Heller Highlights
Recent Achievements of Faculty and Researchers at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management
Brandeis University
July 2010

New Publications

Aging


Behavioral Health


Assets and Inequalities


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Health


Health (cont.)


International Development


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International Development (cont.)


International Health


Philanthropy

Stone, R. Dynamic Families: How Small Family Foundations Make Big Changes Through Public Policy. Published by the Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy. (January 2010).

Management


New Grants

Assets and Inequalities

Sandra Venner (PI)
“Job Readiness Initiative Pilot Program Evaluation”
Funder: MASSCAP (as part of Special Projects funding from Department of Housing and Community Development)
This project will design an assessment to measure short-term knowledge gain and behavior change for participants in intensive job readiness training. The PI will analyze these results along with reported outcomes to determine implications for future program development, and will provide written summary for a final report.

Thomas Shapiro, Janet Boguslaw (Co-PIs), Hannah Thomas
“Leveraging Mobility”
Funder: Ford Foundation
The research team will conduct 100 follow up interviews with families who participated in The Hidden Cost of Being African American in 1998, to understand how families are faring financially and their expectations around assets, wealth and mobility for themselves and their children.

Behavioral Health

Constance Horgan (PI), Deborah Garnick, Dominic Hodgkin, Elizabeth Merrick, Sharon Reif, Maureen Stewart
“Provision of Drug Abuse Treatment Services Under Parity”
Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse
This study of drug treatment services will combine the 1999, 2003, and 2010 rounds and the 2012 parity follow-up of our nationally representative health plan survey in a prospective design that will allow us to track how the delivery of drug services evolves within the changing health care market. It will specifically focus on issues related to federal parity, particularly health plan response in light of regulations and cost opt-out provisions.

Children, Youth, and Families

Alan Melchior (PI), Lawrence Neil Bailis
“Youth Truth”
Funder: Gates Foundation
The Center for Youth and Communities will evaluate a new initiative called Youth Truth. The Youth Truth evaluation is designed to study students’ perceptions of their school experience, including: how students view their relationships with teachers, the quality of teaching, services received, etc. Information gathered will serve as a basis for understanding what may or may not be working in schools.

International Health

Donald Shepard (PI), Yara Halasa, Eduardo Undurraga
“Cost of Dengue in Malaysia and the Americas”
Funder: Sanofi Pasteur
This grant supports the organization of existing data into a model that will project the direct and indirect cost of dengue in Malaysia and the western hemisphere.

Philanthropy

Elenore Garton (PI), Andrew Hahn
“Evaluation of Campus Compact Philanthropy Education Courses”
Funder: Corporation for National and Community Service via Campus Compact
The evaluation will study the impact of college courses on philanthropy. All courses having a giving component.

Elenore Garton, Claudia Jacobs
“Student Engagement in Global Philanthropy”
Funder: Global Giving
$20,000 was donated by Global Giving for Heller’s Practicing Philanthropy course.

Peter Kreiner (PI), Tom Clark, John Eadie, Meelee Kim, Lee Panas, Cindy Thomas
“Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Center of Excellence”
Funder: Bureau of Justice Assistance; subcontract to IJIS Institute for work on interstate sharing of PMP data
The Center’s functions include collaborating with other researchers to generate evidence of PMP effectiveness and the value of PMP data in different applications; providing a clearinghouse of a wide range of materials relevant to PMP administrators and other stakeholders; conducting case studies of start-up PMPs; identifying best practices in selected areas of PMP operations; and initiating studies in several areas of particular relevance to PMPs.
Presentations

Aging


Assets and Inequalities


Behavioral Health


Behavioral Health (cont.)


Larson, M.J. “Evidence-Based Research Studies of Evidence-Based Care.” Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, Bronx Lebanon Health Center and Einstein Medical School, Bronx, NY, January 2010.


Presentations (cont.)

Behavioral Health (cont.)


Shepard, D.S. “Lifestyle Modification and Cardiac Rehabilitation: What We Have Learned and Where Do We Go From Here.” Presented at Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Information, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD, March 2010.


Health (cont.)


- Presented at Board of Governors Annual Meeting, American College of Physicians, Toronto, Canada, April 2010.
- Presented at American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, March 2010.
- Presented at Families First Health and Support Center, Portsmouth, NH, March 2010.
- Presented at Core Physician Group Board of Managers, Exeter Health Resources, Exeter, NH, January 2010.


Gittell, J.H. “Modularity and the Coordination of Complex Work: The Case of Post-Surgical Patient Care.”
- Presented at Health Policy and Management Research Seminar, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA, January 2010.


Children, Youth, and Families


Presentations (cont.)

Health (cont.)


International Development


International Development (cont.)


International Health


Presentations (cont.)

International Health (cont.)


Shepard, D. “Climate Change and Economic Cost of Disease, Celebration of World Health Day.” Presented at Hospital Frances, Cordoba, Argentina, April 2010.

Philanthropy


Management


- Presented at School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2010.
- Keynote Speaker, Social Network Perspectives in Human Resource Management, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark, March 2010.
- Presented at Research Seminar, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, March 2010.
- Presented at School of Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, February 2010.
- Presented at Human Resource Management Research Seminar, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland, February 2010.
Public Engagement

Children, Youth, and Families

Susan P. Curnan, Director of the Center for Youth and Communities, discussed youth employment on Detroit Public Radio on March 9, 2010. Based on an upcoming report for the Department of Labor, titled “Innovating Under Pressure,” Curnan described how summer youth employment programs worked quickly and wisely to use money from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act to change the odds for kids in Detroit; Indianapolis and Marion County, Indiana; Phoenix and Maricopa County, Arizona; and Chicago.

Andrew Hahn’s opinion piece, “Time to Pay for Hazardous Youth Work,” was published in the March 2010 issue of Youth Today. Many youth workers put themselves in harm’s way every day, Professor Hahn wrote in the piece.

The Center for Youth and Communities’ Chris Kingsley was interviewed by the Waltham Daily News Tribune for its January 21, 2010 article, “Arts help in juvenile court system.” The article discussed CYC’s evaluation of Creative Transitions, a program that links arts groups with Massachusetts Department of Youth Services facilities.

Environment

On April 29, 2010, Eric Olson testified before the Newton Conservation Commission in support of a wetland/forest restoration project at Countryside Day School in Newton. At the direction of the Conservation Commission, he submitted a written proposal and map to initiate the wetland restoration project.

Health

Stuart Altman served both as moderator for a discussion on “Understanding Cost Drivers in the Health Care System” and as an expert witness on “Market Reform Considerations to Reduce the Growth in Healthcare Spending” at Massachusetts public hearings on health cost trends sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, March, 2010.

Stuart Altman was quoted in a March 26, 2010 Boston Globe story, “Chain’s CEO vows deal will help it lower costs,” about the pending sale of Caritas Christi Health Care.

The New York Times quoted Jon Chilingerian about Heller’s joint MD/MBA with Tufts University School of Medicine in an April 26, 2010 article, “Nurturing leaders for health care.”

Michael Doonan was moderator of a panel on “State Initiatives in Healthcare Reform,” at the Governors Health Information Technology conference, held April 30, 2010 in Boston. The panel included key legislators from around New England.

Michael Doonan was interviewed by Health.com for an April 9, 2010 article, “Why Are Americans Being Forced to Buy Health Insurance?”

Michael Doonan assessed the political implications of health reform in “The Political Fallout of Reform,” an article on WBUR’s Commonhealth blog, March 30, 2010. He also wrote a February 26, 2010 article for the Commonhealth blog on “Resuscitating the Presidency.”

CNN interviewed John Eadie of Heller’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Center of Excellence for its April 7, 2010 story, “How physicians try to prevent ‘doctor shopping.’”

The Boston Globe quoted Donald Shepard about his cardiac rehab research in its January 11, 2010 article, “The beat goes on.”
Public Engagement (cont.)

Health (cont.)

Cindy Thomas provided an expert witness presentation on “Review of Analytic Findings from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy” at the Massachusetts public hearings on health care cost trends sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, March 2010.

Stan Wallack was the moderator for an expert witness panel discussion on “Review of Analytic Findings from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy” and “Creating the Framework for High Performing Organizations” at the Massachusetts public hearings on health care cost trends sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, March 2010.

International Development

Marion Howard and MA student Rixcie Newball were invited to lead a side event at the Ninth Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at UN Headquarters in New York on April 25, 2010. The theme of the forum was “Indigenous Peoples: Development with Culture and Identity.” They presented on their work with Colombia's National Environment System in the San Andres Archipelago, Colombia. The title of the event was “Mapping Community-Based Protected Areas: A Model for Sustainable Development and Cultural and Environmental Protection.”

Honors/Awards

Christine Bishop was named an Exceptional Reviewer by the journal Medical Care for 2009. Top reviewers were chosen on the basis of quality, timeliness, and number of reviews performed.

Elenore Garton was appointed to the Council on Foundations’ Family Philanthropy Committee and was named Co-chair of the Steering Committee of the Social Justice Philanthropy Collaborative.

Jody Hoffer Gittell was a Visiting Scholar at the MIT Sloan School of Management, February-May 2010.

Jody Hoffer Gittell was named an Associate Member, Learning, Innovation and Knowledge Research Centre, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland, in March 2010.

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Philanthropy

Andrew Hahn was quoted in a January 8, 2010 Washington Post article, “D.C. area Jewish federation revises investment rules,” about Jewish philanthropy in the wake of Bernard Madoff’s Ponzi scheme.


Joan Kaufman was appointed as a Faculty Affiliate in East Asian Studies, Brandeis University.

Lorraine V. Klerman received the Heller Mentoring Award for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mary Jo Larson was appointed a Member of the Board of Prisoner Legal Services, Boston, MA.

Ellen Messer was recognized as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow at the Fellows Forum on February 20, 2010 during the AAAS Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Eric Olson was the recipient of the Heller Teaching Award for the 2009-2010 school year.
Student Recognition

Publications


Presentations


MA/SID students Sabita Parida, Stacyann Gabbidon, Amy Hanes, and Lilis Suryani presented papers on a panel entitled “A Cross Cultural Look at Third Wave Feminism’s Approach to Sexual Rights in Development: Are We on The Right Track?” at the New England Women’s Studies Association 2010 Conference, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, April 2010. The panel was moderated by Heller faculty member Kelley Ready.


Educational Programs

In April 2010 students from the MA, MBA, and MS programs participated in an *Alternative Spring Break*, funded by the *Heller Alumni Annual Fund*, with City Year in Washington, DC. The students worked in the City Year Vacation Camp for the DC public schools.

Rwandan students at Heller held a panel, discussion and movie event in *Commemoration of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide Against Tutsi*, in April 2010. Mr. James Kimonyo, Rwandan Ambassador to the U.S., was the featured speaker. He spoke about Rwanda before, during and after genocide.

Honors/Awards

MPP student Rachel Fichtenbaum was selected for a highly competitive GAO internship.

MPP students Charles Francis and Elizabeth Paulhus were selected as finalists for the highly prestigious Presidential Management Fellows program.

Two MPP students were recently selected as Eli J. Segal Fellows. Pem Brown is an intern at the National Partnership for Women and Families, and Alan Ratliff is interning at the Commonwealth Commission on GLBT Youth.

Two MPP students were awarded Sillerman internships. Jason Gray is interning at Root Cause and Jennifer Ross is an intern at the Hyams Foundation.

Alec Mkwamba, MS student, won the *Brandeis Graduate Student Association Award for Excellence for Master’s Candidates* in the University's research poster presentation competition. His poster was on his work with cholera in Zimbabwe.

Khitam Abu Hamad, PhD student, was awarded the 2009-2010 Giddon Grant to assist in the research for her dissertation, “Determinants of Contraceptive Use and the Impact of Maternal and Child Health Service Utilization on Subsequent Use of Contraceptives in the Gaza Strip.” Khitam is the third Heller student in a row to win the Giddon Grant.

Khitam Abu Hamad also received a *Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Award* from the World Bank. These educational grants are given to women from developing countries whose graduate studies and future plans aim to benefit women and children in their respective regions.

PhD student Janet Aronson received an *Education Pioneers* summer fellowship. She is working at *Jobs for the Future*.

April Chang, PhD student, received a *Project CONNECT* fellowship in Canadian Studies through SUNY Plattsburgh. The program offers mentoring and support to Canadian students like April, as well as those studying Canada.

Miranda Waggoner, PhD student, was awarded a *Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship* to help with her final year of dissertation research and writing.

In April 2010, the *Sillerman Center* held the *Sillerman Prize Campus Challenge*, a university-wide business plan competition for advancing philanthropy on campuses. Two teams were recognized as prize winner and runner up. MPP student Charles Francis was on the prize-winning team, and the runner-up team included MS student Masoud Juya and MBA students Andrea Shaye and Elizabeth Wohlers.
Educational Programs

On March 2, 2010, the Center for Youth and Communities organized a Distinguished Lecture on “The Tipping Point in LGBT Healthcare: When Social Justice and Social Policy Meet the Scientific Method.” The keynote speakers were Dr. Judy Bradford, Co-Chair, The Fenway Institute, Boston, and Director, Center for Population Research in LGBT Health; and Dr. Valerie Fein-Zachary, Board Member, Fenway Community Health, and Radiologist, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. The lecture was moderated by Susan P. Curnan.


Robert Kuttner of the American Prospect was the keynote speaker for April’s Distinguished Public Policy Lecture, sponsored by the MPP Program. Mr. Kuttner spoke about “Social Justice and Social Policy in the Age of Obama.”

The first Distinguished Speaker for the Institute for Global Health and Development gave a talk in April 2010 to the Heller community. Dr. Unni Karunakara, President-elect of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières discussed his experiences of the challenges to humanitarian action.

Heller’s Gender Working Group celebrated the 100th anniversary of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2010 with a day of events with the theme “Women Changing Our World!”


The Lurie Seminar Series offered several programs over the semester, including Leo Sarkissian, Executive Director, ARC of Massachusetts, “Disability Policy in the Midst of Economic Decline;” Margaret Marotta-Smith, Assistant Director of Special Education, Boston Public Schools, “Meeting the Needs of Children with Autism in the Boston Public Schools;” Cariann Harsh, MBA ’04, Director, Division of Autism, Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services, “The Autism Waiver Program: Designing and Implementing a Participant-Directed Service System for Young Children with Autism and Their Families;” and Margaret Chow-Menzer, Assistant Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS), “DDS Strategies for Meeting Long Term Care Needs.”

Speakers in the Master’s Program in Sustainable International Development’s (SID) Friday Speaker Series included Arthur Holcombe, President of the Tibetan Poverty Alleviation Fund; David Branigan, International Director of Bikes Not Bombs; and Susan Murcott, Senior Lecturer in MIT’s Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Laurence Simon hosted and co-instructed two Professional Seminars for the SID Program: “Haiti and Latin America - The U.S. Gets It Wrong Again and Again,” featuring Larry Birns, Director of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, in March 2010; and “Harmonizing Tradition with Change: A People's Agenda for a Global Awakening,” featuring Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, founder and president of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka, in April.

Members of Forgotten People Community Development Organization visited SID and presented a lecture entitled “The Navajo Nation Laboratory: A Paradigm Shift to Nation Building” in March 2010.

David Coltart, Minister of Education of Zimbabwe, visited SID in February 2010 to discuss a vision for recovery in Zimbabwe.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Doctoral Training Grant sponsored several speakers this semester: Debra Furr-Holden, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, on “Environmental Markers, Violence, and Substance Abuse;” Ron Manderscheid, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors, on “Parity and Health Reform: Implications for Behavioral Health;” Tami Mark, Thomson Reuters, on “Looking Back at the De Facto Mental Health System;” and Michael Flaherty, Institute for Research, Education and Training in the Addictions (IRETA), on “Substance Use – Still America’s #1 Unaddressed Health Problem Today and Tomorrow;”

In March 2010, the Sillerman Center sponsored “Making Your Mark: Conversations on Philanthropy,” with Florine Mark, Weight Watchers Franchise Owner, who discussed her personal philanthropy choices.

The Sillerman Center hosted a Massachusetts Census Equity Event at Brandeis in March 2010.

In April 2010, the Sillerman Center, along with New England International Donors and the Heller School, co-sponsored “Education for International Development,” a panel and roundtable. Professor Laurence Simon served as moderator.