

Heller School for Social Policy and Management

Dissertation Committee Resource Guide

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The attached Dissertation Committee Resource Guide is a list of Heller faculty and research staff who are eligible to serve on Ph.D. dissertation committees. This list was designed to provide PhD students with information on who is eligible to chair and/or serve, along with interests and areas of expertise.

Listed for each person is his/her:

Name and title

Disciplinary base

Area of methodological expertise

Area of substantive expertise

Strengths brought to a committee

Ability to serve as dissertation chair

In addition, you will find the names of students for whom the person is already a chair, the students on whose committee the person currently sits, and the doctoral students s/he currently advises. ***Please note that in the interest of space, this list does not show the entire advising load for everyone; some serve as academic and project advisors for master's students in the MBA, MPP, MA, and MS programs.***

Listing here does not imply an obligation on the part of an individual to serve on a particular dissertation committee. The student has the responsibility to make contact and initiate a discussion regarding the willingness of a member of the faculty and/or research staff to serve on a dissertation committee. We hope, however, that this document will aid students in putting together a committee that will incorporate the methodological, substantive, and supportive characteristics they seek as they undertake work on their dissertation.

The Heller School Dissertation Standards and Procedures describe the dissertation committee as follows:

The committee normally has four members, one of whom serves as chair. The chair must be on the Heller faculty. At least one other member must be on the Heller faculty and at least one member must be outside the Heller faculty. The outside member may be either from other departments or schools at Brandeis or from outside the University. All members of the committee must have a Ph.D. degree or an equivalent terminal professional degree.

As outlined in the Position Rights, Obligations and Guidelines for Hiring and Promotion, it is an obligation for full, associate, and assistant professor levels to chair and serve on dissertation committees. It is a right for lecturers, adjunct and visiting professors, senior research associates, and scientists to serve on dissertation committees. Affiliated faculty are authorized to participate as “inside” members of doctoral dissertation committees.

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Name and Title:	Dolores Acevedo-Garcia , Samuel F and Rose B. Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy Director, Institute for Children, Youth and Family Policy
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Public Policy, Demography
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative analysis (especially for large data sets) Policy analysis Demographic analysis
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Public health, social determinants of (child) health, immigration and health, residential/school segregation; neighborhood context, social policy and health racial/ethnic disparities in SES, health, neighborhood environment etc., housing policy, immigration policy, children with special needs and their families
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Twelve years of experience chairing/participating in dissertation committees and helping students dissertation successfully, publish dissertation papers in high-impact journals, obtain top-rated post-doctoral fellowships and tenure-track faculty positions
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Aske, Denise* Chen, Yu-Han* Nuernberger, Rebecca Serrano, Diana* Tian, Li*
Member to:	Zachary, Drew*
Advisor to:	Honigsberg, Liam Hyary, Maia LaFleur, Jennifer Powley, Charlotte Zhang, Qian

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Name and Title:	Rachel Sayko Adams , Scientist
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Behavioral health, military health, substance use
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Survey research, health care administrative claims research, quantitative methods
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Substance use, traumatic brain injury, military health, behavioral health, health policy
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Ability to provide focused-attention and time to assist students in developing and executing a high-quality dissertation. I can provide critical feedback, useful ideas for study design, and helpful advice to move through the dissertation phase efficiently.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	no
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Stuart H. Altman , Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Economics
Area of Methodological Expertise:	
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Health Policy
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Joseph Assan, Assistant Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Area of Substantive Expertise:

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Anarwat, Samuel*

Advisor to: Adaboh, Afia

Name and Title: Lawrence N. Bailis, Associate Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Political Science

Area of Methodological Expertise: Qualitative methods, Ethnographic methods, Case study methods, Literature review, Quantitative/statistics (general), Program evaluation, Survey research, Experimental designs/clinical trials, Quasi-experimental designs, Non-experimental designs, Cross-sectional designs, Longitudinal designs

Area of Substantive Expertise: Community youth development, Labor force development, Child development, Adolescent development, Family

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development, Human services management, At-risk populations, Minority populations/ethnic diversity issues, Income inequality issues, Policy analysis/implementation issues, Fundamentals of social change issues

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Research design, Statistical analysis, Qualitative analysis, Substantive expertise, Theoretical framing of issue, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations, Warm and supportive nature

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Souvanna, Phomdaen

Member to:

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Christine Bishop, Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Economics

Area of Methodological Expertise: Econometrics, Economic analysis

Area of Substantive Expertise: Health economics and financing, Long-term care, Post-acute care

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Kim, Hyosin*
Nikitin, Ruslan

Member to: Lucas, Kimberly*
Zhou, Xiaofei

Advisor to:

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Name and Title:	Janet Boguslaw , Senior Scientist and Senior Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Sociology
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative Research Methods, Case Study and Participatory/Action Research
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Wealth and assets studies, regional/community development, social mobility, public/private partnerships, policy implementation
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, qualitative analysis, theoretical framing of the issue, quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, supportive function
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Soroui, Sarah*
Member to:	Kimbrel, Delia* Chaganti, Sara * Madsen, Rachel* Kreider, Benjamin
Advisor to:	Coleman (formerly Camp), Aaron Kim, Dong Joo

Name and Title:	Diana Bowser , Associate Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Health Economics and Health Systems
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative methods related to health economics and health system; quantitative methods to analyze changes in health systems related to financing, payment and organization in the United States and abroad; within country analysis using household surveys; impact analysis; cross country analysis using various longitudinal methods; instrumental variables; mixed methods to inform quantitative results (key informant interviews; focus groups)

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Area of Substantive Expertise:	Have worked and published in all of the following areas: health financing, assessing health policy changes, impact evaluation, implementation, pay for performance, poverty, catastrophic health payments, income inequalities and health, health and economic growth, decentralization, quality improvement methods, maternal and child health, and human resources for health; low and middle income countries and the United States
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Clear understanding of many methodological issues; wide array of experience in many health system settings; organized and responsive
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	Cros, Marion * Saleem, Naeem*
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Elizabeth Brainerd , Professor of Economics and Women's Gender Studies
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Economics
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Labor Economics, economics of the family, economic demography
Area of Substantive Expertise:	
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Countries of the former Soviet Union and eastern Europe
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
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Advisor to:	

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Name and Title:	Mary Brolin , Scientist and Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Social Policy (Heller), Health
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative, quantitative, evaluation
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Expertise in many aspects of substance abuse research, analysis/writing/editing skills, qualitative and quantitative skills, community-based research, focus on systems intersecting with addiction treatment including criminal justice, primary care and housing
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Knowledge of process as Heller grad, Extensive expertise in substance abuse research, Analysis/writing/editing skills, connections to community-based treatment programs, connections to MA Department of Public Health
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	Miles, Jennifer* Pugatch, Marianne* Taylor, Joanna*
Advisor:	

Name and Title:	Cathy Burack , Senior Fellow
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Higher Education
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Mixed methods
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Organizational change within U.S. colleges and universities, especially: College access by underrepresented groups Service-learning and civic engagement
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Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Commitment to the process and student success Strong belief in collegiality Prior committee experience.

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Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Teich, Nick*
Dohrn, Blake*

Advisor to:

Name and Title: John Chapman, Senior Scientist

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Area of Substantive Expertise:

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: O'Reilly-Jacob, Monica*

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Jon Chilingirian, Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Health Services Research, Management Science, Political Science, Public/Social Policy, Public Management

Area of Methodological Expertise: Qualitative methods, Ethnographic methods, Case study methods, Quantitative/statistics (general), Non-parametric statistics, Cost-benefit analysis, Program evaluation, Cross-sectional design, Frontier analysis: stochastic frontier and DEA

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Area of Substantive Expertise:	Physician and provider behavior, Leadership and decision making, Best practice, Performance measurement, International health care management
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Support, Research design, Statistical analysis, Qualitative analysis, Organization and management theory, Developing conceptual model, Policy and management implications
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair:	Hart, Andy Wilson, Andrew* Zachary, Drew*
Member to:	Osei-Anto, Henrietta Awo
Advisor to:	Garito, Lindsay Harris, Andrea Khatibzadeh, Shahab Sherafat, Roya

Name and Title:	Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld , Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Industrial Relations
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Theory development; Field data collection; Survey research; Cluster analysis; Regression analysis
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Strategy; Operations; Employment Relations; Trans-Organizational Dynamics; Negotiations; Conflict Resolution; Institutional Theory
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Commitment to helping each student find within him or herself their scholarly voice and the best possible dissertation.

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Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Kreider, Benjamin
Member to:	Soroui, Sarah*
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Michael Doonan , Associate Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Political Science, Policy Analysis, Health Services Research
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative methods, Empirical case study method
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Policy formulation and implementation process, federalism and intergovernmental relations, Medicaid and access to insurance for at-risk populations, the SCHIP program and insurance reform, Congress and the legislative process.
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Political science perspective, Theoretical frameworks, substance, and/or methods.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Susan Eaton , Professor of Practice, Director of the Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy.
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Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Education and Social Policy. EdD
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative Interviewing, Ethnography, Coding, Participant Observation, Portraiture
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Strong grounding in qualitative research and focus on clear writing, practical purposes for social science research. Strong understanding of research literature and broader policy contexts for research.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	Souvanna, Phomdaen Brookner, Matt* Nuernberger, Rebecca
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Maria Cristina Espinosa , Associate Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Interdisciplinary Anthropology (Ph.D.) Sociology (B.A.)
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Ethnographic methods, surveys for small samples Micro-macro links Cultural studies/political economy-ecology
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Gender, livelihoods and sustainable development (agriculture) Gender, ethnicity, livelihoods and environmental issues (wildlife use/pastoralists) Migration, changes in class, gender and family structure, roles, sexuality Mainstreaming gender in conservation Markets, livelihoods, gender & ethnicity

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Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Interdisciplinary perspective on gender, culture and the political economy/ecology shaping identity, behavior, decisions

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Advisor to:

Name and Title: **Stephen Fournier**, Senior Lecturer

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Economics, Interdisciplinary (political economics), Regional economics (spatial analysis)

Area of Methodological Expertise: Literature review, Quantitative/statistics (general), Advanced statistics, Non-parametric statistics, Cross-sectional designs, Simulation modeling, Input-Output analysis

Area of Substantive Expertise: Health policy, Labor force development, Policy analysis/implementation issues, International development, Regional economic development, Location studies

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Statistical analysis, Substantive expertise, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Supportive function

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Landa, Cady*
Powell, Robyn*

Advisor to:

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Name and Title:	Deborah Garnick , Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Health Services Research
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Literature review, Quantitative/statistics (general), Survey research, Quasi-experimental designs
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Quality/Performance measurement in health care, Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Mental health services, Substance abuse services, Policy analysis/implementation issues
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, Substantive expertise, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations, Supportive function
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Nguyen, AnMarie*
Member to:	O'Reilly-Jacob, Monica* Pugatch, Marianne*
Advisor to:	Henry, Brandy Shields, Morgan

Name and Title:	Gary Gaumer , Adjunct Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Economics
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Program/policy impact evaluation
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Health care Health care financial and payment policy International health care and policy Health care information systems
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Broad domestic and international health care policy experience Familiarity with available data

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Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: No

Chair to:

Member to: Anarwat, Samuel*
Saleem, Naeem*

Advisor to:

Name and Title: **Jody Hoffer Gittel**, Professor
(Sabbatical Spring 2017)

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Economics, Management Science

Area of Methodological Expertise: Qualitative methods, Case study methods, Literature review, Quantitative/statistics, Advanced statistics, Survey research, Quasi-experimental designs, Cross-sectional designs, Longitudinal designs

Area of Substantive Expertise: Health care delivery systems, Human services management

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Research design, Statistical analysis, Qualitative analysis, Theoretical framing of the issue, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Supportive function

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Landa, Cady*
Phaneuf, Tiffany

Member to: Kreider, Benjamin
Lessem, Rachel*

Advisor to: Albert, Sasha

Name and Title: **Ricardo Godoy**, Professor

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Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Anthropology
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative methods, Ethnographic methods, Quantitative/statistics (general), Advanced statistics, Cost-benefit analysis, Program evaluation, Survey research, Experimental designs/clinical trials, Cross-sectional designs, Longitudinal designs, Measurement of Inequality, Measurement of quality of life
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Policy analysis/implementation issues, Fundamentals of social change issues, Intra-household discrimination, Inequality
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, Statistical analysis, Qualitative analysis, Substantive expertise, Theoretical framing of the issue, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations, Supportive function
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Rivera, Elizabeth
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Anita Hill , Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Law
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Legal research and analysis
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Gender inequality and the law, Racial inequality and the law
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Substantive expertise, Theoretical framing of the issue, Critical analysis
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes

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Chair to:

Member to:

Madison, Megan*
Teich, Nick*
Gray, Sarah Murphy*

Advisor to:

Name and Title:

Dominic Hodgkin, Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Economics, Health Services Research

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Quantitative/statistics, Quasi-experimental design, Cross-sectional designs, Econometrics

Area of Substantive Expertise:

Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Mental health services, Substance abuse services, Prescription drugs

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Research design, Statistical analysis, Theoretical framing of the issue

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Chair to:

Creedon, Timothy*
Pugatch, Marianne*
Zhang, Ye*
Zhou, Xiaofei

Member to:

Rivera, Elizabeth
Halasa, Yara*
Tian, Li*

Advisor to:

Kingson, Aaron
Kritikos, Alexandra

Name and Title:

Constance Horgan, Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Economics, Health Services Research, Public Health, Public/Social Policy, Sociology, Health Policy and Management, Demography

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Area of Methodological Expertise:	Literature review, Quantitative/statistics (general), Program evaluation, Survey research, Cross-sectional design, Longitudinal design
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Child development, Adolescent development, Mental health services, Substance abuse, Policy analysis/implementation issues
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, Statistical analysis, Substantive expertise, Theoretical framing of the issue, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations, Supportive function
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	Creedon, Timothy* Evans, Brooke* Kim, MeeLee* Formica, Scott* Nguyen, AnMarie*
Advisor to:	Dennehy, Kathleen Okrant, Elisabeth Strod, Deborah

Name and Title:	Pamela Joshi , Senior Scientist
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	B.S., Economics, M.P.P. Poverty and Inequality Concentration, Ph.D., Social Welfare Policy (Heller School, IVYFP)
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Program Evaluation and Implementation, Mixed Methods Research Design, Quantative Data Analysis Software (NUDIST), Policy Analysis, Data Analysis of Large Surveys and Administrative Databases, Evidence-Based Reviews
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Evaluation of “Non-health” social policies- income support and low wage workforce, TANF, Child Support, SNP, rental housing assistance and community-based

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initiatives. Family Policies including family support, fatherhood, early childhood education, child care, work and family influences on parenting and child outcomes. Equity issues in policy analysis particularly race/ethnic and gender disparities.

Area of Geographical/Ethnographic Expertise:

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Interdisciplinary training; mixed methods, substantive knowledge of several different social policy interventions and equity analysis.

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Chen, Yu-Han*
Tian, Li*

Advisor to:

Name and Title:

Nina (Cornelia) Kammerer, Senior Lecturer

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Anthropology and Public Health

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Qualitative research, ethnography, interviewing, participatory research, program evaluation, cross-cultural research, case study research, health services research, combination of qualitative and quantitative methods

Area of Substantive Expertise:

Medical anthropology, trauma, substance use and abuse, mental health, behavioral health services, minorities, sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, transgender health, gender, kinship & social organization, religion, social change

Area of Geographical/Ethnographic Expertise:

Thailand (and the Southwest China borderlands), US, Catalunya, Spain

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Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Study design, qualitative and mixed methods, substantive expertise, theoretical framing, interest and experience in editing and mentoring about writing
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Macom, John* Meshram, Tanoj*
Member to:	(2 in Anthropology) Butler, Susan* Lessem, Rachel* Madison, Megan*
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Peter Kreiner , Senior Scientist
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Organization Theory; minor in Research Methods
Area of Methodological Expertise:	(1) inter-organizational network analysis; (2) small area measures and models of alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse-related problems and predictors of such problems; (3) program evaluation
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Substance abuse prevention
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Quantitative methods expertise, interest in the design of research studies
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Kim, MeeLee* Formica, Scott*
Member to:	Ruslan, Nikitin Wilson, Andrew*
Advisor to:	

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Name and Title:	Margie Lachman , Minnie and Harold Fierman Professor of Psychology
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Psychology, Gerontology
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Experimental designs/intervention studies, longitudinal studies, multivariate analysis, structural equation modeling, factor analysis, regressions and repeated measures designs
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Lifespan development, -personality and social changes. Social disparities in health, psychosocial and behavioral moderators and mediators, cognitive changes in adulthood and old age
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Lifespan approach, psychological factors related to health in adulthood, survey methods, biomarkers of stress and arousal
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Susan Lanspery , Scientist
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Public/Social Policy
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Applied research, Qualitative research, Participatory evaluation research
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Youth policy, community youth development, College access programs, aging policy, supportive housing, community-based services
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Interest in students, practical approach, sense of humor
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Dohrn, Blake*
Ramirez-Kuykendall, Shamekka
Szczerbacki, Kate*

Member to: Phillips, Susan*

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Mary Jo Larson, Senior Scientist

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Area of Substantive Expertise:

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Formica, Scott *

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Margaret T. Lee, Scientist

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Psychology

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Area of Substantive Expertise: Substance abuse treatment delivery system, performance measures

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Advisor to:

Name and Title:	Lisa Lynch , Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Economics
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Microeconometrics, survey design
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Education and training; organizational innovation; labor economics; migration; employment and unemployment policy

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Rivera, Elizabeth

Advisor to:

Name and Title:	Tatjana Meschede , Senior Scientist and Senior Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Public Policy
Area of Methodological Expertise:	A range of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, including case study research, qualitative interviewing, survey research and field experiments, scale and index development.

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Area of Substantive Expertise:	Wealth and assets, senior economic security, middle class economic security, homelessness and housing, asset building policies.
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, developing conceptual model, statistical and qualitative analysis approaches, quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, supportive function.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Kemp, Courtney Routhier, Giselle*
Member to:	
Advisor to:	Jeffers, Misti Mauricio, Kaili Stagg, Allison Steele, Rachel

Name and Title:	Monika Mitra , Associate Professor, Lurie Center for Disability Policy
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Disability Studies, Public Health
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative research methods, mixed methods, analysis of large datasets
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Disability and health research, public health, maternal health, violence victimization against persons with disabilities
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes

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Chair to: Butler-Staub, Susan*

Member to: Hart, Andrew
Powell, Robyn*

Advisor to: Dembo, Robert

Name and Title: A.K. Nandakumar, Professor of the Practice

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Economics

Area of Methodological Expertise: Health Care Financing

Area of Substantive Expertise: International Health

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Saleem, Naeem*

Member to: Meshram, Tanojkumar*

Advisor to: Naim Ali, Heba

Name and Title: Clemens Noelke, Scientist

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Sociology

Area of Methodological Expertise: Quantitative research, longitudinal and quasi-experimental research design

Area of Substantive Expertise: Quantitative research with a policy focus, social stratification, labor economics, social policy, public health

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Extensive empirical research experience using complex longitudinal data and advanced statistical models. I can

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consult on the empirical part of a quantitative research project, helping students identify ideal data sources and research designs given their hypotheses and help them prepare publishable journal manuscripts.

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Advisor to:

Name and Title **Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson**, Senior Scientist
Senior Lecturer

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Area of Substantive Expertise:

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Madison, Megan*
Taylor, Joanna*
Awo Osei-Anto

Member to: Kimbrel, Delia*
Lessem, Rachel*
Gray, Sarah Murphy*
Phaneuf, Tiffany

Advisor to:

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Name and Title:	Eric Olson , Senior Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Evolutionary ecology
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Forest measurement, insect surveys, insect vector control evaluation
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Disease ecology, forest ecology, plant-animal interactions
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Ecological perspective on health issues, including but not limited to arthropod-borne diseases including Lyme, malaria, dengue
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes *If a PhD student is particularly interested in the ecology and control of the vectors or alternate hosts (ticks, mosquitoes, snails) of vector-borne diseases and parasites, I could be a primary advisor/chair.
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Jennifer Perloff , Scientist/Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Social Policy
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative analysis including random effects modeling and SEM; qualitative analysis
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Medical and mental health service delivery
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Applied methods experience
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes

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Chair to: Brandel, William
Coots, Laurie*
O'Reilly-Jacob, Monica*

Member to: Hart, Andy
Kim, Hyosin*
Raede, Frannie Shechter
Zhou, Xiaofei

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Jeffrey Prottas, Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Political Science

Area of Methodological Expertise: Qualitative methods, Case study methods, Program evaluation, Survey research

Area of Substantive Expertise: Health policy, Health care delivery systems, Medical technology, Human services management, Policy analysis/implementation issues

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Research design, Qualitative analysis, Theoretical framing of the issue, Policy recommendations

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Halasa, Yara*
Evans, Brooke*

Member to: Brandel, William
Butler, Susan*
Lucas, Kimberly*
Meshram, Tanojkumar*

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Moaven Razavi, Ph.D. Senior Research Associate and Lecturer of Health Economics

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Health Policy; Economics; International Health Policy

Area of Methodological Expertise: Quantitative Analysis, Economics, Health Economics

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Area of Substantive Expertise:	Quantitative Analysis, Economics, Health Economics
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Policy, Economics, Quantitative analysis, Modeling
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	No
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Sharon Reif , Senior Scientist, Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Social Policy (Heller), Health
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative, Secondary data analysis, SAS
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Expertise in many aspects of substance abuse research, analysis/writing/editing skills, quantitative statistical skills
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Knowledge of process as Heller grad, Extensive expertise in substance abuse research, Analysis/writing/editing skills, Statistical skills
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Miles, Jennifer*
Member to:	Kim, MeeLee*
Advisor to:	Flores, Cecilia Giles, Maggie

Name and Title:	Grant Ritter , Associate Research Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Statistics

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Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative/statistics (general), Advanced statistics, Survey research, Experimental designs/clinical trials, Quasi-experimental designs, Non-experimental designs, Cross-sectional designs, Longitudinal designs, Cross-sectional time series designs
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Aging, Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Long-term care, Medical technology, Substance abuse services, Policy analysis/implementation issues
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, Statistical analysis, Supportive function
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	Chen, Yu-Han* Jung Kim, Eun* Mann, Alexis* Madison, Megan* Miles, Jennifer* Nguyen, AnMarie* Osei-Anto Henrietta Awo Raede, Frannie Shechter Routhier, Giselle* Zhang, Ye*
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Lindsey Rosenfeld, Scientist
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Master of Science, Public Health Doctor of Science, Public Health
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Program Planning and Evaluation Research/Study Design, Audit Methodology (Type of Experimental Design) Participatory Evaluation (including CBPR) Focus Groups, Key Informant Interviews, Qualitative methods (interviewing, freelisting, thematic analysis)

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Area of Substantive Expertise:

Social Epidemiology, Health Disparities, Program Planning and Evaluation, Urban Health and Social Policy, Health Literacy and Health Communications, Built Environment and Public Health, Equity/Social Justice/Racial Justice and Child Development

Specific Research Interests:

Traditional non-health policies and programs that impact health, particularly urban planning and design, housing, neighborhoods, education (im)migration, health literacy, health communication, racial and ethnic health disparity, chronic conditions such as asthma and the social and spatial environment, spatial measurement issues, e.g. building, neighborhood and regional levels, interrelated and interdependent relationships among education, cities, neighborhoods, urban planning, especially residential segregation, design and evaluation of programs and policies including Health Impact Assessment, Multisectional/Interdisciplinary collaboration and partnership

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Interdisciplinary perspectives, collaboration, patient, mentor/teacher

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Macom, John*
Nuernberger, Rebecca
Osei-Anto Henrietta Awo
Routhier, Giselle*
Souvanna, Phomdaen
Zachary, Drew*

Advisor to:

Name and Title:

Jessica Santos, Senior Research Associate

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Social Policy (Heller), Sustainable Development

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Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative methods, case studies, participatory action research (PAR) and community based participatory research (CBPR)
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Social inequality, racial/ethnic inequality, workforce development and employment policy and practice, health career pathways, asset development policy and practice, immigrant integration, and application of policy research to small cities and rural contexts, interdisciplinary innovative approaches to policy
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	How to structure and navigate a successful dissertation process, organization of thoughts as they evolve, research design and project management, theoretical framing, qualitative data collection, analysis and writing, translation of findings into a final product
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	No
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Rajesh Sampath , Associate Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	General topics in applied moral and political philosophy; theories of justice; development ethics; philosophy of law, comparative constitutional law, critical race theory, gender and sexuality studies, human rights and theories of democracy. Doctorate in the humanities but in dialogue with the social and natural sciences.
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Social Theory, Sociology of Knowledge, Critical Race Theory/Intersectionality
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Applications of Social Theory, Philosophy of Social Sciences, Moral and Political Philosophy, Theoretical

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Paradigms in the Social Sciences, Race/Ethnic Studies, Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality, Gender and Feminist Studies, Theories of Structural and Institutional Exclusion/Inequality to various concentrations: health, assets, behavior health, disability studies, socio-economic development (domestic and international).

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Ability to deconstruct of papers for substantive content improvement and organizational design, Critical Thinking and Professional Writing, Immense feedback on drafts, Biographic knowledge of theoretical paradigms across social sciences applied to social and public research.

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:

Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Advisor to:

Name and Title:

Leonard Saxe, Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:

Psychology, Social Psychology, Sociology, Quantitative Methods

Area of Methodological Expertise:

Qualitative methods, Ethnographic methods, Literature review, Legal research and analysis, Quantitative/statistics (general), Advanced statistics, Non-parametric statistics, Meta-analysis, Program evaluation, Survey research, Experimental designs/clinical trials, Quasi-experimental designs, Non-experimental designs, Cross-sectional designs, Longitudinal designs

Area of Substantive Expertise:

Health policy, Child development, Adolescent development, Mental health services, Substance abuse services, At-risk populations, Fundamentals of social change issues, Religion, Community development, Use of scientific evidence by courts

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Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, Statistical analysis, Qualitative analysis, Substantive expertise, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Brookner, Matthew*
Member to:	
Advisor to:	Manchester, David

Name and Title:	Thomas Shapiro , Professor (Sabbatical – Spring 2017)
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Sociology
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative and Quantitative
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Racial Inequality, Stratification, American society, Wealth and asset studies, Social policy
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	I am especially interested in working with doctoral students whose interests include issues of inequality, racial injustice, American society, and social policy.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Gray, Sarah* Kimbrel, Delia* Mann, Alexis*
Member to:	Chaganti, Sara* Kemp, Courtney Madsen, Rachel*
Advisor to:	Dixon, Zita Pierce, Elizabeth Ramirez, Milagros

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Name and Title:	Donald Shepard , Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Economics, Health Services Research, Public Health, Public/Social Policy
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative/statistics (general), Advanced statistics, Cost-benefit analysis, Program evaluation, Survey research
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Medical technology, Substance abuse services, International development, International health, AIDS
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, Statistical analysis, Substantive expertise, Theoretical framing of the issue, Policy recommendations
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Anarwat, Samuel* Cros, Marion*
Member to:	Halasa, Yara*
Advisor to:	Kim, Lyoung

Name and Title:	Laurence Simon , Professor (Sabbatical – Spring 2017)
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Public/Social Policy, International Development Studies, Political and Economic Geography
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Qualitative methods, Case study methods, Program planning and evaluation, Survey research, Participatory research
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Income inequality, Poverty, Fundamentals of social change, International development trends and strategies, Agrarian reform and rural development, Disaster mitigation, World systems, Conservation and development, Post-harvest losses and storage

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Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Research design, Qualitative analysis, Thematic development, Theoretical framing of the issue, Policy recommendation, Supportive function

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to:

Advisor to: Kharisma, Dinar Dana

Name and Title: Carmen Sirianni, Professor (also Sociology)

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Sociology

Area of Methodological Expertise: Qualitative methods, Case-study methods

Area of Substantive Expertise: Community sociology/Community development, Environmental policy, Civic participation, Sociology of work, Social/political theory

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Research design, Qualitative analysis, Substantive expertise, Theoretical framing of the issue, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations, Supportive function

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Chaganti, Sara*
Madsen, Rachel*

Member to: Szczerbacki, Kate*

Advisor to:

Name and Title: William Stason, Senior Scientist

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Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Health services research, Medicine, Public health
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Literature review, Quantitative/statistics, Meta-analysis, Cost-benefit analysis, Program evaluation, Experimental designs/clinical trials
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Medical technology
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Research design, Substantive expertise, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Maureen Stewart , Scientist and Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Social policy, health policy
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative analysis, health care claims data analysis, survey data
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Behavioral health, substance use, parity law; Health care payment and financing, health insurance, health policy
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Knowledge of process as Heller grad, expertise in substance use research, payment and financing. Analysis, writing, editing, and statistical skills
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	

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Member to:

Advisor to: Sara Scully

Name and Title:	Robert Tannenwald , Adjunct Lecturer in Public Finance and Budgeting
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Combined Ph.D. Political Science and Economics,
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Simulation, econometrics
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Public finance, especially state and local
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	several decades of real life experience in tax policy analysis; extensive knowledge of the field; extensive network of contacts among both practitioners and scholars.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	No
Chair to:	
Member to:	Kunkendall, Shamekka Ramirez
Advisor to:	Soroui, Sarah*

Name and Title:	Cindy Thomas , Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Economics, Health Services Research, Management Science, Medicine, Political Science, Public Health, Public/Social Policy, Sociology, Interdisciplinary (Heller)
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative/statistics (general), Meta-analysis, Program evaluation, Survey research, Non-experimental designs
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Medical technology, Policy analysis/implementation, Medicare policy, Prescription

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drug policy, Substance abuse treatment, pharmaceutical innovation

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Raede, Frannie Shechter

Member to: Brandel, William
Evans, Brooke*
Nguyen, AnMarie*

Advisor to: Dismukes, Paul
Lopez, Christan
Ma, Siyu

Name and Title: Christopher Tompkins, Associate Professor

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Economics, Health Services Research, Management Science

Area of Methodological Expertise: Quantitative/statistics (general), Program evaluation, Experimental designs/clinical trials, Quasi-experimental designs, Cross-sectional designs, Longitudinal designs

Area of Substantive Expertise: Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Mental health services, Substance abuse services, Human services management, At-risk populations

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Research design, Statistical analysis, Substantive expertise, Theoretical framing of the issue, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy recommendations

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Wilson, Andrew*

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Advisor to:

Name and Title:	Marji Erickson Warfield , Senior Scientist
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Interdisciplinary (Heller)
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Quantitative statistics – general and hierarchical linear modeling; non-experimental designs; cross-sectional and longitudinal designs; evaluation research.
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Disability; mental retardation/developmental disability; child development; family adaptation; work and family issues; care-giving; early intervention.
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Development of conceptual models and research questions; research design; experience in tasks of data collection, coding, entry, data base design and development; statistical analysis; editing and review of proposal/dissertation drafts; lessons for research and policy.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	Phillips, Susan*
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Wu Zeng , Assistant Research Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Health Policy, International Health
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Applied Econometrics, Cost-Effectiveness Analysis, Economic modeling, Quantitative Methods, Research Design, Efficiency Evaluation, Epidemiology
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Health Financing, Health System, Cost-effectiveness analysis, Health Economics

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Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Quantitative methodology, health system and financing, Epidemiological research design.
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	Macom, John* Cros, Marion*
Advisor to:	

Name and Title:	Darren Zinner , Associate Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:	Health Services Research, Management Science, Health Policy
Area of Methodological Expertise:	Health Management, Survey research, Econometrics, Health economics and financing
Area of Substantive Expertise:	Biomedical research/science policy, Medical technology, Academic-industry research relationships Health care financing/ insurance/ reimbursement, Health care delivery systems, Health services management, Organization and management theory
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:	Availability/ supportive function, Research design, Theoretical framing of the issue, Quality of writing/organization of the dissertation, Policy and management implications, Econometric analysis
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:	Yes
Chair to:	
Member to:	
Advisor to:	

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