Heller School for Social Policy and Management
Dissertation Committee Resource Guide

June 2018

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 (https://secureweb.brandeis.edu/heller/heller-policies/policies/Rights-Obligations-etc-7-03.pdf), it is an obligation for full, associate, and assistant professor levels to chair and serve on dissertation committees.

As outlined in the Position Rights, Obligations and Guidelines for Hiring and Promotion, it is a right for lecturers, adjunct and visiting professors, senior research associates, and scientists to serve on dissertation committees.

As outlined in the Policy on Affiliated Faculty (https://secureweb.brandeis.edu/heller/heller-policies/policies/affiliated-faculty-policy-August-2010.pdf), affiliated faculty are authorized to participate as “inside” members of doctoral dissertation committees.
**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:** Chen, Yu-Han*  
Nuernberger, Rebecca*  
Serrano, Diana*  
Tian, Li**

**Member to:** Zachary, Drew*

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### Advisor to:

| Honigsberg, Liam |
| LaFleur, Jenny |
| Powley, Charlotte |
| Salva, Roberto (Babby) |

### 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:


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<th>Ilhom Akobirshoev, Senior Research Associate</th>
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<td>Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:</td>
<td>Social Policy (Global Health and Development)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Area of Methodological Expertise:</td>
<td>Health economics; cost-effectiveness analysis; cost-benefit analysis; large national dataset analysis; quantitative methods; statistical analyses.</td>
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<td>Area of Substantive Expertise:</td>
<td>Disability-related disparities in health and health care access; autism; financial well-being of people with disabilities and their caregiving families; intellectual and developmental disabilities; mother and child health; racial/ethnic disparities, poverty and people with disabilities; health care services and disability research; health insurance.</td>
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<td>Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:</td>
<td>Dr. Akobirshoev’s research examines the contribution of different “contextual environments” – family, neighborhood, and other social and economic systems and health and social welfare policies – to disparities in health care service utilization, quality of care, health outcomes, and economic wellbeing, including racial/ethnic disparities in these indicators among highly vulnerable population of children and adults with disabilities, and their caregiving families.</td>
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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
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:  

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:  

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**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 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:** Kharisma, Dinar Dana*

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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*
         Nikitan, Ruslan
         Zhang, Qian*
Member to: Hart, Andrew
          Lucas, Kimberly*
          Zhou, Xiaofei*
Advisor to: Chong, Natalie

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

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**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:** Madsen, Rachel**
Kreider, Benjamin*

**Advisor to:** Coleman, Aaron
Kim, Dong Joo

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**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)

**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 health economics.
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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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<td>Social Policy (Heller), Health</td>
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<td>Area of Methodological Expertise:</td>
<td>Qualitative, quantitative, evaluation</td>
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<td>Area of Substantive Expertise:</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:</td>
<td>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</td>
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| Member to: | Miles, Jennifer*  
Pugatch, Marianne*  
Taylor, Joanna* |
| Advisor: | Renna, Kevin |

**Name and Title:**  
**Cathy Burack, Senior Fellow**

| Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: | Higher Education |

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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

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Commitment to the process and student success
Strong belief in collegiality
Prior committee experience.

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Pierce, Elizabeth

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*

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Advisor to:

Name and Title: Jon Chilingerian, 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

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
Zachary, Drew*
Wilson, Andrew*

Member to: Osei-Anto, Henrietta Awo

Advisor to: Diaz-Linhart, Yaminette
Garito, Lindsay
Harris, Andrea
Olaleye, Wale
Khatibzadeh, Shahab

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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.

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Kreider, Benjamin*

Member to: Sorou, Sarah*

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Michael Doonan, Associate Professor

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**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

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**Name and Title:** Susan Eaton. Professor of Practice. Director of the Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy.

**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

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Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:
Member to:
Giles, Maggie
Brookner, Matt*
Nuernberger, Rebecca*
Souvanna, Phomdaen

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

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

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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*
Kales, Jennifer

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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: Henry, Brandy*
Member to: O’Reilly-Jacob, Monica* Pugatch, Marianne* Raede, Frannie Shechter*
Advisor to: Holliday-Stocking, Corrie Shields, Morgan

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Name and Title: Gary Gaumer, Adjunct Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Economics
Area of Methodological Expertise: Program/policy impact evaluation

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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

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: No

Chair to:

Member to: Saleem, Naeem**

Advisor to:

Name and Title: Jody Hoffer Gittell, Professor

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

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Landa, Cady*
Phaneuf, Tiffany*

Member to: Ali, Heba Naim
Kreider, Benjamin*
Shaikh, Sana*

Advisor to: Albert, Sasha
Bolton, Rendelle

Name and Title: Ricardo Godoy, Professor

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

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**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

**Chair to:** Dixon, Zita*

**Member to:** Madison, Megan*

**Advisor to:** Gray, Sarah Murphy*

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**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

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**Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee:** Yes

**Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:** Yes

**Chair to:**
- Creedon, Timothy*
- Hyary, Maia*
- Pugatch, Marianne*
- Zhang, Ye*
- Zhou, Xiaofel*

**Member to:**
- Giles, Maggie
- Kharisma, Danar Dana*
- Kim, Hyosin*
- Rivera, Elizabeth
- Tian, Li**

**Advisor to:** Kritikos, Alexandra

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**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

**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

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**Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee:** Yes

**Chair to:**

**Member to:** Creedon, Timothy*
Evans, Brooke*
Kim, MeeLee*
Formica, Scott*
Okrant, Elisabeth*

**Advisor to:** Dennehy, Kathleen
Sulman, Heidi
Strod, Deborah

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**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, Quantitative 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 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

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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)
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: Wilson, Andrew*
Nikitan, Ruslan

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Advisor to:

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: No

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

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<th>Area of Substantive Expertise:</th>
<th>Youth policy, community youth development, College access programs, aging policy, supportive housing, community-based services</th>
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| Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: | Interest in students, practical approach, sense of humor |}

| Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: | Yes |
| Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: | Yes |
| Chair to: | Ramirez-Kuykendall, Shamekka* |
| Member to: | Phillips, Susan* |
| Advisor to: | |

Name and Title: Mary Jo Larson, Senior Scientist

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Psychology

| 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

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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  
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:  

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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.

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: Routhier, Giselle*
          Kemp, Courtney*

Member to: Hyary, Maia*
           Zhang, Qian*

Advisor to: Ejaife, Ofa Liz
           Higgins, Amy
           Jeffers, Misti
           Mauricio, Kaili
           Stagg, Allison

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### 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
- Chair to: Kales, Jennifer
- Member to: Hyary, Maia*
  Powell, Robyn*
- Advisor to: Dembo, Robbie

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### 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:

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to: Saleem, Naeem**
Member to: Meshram, Tanojkumar*
Advisor to:

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 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.

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:

Member to: Zhang, Qian*

Advisor to:

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

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

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

Member to: Gray, Sarah Murphy*  
Phaneuf, Tiffany*

Advisor to:

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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

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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: *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.

Name and Title: Susan Parish, Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: public health, social work
Area of Methodological Expertise: quantitative and qualitative research methods; mixed methods; research design, analysis of large scale survey data
Area of Substantive Expertise: disability, poverty, intervention research, Medicaid policies for people with disabilities, health and wellbeing of women and children with disabilities

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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
Chair to:
Brandel, William*
O’Reilly-Jacob, Monica*
Member to:
Hart, Andy
Kim, Hyosin*
Raede, Frannie Shechter*
Zhou, Xiaofei*

Advisor to:
Moring, Nechama Sammet

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

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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: Evans, Brooke*
          Steele, Rachel

Member to: Brandel, William*
            Lucas, Kimberly*
            Meshram, Tanojkumar*
            Shaikh, Sana*

Advisor to: Moaven Razavi, Ph.D., Scientist/Lecturer
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Health Policy; Economics; International Health Policy

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

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<td>Social Policy (Heller), Health</td>
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<td>Area of Methodological Expertise:</td>
<td>Quantitative, Secondary data analysis, SAS</td>
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<td>Expertise in many aspects of substance abuse research, analysis/writing/editing skills, quantitative statistical skills</td>
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<td>Knowledge of process as Heller grad, Extensive expertise in substance abuse research, Analysis/writing/editing skills, Statistical skills</td>
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Okrant, Elisabeth* |
| Member to: | Kim, MeeLee* |
| Advisor to: | Flores, Cecilia  
Mazel, Shayna |

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<td>Area of Methodological Expertise:</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Area of Substantive Expertise:</td>
<td>Aging, Health policy, Health care financing/insurance, Health care delivery systems, Long-term care, Medical technology, Substance abuse services, Policy analysis/implemention issues</td>
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**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*
Henry, Brandy*
Ma, Siyu
Mann, Alexis*
Madison, Megan*
Miles, Jennifer*
Osei-Anto Henrietta Awo
Raede, Frannie Shechter*
Ramirez, Milargos
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, freelist, thematic analysis etc.)

**Area of Substantive Expertise:** Social Epidemiology, Health Disparities, Program Planning and Evaluation, Urban Health and Social

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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 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: No

Chair to:

Member to:

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

Advisor to:

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### Jessica Santos, Senior Research Associate

**Name and Title:** Jessica Santos, Senior Research Associate

**Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:** Social Policy (Heller), Sustainable Development

**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:** Pierce, Elizabeth

**Member to:** Ramirez, Milargos
Steele, Rachel

**Advisor to:** Williams, Jarvis

### Rajesh Sampath, Associate Professor

**Name and Title:** Rajesh Sampath, Associate Professor

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**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 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

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**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

**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:**

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**Advisor to:** \hspace{1cm} Manchester, David

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<td><strong>Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee:</strong></td>
<td>I am especially interested in working with doctoral students whose interests include issues of inequality, racial injustice, American society, and social policy.</td>
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Mann, Alexis*  
Shaikh, Sana* |
| **Member to:** | Madsen, Rachel**  
Kemp, Courtney* |
| **Advisor to:** | Kroeger, Teresa |

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<td><strong>Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study:</strong></td>
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**Laurence Simon**, Professor

**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

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

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

Chair to:
Member to:
Advisor to: Kahalzadeh, Hadi

Name and Title: Harleen Singh, Assistant Professor
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Literature
Area of Methodological Expertise: South Asia: Colonial and Post-Colonial
Area of Substantive Expertise: Post-Colonial Gender, Politics and Culture
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Reviewer of literature, cultural expertise, gender in South Asian context

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: No

Chair to:
Member to:
Advisor to:

Name and Title: Carmen Sirianni, Professor (also Sociology)
Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: Sociology

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**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:** Madsen, Rachel**

**Member to:**

**Advisor to:**

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**Name and Title:** William Stason, Senior Scientist

**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

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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:

Member to:

Advisor to: Sara Scully

Name and Title: Ibrahim K. Sundiata

Disciplinary Base of Graduate Study: History-areas of Africa; Liberia, Equatorial Guinea

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Area of Methodological Expertise: Comparative Race and Ethnicity
Area of Substantive Expertise: Fieldwork in Ghana, Liberia and Equatorial Guinea
Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Social Science perspective on issues of public policy
Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes
Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: No
Chair to:
Member to:
Advisor to: Comparative History Dept.

Name and Title: Robert Tannenwald, Adjunct Lecturer
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*

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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 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: Ma, Siyu
Raede, Frannie Shechter *

Member to: Brandel, William*
Evans, Brooke*

Advisor to: Dismukes, Paul
Lopez, Christian

Name and Title: Christopher Tompkins, Associate Professor

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

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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*
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.

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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: Ali, Heba Naim
         Phillips, Susan*
         Ramirez, Milargos

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

Strengths Brought to a Dissertation Committee: Quantitative methodology, health system and financing, Epidemiological research design.

Eligibility to Serve on Dissertation Committee: Yes

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Eligibility to Chair Dissertation Committee: Yes

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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

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