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Christine Bishop (PI), Jennifer Hefele
“Transition to Resident-centered Care (Culture Change) in Nursing Homes: Impact of and on a Nursing Home’s Financial Health”
Funder: Retirement Research Foundation; subcontract to Brandeis from Brown University
This project will identify financial, market and other factors affecting nursing home probability of adopting a resident-centered care approach (“culture change”); and will estimate the impact of culture change on the financial health of nursing homes, using public baseline data (2004) and Brown survey data (2009-10).

ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

Janet Boguslaw (PI)
“Beyond Supply and Demand: Investigating the Role of Social Networks in Healthcare Workforce Diversity”
Funder: Endowment for Health
The purpose of this study is to investigate the mechanisms that influence New Hampshire healthcare workers’ employment opportunities and career trajectories. The goal is to understand in more depth the processes by which opportunities are passed along through networks and other mechanisms to health care workers in the employment pipeline, and to determine whether and how these processes vary by race and ethnicity.

Thomas Shapiro (PI)
Funder: Levi Strauss Foundation
This grant will provide continued support for communications, constituency education and advocacy driving public policy change to help close the racial wealth gap in the U.S.

Sandra Venner (PI), Delia Kimbrel
“Assessment for Bangor Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Program Development”
Funder: John T. Gorman Foundation
The Institute on Assets and Social Policy will conduct a survey and participant interviews, then analyze the data to develop recommendations to assist the Bangor (ME) Housing Authority in creating the plan for an enhanced Family Self-Sufficiency program.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Diana Bowser (PI), Dominic Hodgkin
“Juvenile Justice-Translational Research on Interventions for Adolescents in the Legal System (JJTRIALS) Cooperative Agreement”
Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse; subcontract to Brandeis from Mississippi State University
The project aims to understand from a systems perspective how adolescents in the juvenile justice system could benefit from evidence-based prevention and/or treatment interventions that target substance use and HIV risk behaviors. The Brandeis team will be working closely with the Mississippi Center examining the impacts and costs associated with juvenile drug courts.

Margot Trotter Davis (PI), Sharon Reif
“Enhancement to Addiction Recovery Services, Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital”
Funder: Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital
This project will assess the impact of changes to the addiction program at Faulkner Hospital. Changes include providing co-medical services for patients requiring detoxification, and adding an outpatient suboxone clinic.

Mary Jo Larson (PI), Peter Kreiner, Deborah Garnick, Grant Ritter, Cindy Thomas, Rachel Sayko Adams, Beth Mohr
“Preventing Prescription Drug Problems: A Pilot Military Opioid Safety Initiative”
Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse
This project is a pilot to increase the use of safe prescribing and prescription monitoring practice among primary care physicians serving military members.

DISABILITIES

Susan Parish (PI)
“Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Access, Service Utilization and Quality of Care for U.S. Children with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities”
Funder: Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
This project is a longitudinal investigation of racial and ethnic disparities in access, service utilization and quality of care for children with disabilities. It includes an analysis of data from the National Survey of Children’s Health and the National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs.
Jon Chilingerian (PI), Christopher Tompkins, Jody Gittell, Jennifer Perloff, Wendy Colnon, IHS Faculty and Researchers  
“Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Multidisciplinary Doctoral Training Program”  
Funder: AHRQ  
This grant is a five-year renewal of the AHRQ Multi-Disciplinary Doctoral Training Program. This pre-doctoral training program supports eight full-time PhD students with tuition and stipends for three years. The primary objective of the program is the focused and rigorous preparation of doctoral students for teaching and research careers in universities, governmental agencies, or other research settings devoted to health services research and health policy.

Robert Mechanic, Darren Zinner (Co-PIs)  
“Identifying Rapid Change in Reimbursement Contracts Among Group Physician Practices”  
Funder: The Commonwealth Fund  
This project will survey employed physician group practices associated with the Council of Accountable Physician Practices and the Group Practice Improvement Network to document changes in the magnitude of these groups’ alternative (non-fee-for-service) payment contracts between 2010 and 2013. The researchers will also document changes in the groups’ operating characteristics, including physician compensation, data management capacity, and specific cost containment and quality improvement initiatives.

Cindy Thomas, Stanley Wallack (Co-PIs)  
“State Health Practice Database for Research”  
Funder: National Institutes of Health (NIH); subcontract to Brandeis from ImpaQ International  
This initiative will develop a State Health Practice Database for Research (SHPDR) to track state-level data on health regulations, statutes, and legislation to support health economics research. IMPAQ International LLC, is the prime investigator and Brandeis, along with George Washington University and Edaptive Systems, are partners.

Christopher Tompkins (PI), Jennifer Perloff, Tim Martin, Moaven Razavi  
“American College of Surgeons Medicare Physician Payment Proposal Analysis”  
Funder: American College of Surgeons (ACS); subcontract to Brandeis from Brigham and Women’s Hospital  
The project team is working to design a new incentive-based payment system for physicians serving Medicare patients. The ACS has endorsed the concept of a Value Based Update (VBU) to physician Medicare payments to complement other incentive programs intended to sustain or improve quality and reduce cost. The team will develop a dynamic micro-simulation using historical claims data to provide detailed development of the VBU policy and to explore the effects of its implementation.

Diana Bowser (PI), Jni Etolue  
“Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Burkina Faso”  
Funder: World Bank  
The goal of this project is to understand how health and non-health sector policies impact access to services for adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) and how ASRH impacts socioeconomic development in Burkina Faso and potentially several other case study countries (Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Bolivia). The research team will conduct a literature review, a health system analysis, and a quantitative analysis examining several research questions on the above topic. The outcomes of the project will be a final research paper as well as a policy brief with recommendations on best policies that will improve ASRH services and have the highest impact on socioeconomic growth and development.

Donald Shepard (PI), Yara Halasa  
“An Economic Analysis of the Threats Posed by the Establishment of Aedes albopictus in Queensland”  
Funder: State of Queensland, Australia; subcontract to Brandeis from Queensland Institute of Medical Research  
The Asian tiger mosquito (Aedes albopictus) is a troublesome pest that has invaded many countries over the past two decades, including the mid-Atlantic and southern parts of the United States and southern Europe. A daytime biter, it restricts residents’ ability to relax or exercise in their yards and porches, and sometimes transmits viral diseases. Building on recent work by Heller researchers in New Jersey, this study is performing a benefit-cost study of potential control measures in the state of Queensland, Australia, designed to reduce the risk of the mosquito invading Brisbane and other areas.

Jeff Prottas (PI)  
“Foundations and Fiscal Sponsorship for Non-Profits”  
Funder: Third Sector New England, with match from the Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy  
This project will examine how foundations understand and evaluate fiscal sponsorship arrangements for grass-roots grantees.

**ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES**


**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (CONT.)**


- Presented at Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh, August 2013.
- Presented at Northern University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, August 2013.


Santos, P. “Healing without Harm: Demonstration Sites Study Results.” Presented at Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Medical Malpractice, conference sponsored by AHRQ, St. Louis, MO, June 2013.


Halasa, Y. “Dengue in India: Cost of Illness.” Presented at International Health Economics Association 9th World Congress, Sydney, Australia, July 2013.
Lynch, L.M. "When the Angel Takes Flight Can She Have it All?", an examination of the trends and determinants of women's labor market participation in the U.S. over the last fifty years. Presentation to National Academies of Science, Committee on National Statistics, Washington, DC, May 2013.


**MANAGEMENT**


**PUBLIC FINANCE**


PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

AGING

Christine Bishop and others, including director G. Lawrence Atkins, PhD ’85, and Elizabeth Blaire, MPP ’13, were staff to the Commission on Long Term Care, which was established by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2013. Report released to the United States Congress, under the direction of the Commission: http://www.ltccommission.senate.gov/

ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES


BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Elizabeth L. Merrick contributed a piece on "Seniors and Risky Drinking," which was posted August 12, 2013, on Brown-Forman’s "Thinking About Drinking" Issues Forum. Brown-Forman is one of the largest alcoholic beverage producers and its Issues Forum is aimed at promoting the responsible use of alcohol. http://www.ourthinkingaboutdrinking.com/

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Larry Bailis gave an address to incoming Commonwealth Corps members at their orientation session, held at Brandeis University on August 15, 2013.

In July, the Center for Youth and Communities hosted a Learning Exchange for representatives from seven communities – Chicago, Detroit, Hartford, CT, Houston, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Maricopa County, AZ, and San Diego – as part of the $2.5 million project funded by the Walmart Foundation to design, develop, test, and implement a youth employment competency-based system.

Alison Earle discussed parental leave on the CBS radio affiliate WCCO-AM in Minneapolis, a story occasioned by Prince William taking time off after the birth of his son.

Lisa Jennings was mentioned in the press for her participation in the Dempster Family Foundation’s efforts to raise awareness of 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome (commonly known as 22Q), a chromosomal disorder affecting 1 in 2,000 births. http://www.wickedlocal.com/weymouth/news/x1808721879/Bus-drives-attention-to-disorder http://www.bostonglobe.com/sports/2013/03/03/for-ryan-dempster-cause-takes-heart/EVoNnMr0wRoceUoUp5L7/story.html

PUBLIC FINANCE

Robert Tannenwald was quoted in an August 18, 2013, Boston Globe article, “On tax policy, Mass. looking more red than blue.”

Robert Tannenwald was quoted in U.S. News and World Report, in an August 20, 2013, article, “Would Rio de Janeiro’s Woody Allen Film Offer Pay Off?”

DISABILITIES

Susan Parish was quoted in “Love in the Time of Autism,” an article in the August 2013 issue of Psychology Today about how raising an autistic child can affect a marriage.

ENVIRONMENT


LABOR MARKETS

Lisa Lynch discussed the April employment reports on PBS NewsHour’s May 3, 2013, broadcast.

PHILANTHROPY

Claudia Jacobs posts on the Huffington Post blog. Recent entries include:

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia was appointed to the Health and Human Development Advisory Panel of Education Development Center in June 2013, and to the Board of PolicyLink in May 2013. In July 2013 she was appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior.

Lisa Jennings was appointed to a 4-person review panel for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Early Intervention Certification for higher education institutions.

Pamela Joshi was appointed to the Editorial Board for the Journal of Marriage and Family.

Brenda Anderson was appointed to the Editorial Board of the journal Advances in Accounting Education: Teaching and Curriculum Innovations.

Christine Bishop was a 2012-13 Health and Aging Policy Fellow. Sponsored by Atlantic Philanthropies, the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program gives professionals in health and aging to participate in the policymaking process on either the Federal or state level.

Margot Davis is now on the review committees of the Journal of Social Work, Substance Abuse, the Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research, and Psychological Reports.

Subharati Ghosh was selected for the National Poverty Center’s 2013 Summer Workshop, “Conducting Research Using the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP),” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She was also selected as a reviewer for the Journal for the Society of Social Work and Research.

Lisa Jennings was appointed to a 4-person review panel for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Early Intervention Certification for higher education institutions.

Pamela Joshi was appointed to the Editorial Board for the Journal of Marriage and Family.

Mary Jo Larson was invited to join the Institute of Medicine Committee on the Military Assessment of Resiliency and Prevention Programs for Mental and Behavioral Health in Service Members and their Families.

Lisa Lynch was officially installed as President of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) in June 2013. She was also inducted as a Fellow of LERA.
STUDENT RECOGNITION

HONORS / AWARDS

Marisa Daniel, MBA '13; Kristen Devoucoux, MBA '13; Laura Rooney, MBA '13; and Rachel Weiker, MBA '13 were all chosen as Sillerman Center interns for fall 2013.

PRESENTATIONS


PUBLICATIONS


PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Marion Cros, PhD student, made two presentations in Haiti to the Ministry of Public Health and Population and to the Health Districts’ Directors in June 2013. The presentations covered infrastructure, personnel, and health spending in three districts in Haiti.
The Executive Education Program, under the leadership of Jon Chilingerian, held its annual week-long Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management in June. The program also continued its newest course offering, the Physician Executive Leadership Institute, in partnership with the Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership in Portland, Maine, over the summer. Heller faculty members Stuart Altman and Jon Chilingerian conducted sessions on Strategic Decision Making in Health Care, New Clinical Leadership Challenges, Health Care Economics, and U.S. Health Policy for physician leaders in Maine.

The Health Industry Forum, led by Robert Mechanic, presented “Purchasing Decisions in an Accountable Care World: How Will Purchasers Define Value?” in June 2013 in Washington, DC. This forum examined emerging strategies that provider groups are developing to manage supply costs, the establishment of new relationships with biopharmaceutical and device manufacturers, and the potential impacts of these new activities on delivery and product innovation.

The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, directed by Susan Parish, assisted the Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation in hosting its annual summer workshop. This year’s event, “Aging Well with Autism (55 and Older),” was held in July 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss progressive planning initiatives relevant to older adults with autism. Topics addressed included medical care, health, and wellness for autistic adults over 55, transition and life planning supports, and innovative approaches to housing and community living. Among the guest speakers was Len Fishman, former Chief Executive Officer of Hebrew SeniorLife, current member of the Heller Board of Overseers and a Visiting Scholar at Heller.

Links to the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy’s Women Be Healthy curriculum and YouTube videos were included as “Tools to Empower Clinicians and Women with Disabilities to Interact Effectively” in the Association of Maternal and Child Health Program’s TOOLBOX: Improving the Receipt of Clinical Preventive Services among Women with Disabilities, made available online in May 2013.

The MS in International Health Policy and Management hosted Dean Jin Ma, the Director of the Department of Health Policy and Management and the Executive Dean of the School of Public Health, Shanghai Jiaotong, China. The purpose of the meeting, which was organized by Heller faculty member Wu Zeng, was to discuss overlaps in research and educational programs between Heller and the School of Public Health.

The Relational Coordination Research Collaborative (RCRC), with Jody Hoffer Gittell as executive director, held its third annual Spring Research Colloquium, “Advancing the Science of Measurement, Improvement and Evaluation: Innovations in Relational Coordination” in May 2013 at the Heller School. The event brought together over 70 researchers and practitioners from around the world to share their work and explore emergent ideas for advancing the science of measurement, improvement and evaluation. The colloquium was co-sponsored by the Heller School and MIT’s Sloan School of Management.

Professor Donald Shepard and Wu Zeng, Senior Lecturer, organized a session, “Performance-based Financing: Comparative International Experience,” held at the International Health Economics Association World Congress in July 2013 in Sydney, Australia.

Donald Shepard and Wu Zeng organized the “Performance-based Financing in the Republic of Congo” workshop, held at the Heller School in August 2013.