susan Lanspery
“2013 Summer Youth Employability Initiative”
Funder: The Walmart Foundation
The Center for Youth and Communities (CYC) will design, develop, test, and implement a youth employment competency-based system focused on the “middle skills” necessary for labor market success.

Della M. Hughes and Ann Bookman (Co-PIs)
“Evaluation Design and Implementation”
Funder: Washington Area Women’s Foundation
CYC is the Evaluation and Learning Partner for the Washington Area Women’s Foundation (WAWF). CYC will assist with the design and implementation of an external evaluation process for the Women’s Foundation’s grant investments and create tools and processes to build evaluation and learning capacity of the Foundation staff and its grantee partners.

Lindsay Rosenfeld (PI)
“NOURISH (Nutrition Opportunities to Understand Reforms Involving Student Health) Study”
Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; subcontract to Brandeis from Harvard School of Public Health
The NOURISH study is designed to examine changes in children’s food consumption patterns and school revenue due to healthier competitive foods, as well as address critical knowledge gaps on consumption and finances through policy evaluation on a statewide level. Initially, this study will provide insight into the short- and mid-term financial impacts of state legislation and also into changes in the availability of healthier foods from manufacturers.

HEALTH

Palmira Santos (PI)
“Hospital Acquired Conditions and Avoidable Readmissions: Correlation with High Reliability, Safety Culture, and Patient Experience Ratings”
Funder: Ascension Health
This project will evaluate the outcomes of 12 Hospital Acquired Conditions at 67-104 hospitals in relation to staff’s assessment of safety culture, high reliability, and patient experience ratings.

Palmira Santos (PI)
“Develop a Cost Calculator: Hospital Acquired Conditions and Avoidable Readmissions”
Funder: Ascension Health
This project will develop a cost evaluation methodology for 12 Hospital Acquired Conditions.
PRESENTATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

ENVIRONMENT


HEALTH


In 2012, the Central Region of New Zealand District Health Boards adopted Professor Leutz’s “Laws of Integration” as a model for increasing coordination of health care and long-term supportive services. After consulting on the use of the “Laws,” Prof. Leutz delivered this plenary talk to planners, care coordinators and providers implementing the model.


INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT


Simon, L.R. “Paulo Freire and the Subaltern Consciousness.” Invited Chairman’s Lecture, presented at the joint lecture for the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) and BRAC University at the invitation of Sir Faisal Abed, Chairman and Chancellor, Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 2013.

Simon, L.R. “Pedagogy of the Oppressed: An Introduction to the Thought of Paulo Freire.” Presented at the invitation of the Chairman, Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), New Delhi, India, February 2013.

Simon, L.R. “The Tyranny of Place: Paulo Freire and Subaltern Consciousness.” Presented at the International Conference on Literature and Marginality: Comparative Perspectives in African American, Australian and Indian Dalit Literature, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India, February 2013.


INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (CONT.)


LABOR MARKETS


PHILOSOPHY


SOCIAL POLICY

In February 2013, the Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) released “The Roots of the Widening Racial Wealth Gap: Explaining the Black-White Economic Divide,” which received wide media coverage. Thomas Shapiro appeared on Melissa Harris-Perry, The Tavis Smiley Show, NPR’s Marketplace and Roland Martin and the brief was covered by media outlets including the Wall Street Journal, Huffington Post, CNN Money, BET, The Hill, the Seattle Times, USA Today and more.

In March, the Pew Charitable Trusts released a study utilizing IASP research, “Making Hard Choices: Navigating the Economic Shock of Unemployment.” Janet Boguslaw was interviewed for NPR’s Marketplace and was quoted in Science Daily.

Thomas Shapiro participated in a roundtable on action research and advocacy methodologies at the Land Divided 2013 conference in Cape Town, South Africa.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mary Jo Larson was interviewed by reporter Andrew Schmennner of the Desert Sun Media Group in Palm Springs, CA, regarding substance abuse in the Marine Corps.


HEALTH

On January 13, 2013, Stuart Altman was quoted in the Wall Street Journal regarding provision of health care services to low-income housing residents in an article entitled, “Public-Private Fund Aims at Health Care, Housing Gap.”

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Kelley Ready presented testimony to the Massachusetts Joint Committee on State Administration and Oversight in support of Act H 3982, a Bill Relative to Congo Conflict Minerals.

Rajesh Sampath presented “The Right to Development” at the Peace Islands Institute in Boston, MA, on February 22, 2103.

Laurence Simon and Ravi Lakshmikanthan were interviewed on Higher Education Talk Radio, by host Larry Jacobs, on April 22, 2013. They discussed the Partnership of the Ford Foundation International Fellowship Program and the Sustainable International Development Program at the Heller School. Live broadcast archived at www.education-talkradio.org.

PHILANTHROPY


PUBLIC FINANCE


Robert Tannenwald was quoted about state film tax credits in “The Hollywood Snub: Why Hollywood Hates Washington,” a March 8, 2013, article in the Washington Business Journal. He was also quoted on the same subject in a March 23, 2013, article in the Reno Gazette Journal, “Do Film Tax Credits Help a State?”

An article published simultaneously in the Kansas City Star and the Wichita Eagle on January 12, 2013, “Brownback Betting Tax Cuts Lure Business to Kansas,” quoted Robert Tannenwald on Kansas Governor Sam Brownback’s tax cut plan.
**HONORS / AWARDS**

**July 2013**

**Dolores Acevedo-Garcia**, director of the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of PolicyLink, a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity.

In January, **Janet Boguslaw**, associate director of the Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP), was appointed the 2013 Brandeis Faculty Representative to the Ethics Center Campus Advisory Committee.

Senior lecturer **Carole Carlson** was awarded the 2013 Heller Teaching Award.

**Deborah Garnick** has been named a member of the Stakeholder Workgroup for a Stanford University project on Development of Emergency Department-based Community Health Indicators, funded by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The inaugural **Anita Hill** Annual Lecture on Gender Justice was held in January. **Juhu Thukral**, Director of Law and Advocacy at the Opportunity Agenda, who has worked to protect the human rights of women for over 20 years, presented “Gender. Sex. Money. New Frontiers in the Fight for Sexual Rights.”

**Mary Jo Larson** was elected to the Substance Abuse Research Education and Training (SARET) Editorial Review Board, New York University School of Medicine, for 2012-2013.

**Tatjana Meschede**, scientist, senior lecturer and research director at IASP, received the 2013 Heller Mentoring Award.

**Eric Olson** is the recipient of the Charles Johnson Maynard Award from the Newton (Mass.) Conservators. The award honors Newton citizens who work in the city's conservation areas in the areas of improving biodiversity, habitat reclamation, and natural resource protection.

**Susan Parish** was selected to serve as a member on the National Statistics' Steering Committee to plan the Workshop on Research Gaps and Opportunities on the Causes and Consequences of Child Hunger.

**Susan Parish** was elected to the board of directors of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

**Laurence Simon** was appointed to the Board of the American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies.

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HONORS / AWARDS

PhD student Meryl Thomson received the 2013 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Award.

Rachael Weiker, Segal Fellow and MBA/MPP candidate focusing on economic development and entrepreneurship, is interning this summer at New Profit. She is learning about the intersection of work that New Profit does with its portfolio organizations and the larger systems-wide policy work.

PRESENTATIONS


Lucas, K. “Take Me As I Am: Modern Roller Derby, Subculture and the Quest for Cooptation.” Presented at Chicago Ethnography Conference (sponsored by DePaul University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University, Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, the University of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Chicago, with additional support this year coming from the University of Chicago Graduate Council), Chicago, IL, March 2013.


Tschampl, C. “A Primer on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with Implications from the Supreme Court Decision and Massachusetts’ Payment Reform.” Presented at Fall Fest, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, October 2012.


PUBLICATIONS


The first James Callahan, Jr, PhD ’68, Memorial Lecture was held in April. Panelists Stuart Altman, Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy, the Heller School; Laurence J. Kotlikoff, a William Fairfield Warren Distinguished Professor, Professor of Economics, Boston University; Lisa M. Lynch, Dean and Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy, the Heller School; and Robert Romasco ’69, President, AARP, discussed “Medicare and Social Security: Who Wins and Who Loses in Entitlement Reform?”

The Programs in Coexistence and Conflict (COEX) presented:

- Prince Zeid Ra’ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations
- “Disaster Diplomacy: Lessons from the Middle East,” with Heller adjunct lecturer David Steele
- Andrew Lubin, a US Marine Corps combat correspondent with 7 embeds in Afghanistan’s violent Helmand Province
- International Women’s Day events with Gloria White-Hammond, Co-Founder and Co-Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and Executive Director, My Sister’s Keeper; Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Deborah Kolb, Deloitte Ellen Gabriel Professor for Women and Leadership (Emerita), Simmons School of Management
- Film screening and discussion with Kathryn Bolkovac, author of “The Whistleblower: Sex Trafficking, Military Contractors, and One Woman’s Fight for Justice”

The Health Industry Forum, led by executive director Robert Mechanic, held a forum in March entitled “The Future of the American Hospital.” This meeting examined hospital strategies for surviving and prospering in the new economic environment, as well as public policies to facilitate development of an efficient and effective US hospital system for the 21st century.

The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy sponsored the presentation of the film “The Sandy Houghton Story: An Inspirational Journey” in January, followed by a talkback with Sandy Houghton and the directors of the film.

The Lurie Institute also sponsored a screening of “Anita,” an award-winning Argentine film about a national tragedy seen through the lens of a woman with Down Syndrome, as part of ‘Deis Impact 2013 in February.

Margaret McKenna, former president of the Walmart Foundation, was the featured speaker at the 2013 Heller MBA Distinguished Management Lecture in March. Her topic was “Leadership: Lessons for Proving the Possible.”

The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, under the direction of Michael Doonan, held its annual student forum in January. The forum enables students from Heller and other top graduate schools in Massachusetts to experience state health policy in action. Students meet the people who make and implement state policy and hear from them directly about the process.

Joe Curtatone, Mayor of Somerville, MA, delivered the MPP Distinguished Management Lecture in February. He spoke on “Constellations and Networks: Managing the 21st Century City.”

Heller’s Gender Working Group, with faculty liaison Kelley Ready, organized “Truth and Justice in El Salvador: A Talk by Members of the Pro-Historic Memory Commission” in April. The Pro-Historic Memory Commission is a coalition of human rights organizations working for truth, justice, and reparations for human rights violations during the armed conflict in El Salvador.

The Programs in Sustainable International Development (SID) presented:

- “Solidarity, Social Capital and the Right to Health,” Patricia Illingworth, Northeastern University
- “The Road to Governance for Development in Kenya and in Africa,” Odembo Elkanah, Kenyan Ambassador to the United States
- “Lessons from the Field: A Discussion on Community Empowerment with Our SID Sisters from Kenya,” featuring Grace Majakusi, Jane Odhiambo, and Eunita Odongo, MA/SID Advanced Study Students and Ford Fellows
- “Harmonizing Tradition with Change: A People’s Agenda for a Global Awakening,” A.T. Ariyaratne, Founder and President of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka
- “From Poverty to Power: How Active and Effective States Can Change the World,” Duncan Green, Senior Strategic Adviser, Oxfam Great Britain

Tuesday Talks spotlighted Heller faculty and researchers:

- Constance Horgan and her colleagues from the Institute for Behavioral Health, “Behavioral Health Services in an Age of Parity and Reform: What are Health Plans Doing?”
- Theodore Johnson, Assistant Professor, “New Thinking about Critical Thinking”
- Frederick M. Lawrence, Brandeis President and Heller affiliated faculty, “Words that Stab: Hate Speech under the American Constitution and the European Convention of Human Rights”