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Adawi, K.I, Oldridge, N.B., Tarima, S.S., Stason, W.B., and Shepard, D.S. Cardiac Rehabilitation Patient and Organizational Factors: What Keeps Patients in Programs? *Journal of the American Heart Association*. Published online October 25, 2013. (2013). [http://jaha.ahajournals.org/content/2/5/e000418](http://jaha.ahajournals.org/content/2/5/e000418)

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PUBLIC FINANCE

AGING

Margie Lachman (PI)
“Pathways to Health and Illness: Testing Older Cohort Hypotheses”
Funder: National Institute on Aging; subcontract to Brandeis from University of Washington, Madison
The goal of this new project is to add a new cohort to a larger study. We will assess the cognitive functioning of a new national sample of adults, ages 55 to 74, over the telephone. We will examine the behavioral, psychological, and health factors associated with adaptive cognitive functioning in later life. The effects of the economic recession will be compared for younger and older adults, and cognitive functioning will be examined as a protective factor.

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Peter Kreiner (PI), Gail Strickler, Meelee Kim, Cindy Thomas, Lee Panas, Erin Doyle, Tom Clark, Ruslan Nikitin, Carol Prost
“Supplemental Funds for Prescription Behavior Surveillance System (PBSS)”
Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Food and Drug Administration, via Bureau of Justice Assistance award
Supplemental funding was provided for continued development of the PBSS longitudinal, multi-state database of de-identified Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data, implementation of periodic surveillance reports, validation of selected measures of inappropriate prescribing, and evaluation of one or more prescriber educational initiatives.

Mary Jo Larson (PI), Rachel Sayko Adams, Peter Kreiner, Cindy Thomas, Grant Ritter
“Preventing Prescription Drug Problems: A Pilot Military Opioid Safety Initiative (SCOSI-M)”
Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health
The research team will design and pilot an educational intervention for physicians who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families with prescription opioids.

Donald Shepard (PI)
“Vermont Center of Behavior and Health”
Funder: National Institutes of Health/National Institute of General Medical Sciences; subcontract to Brandeis from University of Vermont
The University of Vermont established the Vermont Center on Behavior and Health (VCBH) in 2013. One of the center’s themes is using incentives and other behavioral interventions to support healthy behavior change interventions and policies. As one of the partner institutions, the Heller School is collaborating on economic analysis to develop and evaluate interventions and participates in the Center’s monthly lecture series via videoconference.

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Dolores Acevedo-Garcia (PI)
“diversitydatakids.org: A Comprehensive Information System for Advancing Child Health, Wellbeing and Equity”
Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
The Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy (ICYFP) received a grant to complete the development of a comprehensive, integrated information system, diversitydatakids.org, to help policymakers, researchers, advocates and other change agents monitor progress toward improved health and wellbeing for children of all racial and ethnic groups. The project will include four components: (1) concluding the development of the diversitydatakids.org database and website, (2) launching the project and website by making them publicly available, (3) conducting data and policy analyses and disseminating products, and (4) promoting awareness of the database and website.

Susan P. Curnan (PI)
“District Level Systems Change”
Funder: Nellie Mae Education Foundation
The Center for Youth and Communities serves as the theory of change/logic model coach and a learning partner for the Foundation and eleven school districts throughout New England. The Center is involved in building new models for systems change to adapt policies and practices in support of student-centered learning.
School districts include: Portland, ME; Pittsfield, NH; Sanford, ME; Burlington/Winooski, VT; Hartford, CT; Meriden, NH; Manchester, NH; New Haven, CT; Providence, RI; Revere, MA; and Chelsea, MA.

Pam Joshi (PI), Erin Hardy
“Evaluation of the Child Care Voucher Eligibility Reassessment Policy Change in Massachusetts”
Funder: Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Research, Planning and Evaluation
This collaborative research partnership will evaluate state policies designed to make accessing child care subsidies more family-friendly. The partnership will (1) evaluate the impacts of a policy change which transitioned child care voucher eligibility redetermination responsibilities from Child Care Resource and Referral centers to contracted child care providers, (2) document the new policy implementation, and (3) examine any differential effects on families, with a focus on under-participating groups such as Hispanic and immigrant families.
**DISABILITIES**

Susan Parish (PI)
“Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”
Funder: National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; subcontract to Brandeis from University of Illinois at Chicago
This study is investigating the health and health care access of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Susan Parish (PI), Sara Shostak
“Ruderman Social Justice Scholars in Disability Program”
Funder: Ruderman Family Foundation
This project funds fellowships for select undergraduate students at Brandeis to study issues around disability. The fellowship will include stipend, scholarship, summer internship within the local disability community, and research opportunity with Brandeis faculty focused on disability policy issues.

Marji Erickson Warfield (PI)
“Capacity Building for WCI - Work, Community, Independence”
Funder: WCI
Since 1974, WCI, a private nonprofit agency, has provided homes, employment opportunities and community-based day activities to people with a range of developmental and intellectual disabilities in the Greater Waltham area. The purpose of the project is to (1) identify opportunities for WCI to provide additional types of services and supports to meet the needs of new groups of clients based on changes in state policies and initiatives; (2) assess WCI’s capacity to expand current business operations and initiate new business to take advantage of the identified opportunities; and (3) make recommendations and set priorities for service operations for the next five years.

**HEALTH**

Jennifer Perloff (PI)
“Comparing Medication Prescribing Practices of Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Providing Services to Medicare Beneficiaries”
Funder: National Council of State Boards of Nursing; subcontract to Brandeis from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
This work built on an earlier study that compared NP and physician-delivered primary care. The current project will describe NP prescribing for acute medical and chronic conditions, as well as compare NP and physician prescribing practices.

**MANAGEMENT**

Jody Hoffer Gittell (PI)
“Clinical Trials Improvement and Evaluation Project, Tufts University Clinical and Translational Science Institute”
Funder: National Institutes of Health; subcontract to Brandeis from Tufts University Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)
The Relational Coordination Research Collaborative will partner with Tufts CTSI to explore the barriers that impede coordination of clinical trials at and among Tufts CTSI partner institutions, introduce an intervention to improve clinical trial coordination and associated outcomes, and evaluate the impact relative to baseline.


Bishop, C.E. “The Commission on Long Term Care: Search for a Consensus Policy Space.” Presented at:
- Board, Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation, Newton Lower Falls, MA, October 2013.


Horgan, C. “Designing Payment Incentives to Improve Performance: Implications for SBI.” Presented at Annual Conference of International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs (INEBRIA), Rome, Italy, September 2013.

Horgan, C., Stewart, M., Brolin, M., Garnick, D., Hodgkin, D., Reif, S., and Quinn, A. “Provider Payment Approaches and Incentives to Implement Screening.” Presented at Annual Conference of International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs (INEBRIA), Rome, Italy, September 2013.


Kreiner, P. “How Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Can Help Prevent the Abuse of Medicines.” Presented at webinar sponsored by the Alliance to Prevent the Abuse of Medicines, Washington, DC/online, October 2013.


Larson, M.J. “Women Veterans and Their Mental Health: Myths and Misconceptions.” Presented at the 11th Annual J. Rhodes Haverty Lecture, the Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, November 2013.


PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT


Simon, L. “A Pedagogy of the Oppressed: Paulo Freire and Dalit Liberation.” Invited lecture to the Faculty and Research Staff, Indian Institute for Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, October 2013.

Simon, L. “A Theology of Awakening: Paulo Freire and Subaltern Consciousness.” Invited lecture to the Faculty Study Group, St. Aloysius Degree College, Cox Town, Bangaluru, India, October 2013.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT.)

Simon, L. “The Tyranny of Place: Paulo Freire and Subaltern Consciousness.” The Ambedkar Chair Lecture, presented at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, October 2013.


INTERNATIONAL HEALTH


INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (CONT.)


LABOR MARKETS

Lynch, L. Presentation at panel discussion, “What’s Happening to the American Middle Class?” Sponsored by the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers (HUCTW) as part of its 25th anniversary celebration, Cambridge, MA, September 2013.


Gittell, J.H. “Building Relational Coordination for High Performance: A Relational Model of Organizational Change.” Presented at:
- Relational Coordination Conference, Act2Learn and University College Northern Denmark, Aalborg, Denmark, October 2013.
- Internal leadership training workshop, Aarhus Commune, Aarhus, Denmark, November 2013.
- Senior Leadership Retreat, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, December 2013.

Gittell, J.H. “Building Relational Coordination in the Varde Municipality.” Presented at Relational Coordination Workshop, Varde Municipality Denmark, Varde, Denmark, November 2013.


Gittell, J.H. “Relational Coordination and Resilience for the Changing Healthcare Context.” Presented at Integrative Self Care Program, sponsored by Oregon Health Science University, Portland, OR, October 2013.

AGING

In October, Christine Bishop took part in the Healthcare Symposium at the Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1968 45th Reunion. Her presentation was entitled “Long Term Services and Supports: Old Challenges, New Opportunities.”

Also in October, Christine Bishop presented a statement to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at a hearing concerning proposed licensure of adult day health services in Massachusetts.

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Susan P. Curnan was a thought-leader panelist at the Invitational Research Debate and Dialogue on “Levels of Evidence” hosted by America’s Promise: Alliance for Youth in Washington, DC, in December 2013.

In September 2013, Susan P. Curnan and Della M. Hughes were invited guests at the Invitational Research and Community Collaboratives Summit: Improving Youth Outcomes, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. The invitational summit brought together the top 100 youth development thought leaders to discuss the process and challenges that university-community partnerships face as they join forces to close the gap between research and practice in the interest of improving youth outcomes.

Susan P. Curnan and Susan Lanspery co-facilitated an October 2013 Funders Affinity Group in Hartford, CT, to educate and leverage foundation support for youth employability.

DISABILITIES


Susan Parish participated in an invitational workshop summary meeting about children and hunger, sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, in Washington, DC, in December 2013.

Susan Parish was invited to attend the “High-Level Meeting on Disability” at the United Nations in September 2013.

LABOR MARKETS


Lisa Lynch participated in the joint Dēmos and Rockefeller Foundation convening in Bellagio, Italy on New Economic Paradigms, October 2013.

Lisa Lynch was a Jury Member for the Boston Federal Reserve Bank Working Cities Challenge, December 2013.
In November 2013, the Center for Youth and Communities, in partnership with the Walmart Foundation, accepted the Catalyst Award from the Mayor of Philadelphia, the Honorable Michael Nutter, and Philadelphia Youth Network. The award honors investment partners who committed $250,000 or more in support of WorkReady Philadelphia Summer 2013 programs.

In September, Signe Peterson Flieger became a post-doctoral fellow at the Schneider Institutes for Health Policy (SIHP). This one-year position was offered for the first time by SIHP Executive Director Stanley Wallack. Flieger will work with multiple projects at SIHP, including Relational Coordination Research Collaborative projects focused on primary care and patient-centered medical homes.

Nina Kammerer was appointed a referee for promotion review at Australian National University.

Lisa Lynch was appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Policy Roundtable on the Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Margaret McKenna was appointed to the Boston School Committee by outgoing Mayor Thomas Menino on Menino’s last day in office. http://www.cityofboston.gov/news/Default.aspx?id=6390

Susan Parish was appointed Associate Dean for Research at the Heller School.

Susan Parish was selected to the Scientific Committee for the Congress on Cancer in People with Intellectual Disabilities (2013-2014), sponsored by ONCODEFI in Montpellier, France.

Laurence Simon was appointed to the 2014 Boren National Nominating Panel for the National Security Education Program Fellowships.

Robert Tannenwald was appointed a member of the Massachusetts Legislative Commission on Tax Fairness in October 2013.


PRESENTATIONS


Benenson, J. “What’s Past is Prologue: Accounting for Prior Nonprofit Experiences among Experiential Philanthropy Course Participants.” Presented at the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE) Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, November 2013.


Creedon, T., and Pugatch, M. “Associations between Age at First Alcohol Use and Adult Mental Health Status.” Poster presented at Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) 32nd Annual National Conference, Bethesda, MD, November 2013.


HONORS / AWARDS

Jodi Benenson was the recipient of an Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Doctoral Fellowship.

Matt Brown ’08, MPP ’13, was chosen as the 2013-14 Sillerman Doctoral Fellow. Marisa Daniel, MPP/MBA ’13, Kristen Devoucoux, MBA/MA ’14, Laura Rooney, MBA ’13, and Rachael Weiker, MBA/MPP ’13, were selected as Fall ’13 Sillerman Interns.

Arina Chithavong is the MA/SID Feldman Scholar for the 2013-14 academic year. She has also been awarded a prestigious fellowship by the German government through the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for the 2014-2015 academic year. The award will allow Chithavong to obtain field experience during her second-year practicum.

MBA student Crystal Germond was offered and accepted a seat on the board of Rebuilding Together Boston. As a Board Fellow she will be focused on RTB’s marketing, outreach, donor campaigns, and other strategic initiatives over the next year.

Kate Giapponi was funded to be a Research Assistant on the Office of Research, Planning and Evaluation study, led by Pam Joshi of the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy, which provides access to administrative data for her dissertation. This project will specifically fund 1 of her 3 papers for her dissertation.

MPP student Sal Ramirez was appointed as a reviewer for the Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs through Purdue University.

PhD student Drew Zachary is a semifinalist for the Presidential Management Fellowship.
In November 2013, the Center for Youth and Communities convened leaders from seven cities (Chicago, Detroit, Hartford, Houston, Philadelphia, Phoenix/Maricopa County, and San Diego), at Brandeis for a two-day Institute, as part of the 2013 Summer Youth Employability Initiative.

The Health Industry Forum held a forum entitled “Designing Affordable Health Insurance Products: The Role of Purchasers, Payers, Providers and Policy” in Washington, DC, in October 2013. Health plans are developing new products in light of growing scrutiny of health care spending and intensifying price competition. The forum examined different employer strategies including use of private exchanges with defined employer premium contributions as well as active management of employee incentives combined with new provider and service-level cost and quality transparency tools.

The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy co-sponsored an afternoon workshop with Advocates, Inc., in September 2013 for parents of adult children with autism to discuss policy and legislative issues important to people with disabilities.

The annual Lurie Distinguished Lecture was held in October 2013. Glenn T. Fujura, PhD, a Professor of Human Development in the Department of Disability at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the editor-in-chief of the journal Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, spoke on “The Political Arithmetic of Disability and the Family.” The lecture and the reception that followed were attended by Heller students and faculty, as well as local and national advocates for people with disabilities.

Dean Lisa Lynch co-organized, with Larry Mishel from the Economic Policy Institute, a “Symposium on Norms, Institutions and Labor Standards” at the Heller School in December. The symposium, which featured a keynote address by Alan Krueger, former Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, was attended by over fifty academics, trade unionists, representatives from workers rights organizations, policy makers, and students.

The Third Annual Relational Coordination Research Collaborative Fall Roundtable, “Advancing the Practice of Relational Coordination,” was held at the University of California, Berkeley in October 2013 with keynote speakers professors Edgar Schein (MIT) and Steve Shortell (UC Berkeley), facilitated by Jody Hoffer Gittell (professor, Heller School and executive director, Relational Coordination Research Collaborative). Nearly 80 participants traveled from around the US and beyond to take part in this lively event, including both researchers and practitioners seeking to improve performance using relational coordination concepts, measures, tools and models.

In October 2013, the Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program convened a special edition of its Annual Retreat. Forty of the 63 Segal Fellows who live all across the country were joined by Founders and Friends in Little Rock, Arkansas. Founder Mack McLarty, former White House Chief of Staff for President Clinton, hosted the Segal Network at the Old State House where Segal Fellows met with Governor Beebe, Mayor Stodola, Senator Pryor, and more. The group visited Central High School to hear the inspiring stories told by two of the “Little Rock Nine,” including their experiences as the first African American students to integrate an all-white high school in 1957.

Below, Segal Founders, Fellows and Friends outside of Little Rock Central High School.