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Welcome to the Heller Social Policy Impact Report

At Heller, we build knowledge and encourage bold thinking to respond to today's most pressing social policy problems. Economic inequality is growing rapidly; health care systems struggle to provide high-quality care while containing costs; and households in vulnerable communities strive to make ends meet and provide opportunities for their children. Every day, our Heller research institutes and collaboratives push themselves to meet the demands of this extraordinary moment in history.

This issue of the *Heller Social Policy Impact Report* compiles the research activities of Heller faculty, staff and students from the first six months of 2018. In the following pages, you will gain an understanding of the breadth of our work, including many exciting new grants to support research now underway. If you're looking for more detail, take a deeper dive into the five projects highlighted in our feature stories.

The feature stories in this issue celebrate the value of applied research that has direct impact — a Heller hallmark. Diana Bowser is building Haiti's first national database to track the country's health care facility performance. Robbie Dembo and Monika Mitra break ground by examining the mental health consequences of violence against people with disabilities. Mary Jo Larson demonstrates that just one in-office education session with a pharmacist results in safer opioid prescribing behavior among doctors. Alan Melchior and Cathy Burack's evaluation of an after-school robotics program reveals powerful positive effects — especially for girls. And Yaminette Diaz-Linhart's PhD research spans boundaries in her work on a Massachusetts State House commission on behavioral health promotion and prevention across the lifespan.

We hope that you enjoy taking a closer look at the unparalleled, results-based research being done here at the Heller School. We welcome your engagement in our ongoing efforts to create “knowledge advancing social justice.”

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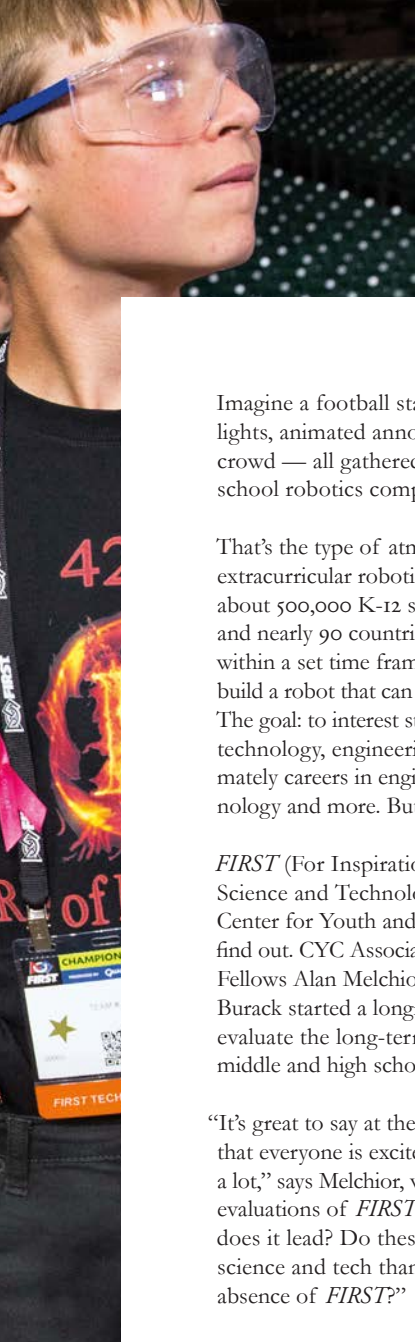
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The *FIRST* Step Toward STEM Careers

Center for Youth and Communities researchers find robotics program has positive impacts on students — especially girls



Imagine a football stadium full of bright lights, animated announcers and a cheering crowd — all gathered for a national high school robotics competition.

That's the type of atmosphere that *FIRST*, an extracurricular robotics program, creates for about 500,000 K-12 students across 50 states and nearly 90 countries. Working in teams and within a set time frame, students design and build a robot that can accomplish specific tasks. The goal: to interest students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and ultimately careers in engineering, computers, technology and more. But does it work?

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) turned to Heller's Center for Youth and Communities (CYC) to find out. CYC Associate Directors and Senior Fellows Alan Melchior '74, MA'07, and Cathy Burack started a longitudinal study in 2011 to evaluate the long-term effects of *FIRST*'s middle and high school programs.

"It's great to say at the end of the school year that everyone is excited and feels they learned a lot," says Melchior, who has done short-term evaluations of *FIRST* since 2002. "But where does it lead? Do these kids go on to do more science and tech than they would have in the absence of *FIRST*?"

Melchior and Burack are studying 1,273 students from the 10 states with the highest number of *FIRST* teams, including 822 *FIRST* participants and 451 comparison students who enrolled in science and math classes but were not in *FIRST*. All the students, along with their parents, completed a baseline survey five years ago. *FIRST* team leaders — a mix of teachers and parents — also completed a survey that year. Students have since received follow-up surveys at the end of each school year.

The first four years of data show that *FIRST* participants had significantly higher STEM knowledge and identities than those in the comparison group. *FIRST* participants also had an interest in STEM careers and activities — something that held true for students across gender and racial, economic and geographical backgrounds.

"One of my favorite storylines is that all the things that are true for the *FIRST* kids are doubly true for girls," Burack says. "STEM interest for girls in the program is off-the-charts high. We're still trying to sleuth out why. One of our operating theories is that it's finally a place where girls who have STEM interests can shine."

The positive impacts of *FIRST* continue into college: Alumni are more than twice as likely than comparison students to take engineering courses during their freshman year — a number that rises to 3.4 times for females. Overall, alumni show greater interest in majoring in computer science, engineering and robotics, and are more likely to join STEM-related clubs, competitions or take on STEM internships.

Melchior and Burack will continue the study through at least 2019, though they started presenting their initial results at conferences this spring. They hope to influence education policymakers — particularly at the state level — to give the same level of support to these types of programs as they give to sports.

"This kind of hands-on, project-based learning experience is a very effective way of helping young people engage in STEM," Melchior says. "How does learning the quadratic equation make a difference in a real-world setting? This is a good way of making that connection."

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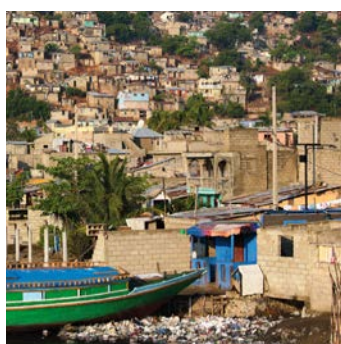
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Improving Health Outcomes in Haiti

Diana Bowser identifies key factors in efficiency and productivity by creating first national-level database of health care facility performance

Plagued by government instability and natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes, Haiti has some of the worst health outcomes in the world, according to the World Health Organization. That's despite decades of health care development aid from organizations such as the World Bank and USAID.

But the state of health care across the island isn't uniform. Some facilities are doing better than others — and Associate Professor Diana Bowser is leading a new World Bank-funded study to identify what makes the successful sites more efficient and productive.

This spring, Bowser worked with Leulseggé Kasa Mekonen, MA SID/MS'18, to create the first national-level database to track the performance of all 900 or so health care facilities in Haiti. They used data sets from all the organizations that have funded these facilities.

“Because each facility receives a mix of funding, it's hard to tease out what is making a facility do well in terms of services,” Bowser says. “With this database, we can take an objective look at the data, based on the type of facility, number of patients being seen, productivity of health care workers and more.”

She used the database to identify 10 higher-performing and 10 lower-performing facilities that are run by the government, private sector or NGOs. In May, she spent a week in Haiti training a team to conduct qualitative interviews at those 20 facilities about three main topics. The first topic was patient treatment during services, focusing on confidentiality, respect and discrimination. The second topic was facility readiness, determining whether the facility was prepared with the right drugs, injections, equipment or tests for each type of patient. The third topic was management, including supervision and communication among administration, health care workers and patients.

“Our goal was to see if there were patterns,” says Bowser, who worked with Alison Collins, MA SID/MBA'18 and Rangira Lambert, MS'18,

who both speak French, to evaluate the qualitative results. “Did the higher-performing facilities have better communication, more respectful health care workers, fewer equipment problems and fewer stockouts of drugs?”

Her initial findings showed several key similarities among top-performing facilities, which tend to be clustered around Port-au-Prince, the capital. They were often run by NGOs and had local nurses and community health workers who fostered trust and received results-based financing, which meant they received more funding if they met certain standards for care.

The study also revealed the importance of community health workers, who don't have advanced degrees, but are trained to do specific tasks, such as administer vaccinations or educate patients on specific medical topics. For example, she found that almost half of all their community visits were for family planning, which she says will have a long-term positive impact on the country.

“Everyone assumes doctors and nurses do everything, but these community health workers are doing just as many visits outside the facilities,” Bowser says. “People undervalue their work.”

Now, she's identifying three key areas where the World Bank might invest its funds, which could range from equipment recommendations, to communication improvements, to trainings. She hopes that by providing key answers about what's making facilities more or less efficient, she can empower the Haitian government and other donor organizations to make better decisions.

“All countries — even the United States — are asking the same questions we're asking in Haiti: How can we do more with the money we have?” says Bowser.

By Karen Shih

ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

Rebecca Loya (PI), Thomas Shapiro “Funder Strategies for Investing in Children’s Savings Accounts (CSAs)”;

Funder: Asset Funders Network
The research team will design a case study to examine funders’ motivations and strategies in three CSA sites in the U.S.

Jessica Santos (PI) “Empowerment Economics Evaluation Framework”;

Funder: National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)
The Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) is conducting research to support the work of the National CAPACD in evaluating the impact of financial capability programs on individuals, families and communities, as well as on cultural preservation and multigenerational processes.

Jessica Santos (PI), Cristina Aguilera, Amy Gulliksen “Intersectional Analysis of Immigrant Asset Building and Integration”;

Funder: Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees
IASP will conduct research and develop an educational infographic for funders on the eligibility of immigrants by legal status to different asset-building products across the life course.

Jessica Santos (PI), Sara Chaganti “An Intersectional Analysis of Employment Inequities in Health-care”;

Funder: Brandeis Provost Research Grant
Stagnant wages and a lack of career ladders in health care prevent many low-wage workers from achieving financial security. The researchers will conduct a sector-specific, mixed-method analysis of employment inequities in health care to find what prevents low-wage health care workers, women and people of color from building wealth through work.

Jessica Santos (PI), Tatjana Meschede “Boston Builds Credit Evaluation”;

Funder: United Way
Through a partnership with the Boston Builds Credit initiative, IASP will evaluate the start-up and early implementation of the Roxbury Center for Financial Empowerment to understand what it takes to establish a neighborhood-based credit-building system that will eventually be brought to scale.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Margot T. Davis (PI), Marji Erickson Warfield, Janet Boguslaw, Sharon Reif “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Unplanned Consequences of the Opioid Epidemic”;

Funder: Brandeis Provost Research Grant



Parenting is increasingly shifting to grandparents as a consequence of the opioid epidemic. This project will build understanding of the challenges faced by custodians of children whose parents have opioid use disorders and assess the financial, health and psychological well-being of grandparent caregivers.

Peter Kreiner (PI), Meelee Kim, Gail Strickler

“PDMP Technical Assistance Support and Coordination for Prevention for States”; Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); subcontract to Brandeis from Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

The research team is partnering with ASTHO to provide technical assistance to CDC Prevention for States grantees, focused on optimization of prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), use of PDMP data and PDMP-based measures.

Mary Jo Larson (PI), Rachel S. Adams, Grant Ritter “Pain Treatment Profiles of Army Members Discharged from Active Service”; Funder: Uniformed Services University (USU) Pain Research and Management Program; subcontract to Brandeis from USU of Health Sciences

Health care providers must balance the risk of polypharmacy with the need to adequately treat multi-morbidity in patients with chronic pain. This study will provide new data on polypharmacy — or high-risk medication use (HRM) — among soldiers treated for pain, determine if negative outcomes are associated with HRM and determine if soldiers are separated from military service while still receiving HRM. With this knowledge, the Military Health System can ensure soldiers treated with HRM are successfully transitioned to the Veterans Health Administration.

Joanne Nicholson (PI) “Creating a Community of Mothers With Mental Illness Using Opioids”; Funder: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Eugene Washington Engagement Award

The goal of this engagement project is to create an active, informed community of mothers of childbearing age with mental illness using opioids, and dedicated researchers. In addition, online and in-person infrastructure, resources and tools will support future collaborative efforts in the design, development and testing of treatment models.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Pamela Joshi (PI), Erin Hardy “Evaluation of Massachusetts’ Change in Child Care Subsidy Authorization Policy”; Funder: U.S. Department of



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Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation; subcontract to Brandeis from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)

The researchers will conduct a rigorous, mixed-methods evaluation that includes a cutting-edge study to design policy implementation improvements and then test these adaptations with a low-cost, scalable experiment. The study is designed to understand whether EEC’s subsidy authorization policy changes are implemented as planned. It also aims to examine the impact of these policy changes on the stability of subsidy receipt and care arrangements among families, examine the stability of the enrollment of subsidized children among providers and identify and test improvements to the policies. The study will contribute to a small but growing body of research that uses low-cost, scalable experiments to test quality improvement in administrative processes.

HEALTH

Diana Bowser (PI), Monica Jordan “OneSight Global Analysis”; Funder: Vision Impact Institute

This project is a collaboration with the OneSight Foundation, whose mission is to bring eye exams, glasses and permanent vision centers to individuals in need globally. OneSight has worked in 46 countries and created 56 sustainable centers and 1,236 charitable clinics. An analysis will determine the impact of providing vision care in Rwanda and The Gambia, as well as broader system-strengthening improvements from these vision centers.

Diana Bowser (PI), Leulseged Kasa Mekonen “Health Efficiency Study in Haiti”; Funder: The World Bank

There is limited funding available in the system, so the objective of this study is to assess the correlates of high performance and efficiency in primary health care health facilities in Haiti. At a policy level, these correlates or specific health interventions may be replicated and scaled up on lower-performing facilities to improve health-service coverage and ultimately yield improved health outcomes. The study incorporates both a quantitative and qualitative methodology.

Diana Bowser (PI), Leulseged Kasa Mekonen

“Human Resources for Health (HRH) Economic Impact Programming Methodology for the USAID HRH 2030”; Funder: USAID; subcontract to Brandeis from University Research Co., LLC

To estimate the return on investment in health extension workers (HEWs) in Ethiopia and community health workers (CHWs) in Malawi, the study will examine the costs of training and employing HEWs and CHWs and quantify and value the health, equity and empowerment benefit of their work.

Jennifer Perloff (PI), Robert Mechanic “Technical Assistance to Support Institute for Accountable Care Research”; Funder: Institute for Accountable Care

Moaven Razavi (PI) “Applications of Text Analytics and Natural Language Processing (NLP) in Health-care Unstructured Big Data”; Funder: Brandeis Provost Research Grant

Making sense of unstructured data is a challenging problem for artificial intelligence (AI) science. This pilot project converts unstructured data, such as written texts and narratives, speeches, notes, expressions, observations, communications and other unstructured contents, into meaningful information and customizes and applies open-source and commercial software solutions in text analytics and NLP into health care data.

Palmira Santos (PI), Cynthia Tschampl, Carol Prost “Resonance and Relevance in Care Coordination”; Funder: Massachusetts Health Policy Commission

This study, part of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission’s evaluation of its Targeted Cost Challenge Investments (TCCI) program, will collect and synthesize patient and provider perspectives on strategies for care coordination. The focus is on TCCI awardees serving patients who experience housing instability or receive palliative care.

Donald S. Shepard (PI), Cynthia Tschampl, Wu Zeng “Cost-Benefit Analysis and Health Impact of Investing in Tuberculosis (TB) Control Programs in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia:

The CABHIT Study”; Funder: East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC), with funds from The World Bank

This study aims to conduct cost-benefit and health impact analyses regarding TB interventions in these four African countries, with a particular focus on the impact on their mining sectors.

Wu Zeng (PI) “Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Results-Based Financing in Nigeria”; Funder: The World Bank

This study will estimate the cost-effectiveness of the results-based financing program in Nigeria.

MANAGEMENT

Jody Hoffer Gittel (PI), Lauren Hajjar “Organizing for Student Success: The Role of Relational Coordination in Building a Collaborative Culture”; Funder: Nellie Mae

This is a pilot study, working to use relational coordination to improve schools. The aim of the study is to explore school culture and to learn how it can improve to support exciting educational innovations like student-centered learning, individualized learning and culturally sensitive, competency-based and project-based learning.

Jody Hoffer Gittel (PI), Lauren Hajjar “Rochester City Schools: Transforming Relationships for High Performance”; Funder: Rochester City Schools

To better meet the needs of students, families and schools, New York’s Rochester City School District (RCSD) has engaged in Central Office transformation. The overarching goal of the Central Office transformation has been to enable staff to think and act more systemically to better serve students, parents and principals. The RCSD has engaged the Relational Coordination Research Collaborative to evaluate its implementation of the relational coordination framework and the relational model of change to inform their efforts.

Lynn Snow, Veterans Affairs (PI), **Lauren Hajjar** “Organizing for Student Success: Community Living Center Research on Improving Staff Engagement and Satisfaction (CLC RISES): A Positive Deviance Approach”; Funder: Veterans Affairs

This project will broaden the applications of relational coordination into the VA health care system.



At the luncheon ceremony to induct Brandeis University as the 585th chapter of the prestigious international business honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma. See listing on page 30.

Jon Chilingirian (top photo, middle) and Kathryn Graddy, Dean of the International Business School (bottom photo, left), were inducted as the chapter's first official advisors.



The Impact of Violence on People with Disabilities

Lurie Institute research reveals that people with disabilities face more severe mental health consequences



Violence perpetrated against people with disabilities occurs at disturbingly high rates — particularly among women, children and people with intellectual disabilities. What are the health and mental health consequences of this violence?

PhD student Robbie Dembo wanted to find out, so he partnered with Lurie Institute Director Monika Mitra, who received funding from a Brandeis University Provost Research Award, to examine the relationship between violence and mental health for this population. “The overall disability research field tends to focus more on barriers to health and health care of the body,” notes Dembo. “But people with disabilities, like other people, experience depression, anxiety and distress.”

Dembo and Mitra looked at a nationally representative survey administered by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics to identify incidents of sexual violence, robbery, assault and verbal threats of rape, sexual assault or assault against people with and without disabilities. They found that among people who experienced violence, those with disabilities developed anxiety, depression and distress at much higher rates than people without disabilities.

They also examined the data for gender disparities — and found them. “Women with disabilities experience violence that is more severe, occurs more frequently and over a longer duration, and is often committed by multiple offenders. We found that they experience, by far, the highest rates of depression, anxiety and severe distress, compared to women without disabilities and men with or without disabilities,” says Dembo.

Mitra adds, “Interestingly, we also found that although women with disabilities are absolutely the most vulnerable group, men with disabilities are just as likely to experience lifetime sexual violence as women without disabilities.”

The data also revealed that people with disabilities who experience violence are much more likely to know the perpetrator. The authors speculate that this may partially explain why people with disabilities develop greater mental health consequences of violence.

Dembo explains, “If you experience violence perpetrated by a friend, a family member, a caregiver, a teacher — that is potentially much more devastating. If you have a disability, you may rely on these people for medication, transportation or assistive technology — and you’re likely to be continually exposed to that person.”

Another factor that may contribute to differences in mental health consequences is that people with disabilities face barriers to care — a line of research that the Lurie Institute has led for several years. “People with disabilities face many barriers to health care: physical, architectural and also economic and financial barriers,” says Dembo.

Mitra adds that there are significant barriers to accessing mental health services. “Not all people who have disabilities are on public insurance. But for those who are, that’s a definite barrier. Many mental health professionals don’t accept Medicaid. Then there’s the matter of affordability and accessibility, both physical accessibility and attitudinal accessibility. Are mental health clinicians trained to work with people with disabilities?”

She says the results of this study were not a surprise. “For disability researchers, these findings seem obvious. But this research needs to make its way into mainstream public health circles for them to include people with disabilities in their violence-prevention and control work. That’s the only way change will happen.”

ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

Chaganti, S. “Signaling Employability Through Cultural Practices: Class and Inequality in Job Readiness Training.” Presented at Class and Culture Mini-Conference, “As Time Goes By: Social and Institutional Change,” sponsored by Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, February 2018.

Chaganti, S., Boguslaw, J., and Santos, J. “Low-Wage and Low-Skilled Workers: Conceptualizing New Organizational Structures and Practices for Workforce Development and Wealth Building.” Presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Shapiro, T. “Toxic Inequality in the United States: Economic Inequality and Racial Injustice Driving Ugly Politics.” Presented at:

- » Conference sponsored by International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics, London, January 2018.
- » Conference sponsored by Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England, January 2018.

Shapiro, T. “Leading Strategies for Community-Led Wealth Building.” Presented at Equity Summit 2018, sponsored by PolicyLink, Chicago, April 2018.

Starr, R., Pedemonti, M., and **Chaganti, S.** “Employment Focus in a Housing World.” Presented at “Sharing Skills, Building Connections,” sponsored by Commonwealth Workforce Coalition, Worcester, Mass., May 2018.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Acevedo, A., Miles, J., **Panas, L.,** and **Ritter, G.A.** “Disparities in Criminal Justice Outcomes After Treatment for Substance Use Disorders.” Presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

Adams, R.S., Bauer, M.R., Lee, S., and **Larson, M.J.** “Postdeployment Duty Limitations Among Soldiers With Traumatic Brain Injury, Behavioral Health Problems, and/or Chronic Pain.” Presented at 4th Federal Interagency Conference on TBI, Washington, D.C., June 2018.

Adams, R.S., Campbell-Sills, L., Corrigan, J.D., Jain, S., **Larson, M.J.,** Sun, X., Ursano, R.J., and Stein, M.B. “The Association of Lifetime TBI and

Deployment-Acquired TBI With Postdeployment Binge and Heavy Drinking.” Presented at 4th Federal Interagency Conference on TBI, Washington, D.C., June 2018.

Brenner, L.A., Betthausen, L.M., **Adams, R.S.**, Hostetter, T., Scher, A., and Schwab, K. “Lifetime History of TBI Among Active Duty Soldiers Returning From OEF/OIF/OND Deployments.” Presented at 4th Federal Interagency Conference on TBI, Washington, D.C., June 2018.

Brolin, M., and **Reif, S.** “Screening and Brief Intervention With Low-Income Youth and Young Adults in Community-Based Settings.” Poster presented at 41st Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting, San Diego, June 2018.

Garnick, D.W., **Horgan, C.M.**, **Lee, M.T.**, Acevedo, A., **Panas, L.**, **Ritter, G.A.**, and Campbell, K. “Impacts of Travel Time, Financial Incentives and Electronic Alerts on Rural Clients’ Continuity Into Follow-Up Treatment After Detoxification or Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorders.” Presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 80th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, June 2018.

Garnick, D.W., **Thomas, C.P.**, **Horgan, C.M.**, **Lee, M.T.**, **Henry, B.**, Azur, M., Natzke, B., Dye, C., Nelson, S., and Xing, F. “Measure Development for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Among Medicaid Beneficiaries.” Presented at Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Quality Conference 2018, Baltimore, February 2018.

Horgan, C.M., **Stewart, M.**, **Hodgkin, D.**, and Kritikos, A. “Rewarding Value in Substance Use Treatment: What Are the Unique Challenges?” Poster presented at:

- » College on Problems of Drug Dependence 80th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, June 2018.
- » 41st Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting, San Diego, June 2018.

Kreiner, P. “How Can Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Help Address the Opioid Epidemic?” Presented at Bloomberg Philanthropies Opioid Convening, sponsored by Bloomberg Philanthropies, New York City, January 2018.

Kreiner, P. “Epidemiological Applications of PDMP Data: Selected Examples.” Webinar presented at Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Public Health and Health Care Analytics Workgroup meeting, sponsored by CSTE, February 2018.

Kreiner, P. “Improving PDMPs as Provider Decision-Making Tools.” Presented at “Strategies for Promoting the Safe Use and Appropriate Prescribing of Prescription Opioids,” sponsored by Food and Drug Administration and Duke Margolis Center, Washington, D.C., February 2018.

Kreiner, P. “Utilization of PDMPs in Managed Care: How Can PDMPs Support Patient Review and Restriction Programs?” Presented at Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2018.

Kreiner, P. “Possibilities and Challenges in PDMP-Based Patient and Prescriber Risk Indicators.” Webinar presented at Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Workgroup, sponsored by CSTE, May 2018.

Larson, M.J. “Caring for Our Military: Considering Nondrug Therapies for Pain.” Lecture presented at National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) Medicine Research Lecture Series, sponsored by National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md., June 2018.

Larson, M.J., **Adams, R.S.**, **Saadoun, M.**, Lee, S., and Bauer, M. “Receipt of Opioid Medications and Other Treatments Among Soldiers With Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).” Presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 80th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, June 2018.

Nicholson, J. Invited panelist at Vinfen Film Festival, “Transforming Lives Together,” Boston, March 2018.

Reif, S., **Brolin, M.**, and **Stewart, M.** “Washington State’s Hub and Spoke Model: Design and Early Implementation.” Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 80th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, June 2018.

Stewart, M., **Horgan, C.M.**, **Perloff, J.**, Kritikos, A., and Quinn, A. “The Landscape of Bundled Payment: Where Does Addiction Fit In?” Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 80th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, June 2018.

Vanneman, M., **Larson, M.J.**, Chen, C., **Adams, R.S.**, Williams, T., and Harris, A.H.S. “Treating Low-Back Pain With Opioids and Complementary and Integrative Health Modalities for New Enrollees of the U.S. Veterans Health Administration.” Poster presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Acevedo-Garcia, D., McArdle, N., and **Noelke, C.** “The Child Opportunity Index: Motivation, Construction, and Applications in Promoting Equity in Greater Boston.” Presented at Boston Area Research Initiative Spring Conference 2018, “Confronting Inequality and Economic Mobility: Data-Driven Lessons from Boston for Boston,” Boston, April 2018.



CATHY BURACK AND ALAN MELCHIOR (SEE STORY PAGE 2)

Baldiga, M., **Joshi, P.**, Earle, A., Osypuk, T., and **Acevedo-Garcia, D.** “Poverty Prevention: Targeting Low-Income Parents in Paid Family and Medical Leave Programs.” Presented at Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency, sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Washington, D.C., May 2018.

Henly, J., Adams, G., and **Joshi, P.** “Provider Experiences With the Subsidy System: What We Know and Need to Know to Improve Quality and Supply of Subsidized Care.” Presented at Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 2018.

Henly, J., Cancian, M., DuMont, K., and **Joshi, P.** “Rigorous, Responsive, and Relevant Policy Research: Developing and Sustaining Research-Policy Partnerships.” Presented at Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

Hughes, D.M. Conducted a logic model training of facilitators for teachers and staff of the Pittsfield, N.H., School District, through a grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, May 2018.

Joshi, P., **Baldiga, M.**, Earle, A., Osypuk, T., and **Acevedo-Garcia, D.** “Poverty Prevention: Targeting Low-Wage Workers in Paid Family and Medical Leave

Programs.” Presented at “OpenScience: Assumptions and Translation of Work and Family Research,” conference sponsored by the Work and Family Researchers Network, Washington, D.C., June 2018.

Joshi, P., Ha, Y., Schneider, K.G., and **Hardy, E.** “Multiple and Interacting Sources of Child Care Subsidy Stability: Complexities of Administrative and Family-Level Factors.” Presented at Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

Joshi, P., and **Hardy, E.** “Incorporating an Equity Lens Into CCDBG Policy Evaluation Research: What Questions to Ask and What Data Are Needed.” Presented at Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 2018.

Joshi, P., and McArdle, N. “Diversitydatakids.org: Using Data for an Equity Approach in Social Work Research and Practice.” Presented at Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

Joshi, P., and Schneider, K.G. “Using Policy Implementation Evaluation Frameworks to Study State Child Care Subsidy Policy Changes.” Presented at Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 2018.

Melchior, A. “Do After-School Robotics Programs Expand the Pipeline Into STEM Majors in College?” Presented at American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, June 2018.

Melchior, A., and **Burack, C.** “Developing a Strategic Evaluation Plan (AKA ‘Moving from Headcounts to Impacts’).” Presented at Evaluation Workshop, sponsored by Campus Compact of New England, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., February 2018.

Melchior, A., and **Burack, C.** “Understanding and Improving Student Learning and Development.” Presented at Evaluation Workshop, sponsored by Campus Compact of New England, Brown University, Providence, R.I., June 2018.

Melchior, A., and **Hoover, M.** “The Impact of After-School Robotics Programs on STEM Interests.” Presented at:

- » American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, New York City, April 2018.
- » International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Annual Conference, Chicago, June 2018.

Nicholson, J. Invited speaker at Family-Focused Parent Peer Supports in the USA. Presented at “Think

Family Symposium,” sponsored by Health and Social Care Board and Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 2018.

Noelke, C., Huntington, N., and Acevedo-Garcia, D. “The Boston Equity Indicator Database.” Presented at Boston Area Research Initiative Spring Conference 2018, “Confronting Inequality and Economic Mobility: Data-Driven Lessons from Boston for Boston,” Boston, April 2018.

Rosenfeld, L. “Early Lessons Learned From the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network in Transforming Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems: Quality Improvement, Family Engagement, and Health Equity.” Presented at Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs 2018 Annual Conference, Arlington, Va., February 2018.

Rosenfeld, L. “Literacy Assessment Tools: Mental Health Clinic Audit.” Presented at Northeastern University, Pilot Study, Boston, February 2018.

Rosenfeld, L. “Measuring Children’s Developmental Health and Family Well-Being: The Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network.” Poster presented at Conference on Research Innovation in Early Intervention, San Diego, March 2018.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND COEXISTENCE

Katsh, E., and **Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.** “Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in the Third Digital Revolution.” Presented at “Emerging Technology and Dispute Resolution: What Does the Future Hold?” sponsored by Harvard Law School and Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center, Cambridge, Mass., April 2018.

DISABILITIES

Cain, I. “Educational Predictors and Interventions for Postsecondary Community Living.” Presented at Council of Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Tampa, Fla., February 2018.

Cain, I. “Community Living as a Means to Promote Full Inclusion.” Presented at American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Annual Conference, St. Louis, June 2018.

Cain, I. “How Does Cultural and Economic Privilege Influence Disability Labeling in Special

Education Programs?” Presented at American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Annual Conference, St. Louis, June 2018.

Mitra, M. “Need for Inclusive Prenatal Care for Women With Physical Disabilities.” Webinar sponsored by the National Association of County and City Officials Health and Disability Workgroup, March 2018.

Mitra, M. “Perinatal Care for Women With Disabilities: Making the Case for Inclusion.” Presented at the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Mich., May 2018.

Mitra, M. “Unmet Needs and Barriers to Perinatal Care for Women With Disabilities: Making the Case for Inclusion.” Webinar sponsored by Ohio Department of Health, June 2018.

Mitra, M., McKee, M., Akobirshoev, I., and Valentine, A. “Pregnancy and Neonatal Outcomes Among Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Women.” Presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.



MONIKA MITRA (SEE STORY PAGE 14)

Namkung, E.H. “Differential Quality of Relationships Aging Parents Have With Their Adult Child With and Without Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” Presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting Disability Interest Group Pre-Conference, Seattle, June 2018. **The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy** co-sponsored this meeting.

Namkung, E.H. “Quality of Relationships Between Aging Parents and Adult Children With Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.” Presented at 2018 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) National Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2018.

EDUCATION

Akobirshoev, I., Saitadze, I., Scutaru, T., Lomiashvili, T., and Marandici, I. “The PhD Process.” Presented at Open Society Foundations North America Regional Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2018.



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HEALTH

Daras, L.C., Deutsch, A., Ingber, M., Hefe, J., and **Perloff, J.** “Assessing Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities’ Hospital Readmission Rates for Medicare Beneficiaries Treated Following a Stroke.” Poster presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

Perloff, J., O’Rourke, E., Lloyd, D., and Mehrotra, A. “Raising the Bar: Fair and Accurate Attribution Strategies to Support Reform.” Presented at Policy Roundtable, “Measuring Safety, Quality and Value,” AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

Shepard, D.S. “Economic Burden of Dengue in Indonesia and Beyond: Analysis to Inform Wolbachia Roll Out.” Presented at Economic Analysis Workshop, sponsored by World Mosquito Program, Melbourne, Australia, December 2017.

Shepard, D.S. “Cost-Effectiveness of Dengue Vaccination.” Presented at Tropical Medicine Colloquium Series, sponsored by Centre for Tropical Medicine, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, February 2018.

Tschampl, C.A., Halasa-Rappel, Y.A., Foley, M.E., Dellapenna, M., and **Shepard, D.S.** “Pulling Back the Curtain: Tracking and Costing Out Adverse Downstream Outcomes of Orofacial Pain.”

Presented at:

- » AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.
- » AcademyHealth’s Oral Health Research Interest Group, Seattle, June 2018.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Akobirshoev, I. Invited moderator, “Combating Violence Against Women in Southeast Asia.” Presented at Open Society Foundations North America Regional Conference on Conflict and Mediation, Washington, D.C., May 2018.

Dassin, J. “Building a Research Agenda for International Scholarships.” Presented at “Scholarship as Aid and Foreign Policy: Establishing a Research Agenda,” roundtable sponsored by Contemporary Histories Research Group, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, April 2018.

Dassin, J. “On-Award Engagement/Support and Enrichment.” Presented at “Lighting the Pathways to Change: How On-Award Activities Can Help to Improve Scholarship Outcomes,” sponsored by International Education Association of Australia, Canberra, Australia, April 2018.

Dassin, J., Campbell, A., Baxter, A., and Brown, A. Panelists, “(Re)Mapping the Terrain of Higher Education Scholarship Programs for Social Change.” Presented at Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference, Mexico City, March 2018.

Dassin, J., Keleta, R., Diallo, A., and Mukurazita, E. “Girls’ Education: A Silver Bullet for Development?” Presented at Guest Speaker Series, sponsored by Newton Free Library, Newton, Mass., February 2018.

Dassin, J., Marsh, R., Loerke, M., Kajunju, A., and Nazarova, D. Book Launch, “International Scholarships in Higher Education: Pathways to Social Change.” Sponsored by Open Society Foundations, New York City, March 2018.

Dassin, J., Marsh, R., Navarrete, D., Martel, M., Botchway, A., Campbell, A., and Baxter, A. Book Launch, “International Scholarships in Higher Education: Pathways to Social Change.” Presented at Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference, Mexico City, March 2018.

Dassin, J., Marsh, R., Navarrete, D., Martel, M., and Dietz, G. Panelists, “International Scholarships and Social Change.” Presented at Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference, Mexico City, March 2018.

Nepali, P. “Historical Struggles of African Americans for Land Rights.” Presented at Research Think Tank Movement Networks, Atlanta, February 2018.

Nepali, P. “Political Economy of Inclusive Agrarian Transformation: Comparative Analysis of Race-Caste of U.S. and Nepal.” Presented at University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Ga., February 2018.

Nepali, P. “Relevance of Land-Grant University and Historically Black Colleges for Inclusive Agrarian Transformation.” Presented at Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Ga., February 2018.

Nepali, P. “Reorienting Political Economy of Inclusive Agrarian Transformation in Nepal.” Presented at “Land and Poverty Conference 2018: Land Governance in an Interconnected World,” sponsored by World Bank, Washington, D.C., March 2018.

Nepali, P. “Family and Agriculture Among Nepal’s Dalits.” Presented at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., April 2018.

Nepali, P. “Political Economy of Inclusive Agrarian Transformation: Comparative Assessment on Race and Caste.” Presented at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., April 2018.

Nepali, P. “Relevance of Land Grant University Model in Nepal in Federal Context for Inclusive Agrarian Transformation.” Presented at Biennial Conference of Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas, Oklahoma City, May 2018.

Nicholson, J. Invited participant, “Sharing the Learning and Implications for Strategic Direction in Northern Ireland.” Presented at NI Departments of Health and Education, Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 2018.

LABOR AND WORKPLACE

Weil, D. “The Fissured Workplace and Nonstandard Work: Framing the Options” Presented at “Non-standard Work and Social Insurance: Designing Risk Protections for a Changing Workforce,” sponsored by National Academy of Social Insurance, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

Weil, D. Additional remarks at the John T. Dunlop Memorial Forum, sponsored by Harvard Law School/Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Boston, February 2018.

Weil, D. “The Future of Work and the Fissured Workplace.” Presented at Workshop on the Future of Work, sponsored by Hewlett and Omidyar Foundations, Menlo Park, Calif., February 2018.

Weil, D. “Inequality and the Fissured Workplace: Policy Implications.” Presented at conference sponsored by Boston University Law School, Boston, February 2018.

Weil, D. “Enforcing the Fair Labor Standards Act.” Presented at Fair Labor Standards Act 80th Anniversary Conference, sponsored by Constitutional Law Association and the National Consumer League, Washington, D.C., March 2018.

Weil, D. “The Future of Work: How Technology and Automation Impact Workers’ Rights and Job Quality.” Presented at Joint Hearing on Automation and the Future of Work, sponsored by California Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee and Assembly Labor Committee, Sacramento, Calif., March 2018.

Weil, D. “Labor Builds the Future of Work.” Presented at California AFL-CIO Annual Convention, sponsored by California AFL-CIO, Sacramento, Calif., March 2018.

Weil, D. Keynote, “The Fissured Workplace and the Future of Higher Education.” Presented at 45th Annual National Conference, “Facing New Realities in Higher Education and the Professions,” sponsored by Collective Bargaining in Higher Education Institute, City University of New York Graduate School, New York City, April 2018.



DAVID WEIL DURING THE 2018 MIDYEAR ORIENTATION

Weil, D. “Guest Worker Programs: Perspectives From a Former Government Official.” Presented at “The Role of Immigrants and Foreign Students in Science, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship,” sponsored by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, Mass., April 2018.

Weil, D. “Insights on Enforcement and Regulation.” Presented at Seminar on Regulation and Regulatory Policy, sponsored by University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, April 2018.

Weil, D. “Monopsony and Income Inequality: Hidden Connections.” Presented at “Unriggering the Market: Convening to Restore Competitive Labor Markets,” sponsored by Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., June 2018.

MANAGEMENT

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. Session facilitator, “FAIR Data Initiative (Data That Is Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable).” Sponsored by National Science Foundation and Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. Session facilitator, CaRC Consortium (Campus Research Computing Consortium). Sponsored by National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., March 2018.

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. “Frontiers of Digital Technology: The Third Digital Revolution.” Presented at “Digital Technology and Work, Working Arrangements and Workers’ Well-Being,” sponsored by Rutgers University and Renmin University, New Brunswick, N.J., May 2018.

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. Invited forum participant, “The New Shape Forum: Reshaping Global Cooperation Together.” Sponsored by Global Challenges Foundation, Stockholm, May 2018.

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. Session facilitator, “Strategic Partnerships for Campus Cyberinfrastructure Among HBCU, HSI, TCU, and Other MSIs.” Sponsored by National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., May/June 2018.

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. Symposium chair, “Health Care as a Team Sport: Creating Change Through Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships.” Presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. Panelist, “International Labor Relations: Progress, Issues and Prospects.” Presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J. “Technological Change, Precarious Work, and Self-Sufficient Work.” Presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Gershenfeld, N., and **Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.** “Negotiating With New Technology: Shaping the Third Digital Revolution.” Book talk sponsored by the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., March 2018.

Gershenfeld, N., Gershenfeld, A., and **Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.** “Designing Reality: How to Survive and Thrive in the Third Digital Revolution.” Book talks, sponsored by:

- » Pixar, Oakland, Calif., March 2018.
- » Zucker Salon, Los Angeles, March 2018.

Gershenfeld, N., Gershenfeld, A., and **Cutcher-Gershenfeld, J.** “The Third Digital Revolution: Fabrication.” Presented at Forum on the Future of Work, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Aspen, Colo., June 2018.

Gittell, J.H. “Partners for Change: Using Relational Coordination Methods.” Presented at State of New Hampshire Building Capacity for Transformation, “Be the Change: Approaches and Tools to Successfully Manage Change,” sponsored by New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and Myers and Stauffer LC, Concord, N.H., February 2018.

Gittell, J.H. “Building Relationships for High Performance: Intro to Relational Coordination Methods.” Presented at Boston Facilitators Roundtable, Wellesley, Mass., March 2018.

Gittell, J.H. “Building Relational Coordination for High Performance.” Presented at:

- » State of the Art Conference on Care Coordination, sponsored by Veterans Affairs’ Health Services Research and Development Service, Baltimore, March 2018.
- » National Academies of Practice Forum, Atlanta, April 2018.

Gittell, J.H. “Relational Coordination Theory: A Systematic Review of the Evidence.” Presented at IESEG School of Management, Paris, March 2018.

Gittell, J.H. “Relational Coordination Theory: A Systematic Review of Evidence Across Countries and Industries.” Presented at MIT Institute for Work and Employment Research Seminar Series, Cambridge, Mass., March 2018.

Gittell, J.H. Symposium chair, “Educating for the Future Through Partnerships in Public Education.” Symposium presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Gittell, J.H. Discussant, “Health Care as a Team Sport: Creating Change Through Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships.” Symposium presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Hajjar, L. “Building Relational Capacity to Achieve High Performance.” Presented at Moakley Breakfast Forum, “The High Price of Burnout (and How to Prevent It),” sponsored by Suffolk University, Boston, May 2018.

Hajjar, L. “Redesigning Complex Inpatient Care: A Relational Coordination Approach to Implementation at Beth Israel.” Presented at “Healthcare as a Team Sport: Creating Change Through Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships,” symposium presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Hajjar, L., and Giamartino, R. “Relational Coordination Interventions for Central Office Redesign: Toward an Equitable Placement Process.” Presented at “Educating for the Future Through Partnerships in Public Education,” symposium presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Hajjar, L., and Noce, M. “Building Relationships in a Multi-Generational Workforce.” Presented at Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Leadership Forum, “Leading Across Generations,” Boston Chamber of Commerce, Boston, June 2018.

PHILANTHROPY

Seller, S. “Philanthropy and the Practice of Thoughtful Giving.” Presented at Career-Readiness Bootcamp, sponsored by Waltham Partnership for Youth, Waltham, Mass., February 2018.

POLITICS AND POLICY

Kuttner, R. “Can Democracy Survive Global Capitalism?” Book talks, presented at:

- » Boston Athenaeum, Boston, April 2018.
- » Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge, Mass., April 2018.
- » Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C., April 2018.
- » The New School, with John Cassady of *The New Yorker*, New York City, April 2018.
- » Philadelphia Free Library, April 2018.
- » Politics and Prose bookstore, Washington, D.C., April 2018.
- » Boston Public Library, with co-presenter Brandeis Provost **Lisa Lynch**, May 2018.
- » AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C., June 2018.

Kuttner, R. Presented at Conference on the Future of Democracy, sponsored by New America Foundation, Washington, D.C., April 2018.

SOCIAL POLICY

Sampath, R. Keynote, “Human Rights and Global Challenges.” Presented at the Human Rights Symposium, “Human Rights: Adapting to the Challenges of Our Times,” co-sponsored by Carr Center for Human Rights, the Department for African and African American Studies, the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, the Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School, the Human Rights Professional Interest Council and the Muslim Caucus, Harvard Kennedy School Student Government, and the South Asia Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., January 2018.

Sampath, R. “The Unfulfilled Promise of Ambedkar’s 1947 States and Minorities: Unraveling the Paradox of a Hobbesian Simultaneity of the State of Nature and Obedience to the Sovereign.” Presented at “A Symposium on ‘Revisiting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,’” sponsored by the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Université du Québec, Montréal, June 2018.



Promoting Safer Opioid Prescribing Behavior

A study led by Mary Jo Larson, PhD'92, shows the impact of just one in-office education session with physicians

More than 115 people die every day in the United States of opioid overdoses, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) — and millions more struggle with opioid use disorder. For many, their first opioids are pain relievers prescribed by physicians. That's why new efforts to fight the epidemic are focused on responsible prescribing.

Just a single academic detailing visit can lead to safer physician opioid prescribing behavior, according to a study led by Senior Scientist Mary Jo Larson, PhD⁹², of the Heller School's Institute for Behavioral Health. Academic detailing is when a trained, unbiased person — in this case, a pharmacist — discusses with a doctor best practices for prescribing a specific medication based on current medical literature. The article, "Physicians report adopting safer opioid prescribing behaviors after academic detailing intervention," published in the *Substance Abuse* journal, reports that physicians in South Carolina who received visits significantly increased their use of the state prescription monitoring program (PMP), which tracks patient prescription history.

"The impact of opioids today on everybody, all families, is even broader than the HIV epidemic was in the 1980s," Larson says.

The study, a collaboration between researchers at the Heller School and the University of South Carolina (USC) School of Pharmacy, funded by NIDA, took a two-pronged approach. The 87 physicians who volunteered for the study were registered for the state's PMP and received an academic detailing visit. During the visit, a trained pharmacist taught the physician how to use the PMP — a key difference from other opioid education programs — and promoted key messages about safer opioid prescribing.

PMPs were originally created to track drug diversion, in which patients sell legally prescribed drugs on the street, but they have recently been used to protect patient health

by tracking overprescribing. Physician use in South Carolina, like many other states, was low — just 22 percent were registered — because it was complicated to enroll and learn the system.

The three messages to physicians about safer prescribing were: First, discuss both the risks and benefits of long-term opioid use and have patients provide informed consent. Second, assess patient response to a trial of opioid medication through a multidimensional rating scale that rates pain interference and focuses on how well a patient is able to function and enjoy everyday life. Third, screen for a risk of opioid misuse and monitor its appropriate use through urine tests, pill counts, frequency of visits and PMP information.

Physicians were surveyed before and after the intervention. Of prescribers who didn't use the PMP before, 83 percent reported adopting PMP use. Of those who had used it before, 72 percent reported using PMP patient reports more frequently after the visit. In addition, the physicians reported a significant increase in using a multidimensional rating scale to track patient responses to opioids and an increase in the number of urine tests ordered for patients using opioids long-term.

"Simply sending out a document with clinical guidelines doesn't change prescriber behavior," Larson says. "Sending in a trained pharmacist to review evidence on best practice, learn about the physician's current prescribing and respond to the physician's questions is resource-intensive, but [it] results in change."

Larson hopes researchers and public health departments in other states will include PMP education in their interventions and target providers who prescribe opioids more than their peers.

"We know it's going to take multiple layers of changes to address the opioid epidemic," Larson says.

By Karen Shih



ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES

The Institute on Assets and Social Policy's work on the racial wealth gap was cited in a March 31, 2018, article in *Salon*, "Why Can't We Talk About Reparations? A Congressional Candidate Broaches an Unmentionable Topic."

Tatjana Meschede contributed to the following:

- » She was quoted in a March 15, 2018, article in *The Arizona Republic*, "What's Stopping Minority Residents From Buying Homes in Phoenix?"
- » She was quoted in an April 18, 2018, article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, "How to Buy a House or Pay for Rent? Mom and Dad Might Help."

Thomas Shapiro contributed to the following:

- » He was cited in a Feb. 15, 2018, article in *The Florida Times-Union*, "Black, Hispanic Borrowers Face Hard Road to Home Mortgages in Jacksonville."
- » He was cited in a Feb. 27, 2018, article in *Non-profit Quarterly*, "New Study Explores U.S. Racial Wealth Gap."
- » He was quoted in an April 19, 2018, article in *Quartz*, "Greater Homeownership Isn't the Answer to Ending Wealth Inequality."
- » He appeared on the May 23, 2018, episode of the Vox Netflix show, *Explained*: "The Racial Wealth Gap."

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Research by **Mary Brolin, PhD'05**, was cited in a Feb. 2, 2018, article in *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, "As I See It: A Local Model Pointing the Way for Massachusetts Criminal Justice Reform."

Andrew Kolodny contributed to the following:

- » He was profiled in a Jan. 10, 2018, article in *The New Scientist*, "The Doctor Who Took on Big Pharma to Stem the U.S. Opioid Epidemic."
- » He was quoted in a Jan. 17, 2018, article in Vox, "Senate Republicans Are Trying to Blame Medicaid for the Opioid Epidemic."
- » He contributed to a Feb. 14, 2018, article in *The New York Times*, "How a Police Chief, a Governor and a Sociologist Would Spend \$100 Billion to Solve the Opioid Crisis."
- » He was quoted on the March 2, 2018, segment on CNN, "Trump's Death Penalty Plan for Drug Dealers a 'Step Backwards,' Experts Say."
- » He was quoted in a March 12, 2018, article on WBUR.org, "A Quarter of Mass. Residents Know Someone Who Died of An Opioid Overdose, Survey Finds."

- » He co-authored a March 13, 2018, op-ed in *Politico*, “Opioid Overprescribing Is Not a Myth.”
- » He was interviewed on the March 19, 2018, episode of PBS NewsHour, “Will Trump’s Focus on Prosecution, Not Treatment, Make a Dent in Opioid Addiction?”
- » He was quoted in an April 11, 2018, article in *The Hill*, “Doctors Bristle at Push for Opioid Prescription Limits.”
- » He was interviewed on April 14, 2018, for The TimesTalks Festival, “TimesTalks Festival: Nan Goldin and Dr. Andrew Kolodny.”
- » He was quoted in an April 16, 2018, article in *The Atlantic*, “How France Cut Heroin Overdoses by 79 Percent in 4 Years.”
- » He spoke at a June 12, 2018, press conference about the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ suit against Purdue Pharma. The press conference was broadcast on Facebook Live.
- » He was quoted in a June 21, 2018, article in *The Financial Times*, “Rehab USA: How Should America Treat Its Opioid Victims?”

Joanne Nicholson appeared on the April 9, 2018, episode of Chris Morandi’s podcast, Old Cove Road, “There’s an App for That.”

Sharon Reif, PhD’02, presented “Opioid Policy, Research and Evaluation at the Heller School at Brandeis University,” to the Lowell Opioid Task Force in Lowell, Mass., in March 2018. The task force is a standing meeting held out of Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan’s office.

Sharon Reif and T.J. Fuchs presented “Washington State’s Hub and Spoke Model: Design and Early Implementation,” to the Wisconsin Governor’s Commission on Substance Abuse Treatment Delivery in Madison, Wis., in March 2018.

Cindy Thomas, PhD’00, contributed to the following:

- » She was a guest on the May 1, 2018, program on WCAI, “Opioid Addiction Treatment.”
- » Her research was cited in a May 23, 2018, article on MedicalResearch.com, “Cigna Creates Online Initiative to Drive Patient-Provider Conversations Regarding Pain and Opioid Prescriptions.”
- » She was quoted in a June 28, 2018, article in *Politico Pro*, “Opioid Package May Not Prod Wary Doctors to Embrace Opioid Treatment.”



THOMAS SHAPIRO ON THE NETFLIX SHOW *EXPLAINED*

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy’s Child Opportunity Index was cited in an April 6, 2018, article in *Healio*, “Children Living in Low-Opportunity Neighborhoods Use EDs More Frequently.”

HEALTH

Stuart Altman contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in a Feb. 28, 2018, article in *Modern Healthcare*, “Partners and Care New England Add Lifespan to Merger Talks.”
- » He was quoted in a March 1, 2018, article in *Modern Healthcare*, “Massachusetts Healthcare Spending Varies Widely.”
- » He was quoted in a March 28, 2018, article in the *Boston Business Journal*, “Health Care Watchdog Lays Out 10 Policy Tweaks That Would Save \$4.7B.”
- » He was featured in an April 25, 2018, article in the *Boston Business Journal*, “State Maintains Strict Limit on Health Care Spending for 2019.”
- » He was quoted in a May 4, 2018, article on WBUR.org, “A Big Deal? Partners and Harvard Pilgrim Are in Merger Talks.”

Jennifer Perloff, PhD’06, co-authored a Jan. 8, 2018, article in *Health Affairs*, “The Integrity of MACRA May Be Undermined by ‘Incident to Billing’ Coding.”

Donald Shepard and **Cynthia Tschampl, PhD’15**, were both quoted on April 16, 2018, on KJZZ, “Study: Homeless Health Care Program in Phoenix Saves Public Money.”

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Joan Dassin '69 was interviewed on the June 16, 2018, edition of the BBC World Service Forum, "J. William Fulbright: Scholarships and Soft Power."

Purna Nepali's Fulbright outreach lecture was covered on Feb. 23, 2018, on the website of Fort Valley State University College of Agriculture.

Rajesh Sampath was quoted in the *South Asian Times*, pg. 58 of Vol. 10 Issue 36, June 23-29, in the article, "Rahul Gandhi Gives No Guarantee for Win in 2019 Elections."

The book "Thou Shall Innovate: How Israeli Ingenuity Repairs the World," by Avi Jorisch, published March 1, 2018, devotes a whole chapter to the company **Laurence Simon** founded in the 1980s called GrainPro. He is featured in the chapter along with his Israeli colleague, Shlomo Navarro, a prominent grain storage scientist. The chapter is titled "Modern Day Joseph."

Laurence Simon was referenced on the May 1, 2018, edition of *Jewdayo*, which commemorated the founding of the American Jewish World Service by Simon and Larry Phillips (CEO of Phillips-Van Heusen) on May 1, 1985. A project of *Jewish Currents*, *Jewdayo* is "a daily infusion of Jewish history, tragedy, inspiration, creativity, and accomplishment. Each day, a single paragraph celebrates the significance of that date for Jewish history and peoplehood, from ancient to contemporary times."

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Nader Habibi contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted on Jan. 8, 2018, in Knowledge@Wharton, "Will Protests in Iran Pave the Way for Economic Changes?"
- » He was quoted on the May 16, 2018, segment on NPR, "Companies Face a Tough Choice After Trump Pulls out of Iran Nuclear Deal."
- » He co-authored a June 8, 2018, article in *University World News*, "Graduates Push School Leavers Out of Low-Skill Jobs."
- » He wrote a June 12, 2018, article in *The Conversation*, "Iran's Mild Response to Unprecedented Truckers' Strike Could Be Due to Trump's Influence."

LABOR AND WORKPLACE

Anita Hill was featured in the following:

- » In *Phoenix Business Journal* on Feb. 2, 2018, "Anita Hill Says It's Up to Businesses, Not Government, to Change Culture Around Workplace Sexual Harassment."
- » In the Texas Tech University *Daily Treador* on Feb. 15, 2018, "African American History Month Lecture Series Welcomes Anita Hill."
- » In the *ABA Journal* on March 26, 2018, "ABA Women's Commission Updates Manual About Preventing and Addressing Sex Harassment."
- » In *The Vancouver Sun* on March 28, 2018, "Daphne Bramham: Time May Finally Be Right to End Sexual Harassment, Says Anita Hill."
- » In *The San Francisco Chronicle* on May 10, 2018, "Anita Hill Talks About Sexual Harassment and Politics in Oakland Lecture."
- » In *Rutgers-Camden News Now*, "Anita Hill, Pioneering Figure in Fight Against Sexual Harassment, to Receive Honorary Degree From Rutgers-Camden on May 17."
- » On ABC News on May 17, 2018, "Anita Hill Tells Law School Graduates: 'We Will Never Be the Same After the #MeToo Movement.'"
- » In *The Hartford Courant* on May 27, 2018, "Anita Hill, Tapped to Replace Keynote Speaker Accused of Sexual Misconduct, Warns Wesleyan Graduates of 'Uncertain Times' Ahead."
- » In *The Boston Globe* on June 10, 2018, "Anita Hill and Tony Goldwyn Talk Activism in Hollywood at Brandeis University."
- » In *InStyle* on June 26, 2018, "The Badass 50," celebrating "women who show up, speak up and get things done."

David Weil contributed to the following:

- » He was featured in the January/February 2018 edition of *Politico*, "The Real Future of Work."
- » He was quoted in a Jan. 8, 2018, article in *The Washington Post*, "The Trump Administration Just Changed Its Overtime Guidance — and Business Cheers."
- » He was quoted in a Feb. 4, 2018, article in *The New York Times*, "Labor Dept. Plan Could Let the Boss Pocket the Tip."
- » He co-authored a Feb. 6, 2018, article in *The Guardian*, "Restaurants Have No Right to Take Employees' Tips."
- » He was quoted on March 7, 2018, on NPR, "Gig Economy Renews Debate Over Whether Contractors Are Really Workers."
- » He was quoted on the March 26, 2018, episode of the NPR show *All Things Considered*,



“Unequal Rights: Contract Workers Have Few Workplace Protections.”

- » He wrote an April 16, 2018, article in *The Hill*, “Gig Economy Is No Excuse for Lax Protections for American Workers.”
- » He was quoted in an April 26, 2018, article in *The Boston Globe*, “Worker Deaths Continue to Rise in Mass.”
- » He was mentioned in a May 7, 2018, article in *Bloomberg News*, “Labor Dept. Plans Memo to Rein in Field Offices.”
- » He was interviewed on the June 1, 2018, edition of *Bloomberg Markets AM*, “Wages Need to Accelerate More to Keep up With Costs: David Weil.”
- » He wrote a June 5, 2018, article in the *Harvard Business Review*, “Workers Shouldn’t Have to Sign Away Their Rights to Class Action Lawsuits.”
- » He was quoted in a June 2018 essay by Sen. Cory Booker in *The Brookings Brief*, “The American Dream Deferred.”

MANAGEMENT

Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld contributed to the following:

- » He co-authored an April 17, 2018, article in *Politico*, “Soon You’ll Be Able to Make Anything. It’ll Change Politics Forever.”

- » He was interviewed on April 19, 2018, on KSRO, “Interview: The Ability to Make Anything Is Technologically Within Our Grasp.”
- » He co-authored an April 30, 2018, article in *MarketWatch*, “We’re on the Cusp of the Third Digital Revolution, and Here’s How Not to Be Left Behind.”

Jody Hoffer Gittel was quoted in a May 20, 2018, article in *Fosters*, “Mergers Key to Community Hospitals’ Survival.”

The **Heller MBA Program** was mentioned in an April 2, 2018, article in *U.S. News & World Report*, “How to Get an MBA in Less Time.”

PHILANTHROPY

The **Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy** was cited in the January 2018 *School Desegregation Notebook Research Roundup*.

POLITICS AND POLICY

Mari Fitzduff was cited in a March 22, 2018, article in *The Times of Israel*, “Why Irrational Politics Appeal to Voters in America and Israel.”

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED ON PAGE 44

Stuart Altman received the 2018 Robert M. Ball Award for Outstanding Achievements in Social Insurance from the National Academy of Social Insurance, presented at the National Press Club, Washington, D.C., on June 27, 2018.

Lawrence Bailis was re-elected president and chair of the board of the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA), a statewide advocacy group that promotes progressive social and economic policies in Massachusetts.

Lawrence Bailis was selected to be on the advisory committee of the Fellowship Program for Distinguished Public Service Leaders at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the McCormack Graduate School of the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Maura Baldiga received funding to attend the IPUMS Current Population Survey 2018 Summer Data Workshop.

The Heller School was inducted as a chapter into Beta Gamma Sigma, the premier international honor society of AACSB-accredited business schools, on Feb. 2, 2018. **Jon Chilingirian** is the first president of the Heller Chapter, with **Amy DiMattia** as chapter administrator. Professors **Carole Carlson**, **Jon Chilingirian** and **Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld** were inducted as life members for their academic achievement and professional excellence.

Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld became a 2018 Aspen Symposium Forum Scholar.

Joan Dassin '69 acted as the following:

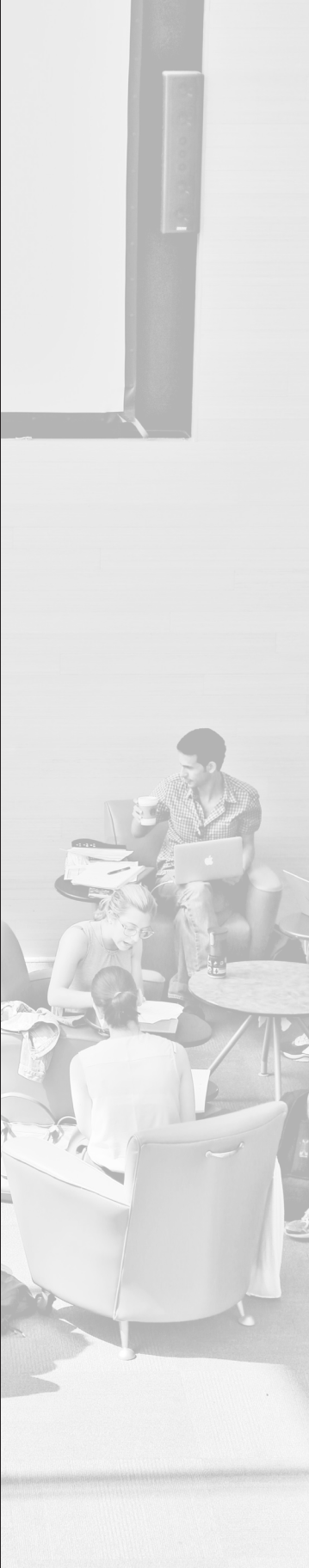
- » Reviewer for Evaluation Report: Moshal Scholarship Program, South Africa.
- » Reader for Yidan Prize for Education Research.

Robert Dunigan, PhD'04, has been named as a faculty mentor for the final round of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Mentoring Program for New Investigators.

Anita Hill received an honorary doctor of laws from Rutgers University-Camden at the Rutgers Law School commencement ceremony in Camden, N.J., on May 17, 2018. She delivered the keynote address for the Class of 2018.

Pamela Joshi, PhD'01, was appointed to Child Care Aware's Child Care Data Center advisory council.

Maria Madison was voted onto the board of trustees of Tufts University.



Alan Melchior '74, MA'07, and his colleagues from the **Center for Youth and Communities** were recognized for Best Paper of the Pre-College Engineering Education Division of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) for "Do After-School Robotics Programs Expand the Pipeline Into STEM Majors in College?" Melchior presented the paper at the ASEE Conference on June 26, 2018, in Salt Lake City.

Monika Mitra was invited to serve on the advisory council of the Mass. Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC), Sexual Assault Response Unit.

Monika Mitra was named to the grant review committee for Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training (ARRT) Program: Minority Serving Institutions, National Institute for Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, in February 2018.

Monika Mitra was named to the grant review committee, National Institutes of Health, and was a reviewer of the Study Section on Pregnancy Among Women With Disabilities, in February 2018.

Monika Mitra was named to the grant review committee, Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Secondary Data Analysis Research Grant R40 Applications, in March 2018.

Monika Mitra was named to the grant review committee for Rehabilitation Research Training Center (RRTC) on Disability in Rural Communities Grant Competition, National Institute for Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, in March 2018.

Monika Mitra was an invited mentor at the Academy-Health 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Program in Seattle, June 2018.

Purna Nepali received a Harvard Fellowship with the Harvard Kennedy School and Hutchins Center, W.E.B. Institute, as non-residential fellow with periodic visits to Harvard University. His research areas will be in "Political Economy of Inclusive Agrarian Transformation: Comparative Analysis of Race-Caste of U.S. and Nepal/South-Asia." With comparative results (caste-race-class-gender), he will recommend solutions for inclusive agrarian transformation in Nepal in the 21st century and whether it can be further replicated in a South-Asian context.

Joanne Nicholson was an invited advisory board member of Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft, Open Innovation in Science Center, Vienna, from May 2018 to the present.

Eric Olson won one of the two Appreciation Awards from the City of Newton's "Students for a Greener World," the youth group affiliated with Green Newton, the main environmental nonprofit of Newton, Mass. The award recognized Olson's design and leadership of the second annual ecotour to Nicaragua for Newton high school students. One goal of these trips is to work out the logistics for a field biology experience for Brandeis students as an add-on to the field biology course Olson teaches for the biology department.

Thomas M. Shapiro was a 2017 C. Wright Mills Award Finalist for his book, "Toxic Inequality: How America's Wealth Gap Destroys Mobility, Deepens the Racial Divide, and Threatens Our Future," published by Basic Books. The award is given by the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Donald Shepard was listed in:

- » "Who's Who in America," 72nd edition (2018).
- » "Who's Who in the World," 35th edition (2018).

Laurence Simon contributed to the following:

- » He was appointed to the editorial advisory board of *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies*, Sage India, in February 2018.
- » He was named joint editor-in-chief of *CASTE: A Global Journal on Social Exclusion*, Brandeis University's first academic journal, in March 2018.

David Weil contributed to the following:

- » He served as a reviewer for *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society*, and *Journal of Industrial Relations*.
- » He was an advisory committee member for the Economic Policy Institute, Perkins Project on Worker Rights and Wages, 2017 to the present.
- » He was on the advisory board of the Boston Federal Reserve Board, Quality of Work Research Consortium, October 2017 to the present.
- » He was on the labor advisory board for the State of Massachusetts, Office of the Attorney General, September 2017 to the present.
- » He was an expert advisory panel member of the Going Digital Project, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 2017 to the present.

Wu Zeng was appointed the following:

- » Associate editor for *BMC Public Health*.
- » Academic editor for *PLOS ONE*.



Improving Behavioral Health for the Commonwealth

PhD student Yaminette Diaz-Linhart contributes comprehensive policy recommendations through state commission



As a first-year PhD student concentrating in health, Yaminette Diaz-Linhart is eager to span boundaries and disciplines in the service of health systems improvement.

A public health social worker by training, Diaz-Linhart jokes that her propensity to juggle multiple jobs and volunteer positions is “classic social worker. My husband teases me that instead of having hobbies, I work, which is absolutely true,” she admits.

Diaz-Linhart enrolled in the Heller PhD program to research the role of community health workers, a critical workforce that fills the void between clinicians, patients and families. Before joining Heller, she had a full-time position as a program director at Boston Medical Center and a side gig at the Massachusetts State House, where she ran a special commission on postpartum depression. Before the State House, her side gig was as a therapist.

Her other trick? Always showing up. “The more you show up, the more people will be curious about your work and remember your research when it’s important to them,” she says. So when legislators at the Mass. State House needed someone with Diaz-Linhart’s background to serve on the Special Legislative Commission on Behavioral Health Promotion and Upstream Prevention, all those years of showing up led to her becoming a committee designee — which she took on in addition to her Heller PhD coursework.

This Promote Prevent Commission, led by state Rep. James Cantwell, aimed to provide concrete policy recommendations to reduce mental health and substance use issues throughout the Commonwealth. The final report, released in April 2018, includes a broad array of

recommendations to target behavioral health promotion and prevention across the lifespan.

“My role was to think about these interventions from the public health social work perspective,” says Diaz-Linhart. “We met every month, brought in guest speakers and experts, held public hearings and met with existing behavioral health programs. Due to my professional background and my experience managing multiple stakeholders, I became the chair of the early intervention subcommittee, which was pretty intense. Everyone had such different perspectives; it was a really interesting and rewarding learning experience.”

Diaz-Linhart’s work at Boston Medical Center informed her decision to include recommendations around behavioral health integration in pediatric settings to improve access to behavioral health for families. Her subcommittee also included recommendations to address social determinants of health and health equity through various avenues, including school behavioral health reforms, increased economic security and housing stability for families.

The final report includes dozens of recommendations spanning behavioral health promotion and prevention in state government, funding strategies, evidence-based programming, schools, the workforce and community leadership. With this comprehensive report, the committee hopes that the Commonwealth will not only reduce mental health and substance use issues but also foster healthy environments in which residents can thrive and succeed.

“It felt kind of amazing to put all of that into the report,” says Diaz-Linhart. “Now it’s up to policymakers to translate it into legislation.”

By Bethany Romano, MBA’17

On March 27, 2018, the **Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center to Improve System Performance of Substance Use Disorder Treatment** welcomed Michael Botticelli as the guest speaker for its spring symposium. Botticelli is the former director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and current executive director of the Grayken Center for Addiction at Boston Medical Center. The Brandeis/Harvard NIDA Center (funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse) fills a critical public health need to better understand how to improve treatment of substance use disorders.

The **Brandeis University Africa Forum**, along with several Brandeis/Heller organizations, including the **Center for Global Development and Sustainability**, **Sankofa Community Conversations on Diversity**, and the **MA Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence**, sponsored the panel “Africanist Perspective on the EU-Libya Deal on Migration” at Brandeis on Jan. 24, 2018. MA SID student **Angesom Teklu** and MA SID/COEX student **Toba Bassey** were among the panelists, and **Maria Madison**, associate dean of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, served as panel moderator.

The **Center for Global Development and Sustainability** held its fourth “International Conference on Caste and Race: Reconfiguring Solidarities,” at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, May 4-6, 2018, in partnership with UMass Amherst and other university partners. The conference focused on caste in India and race relations in the U.S., and the complexity of navigating between the two. It featured presentations by leading scholars and activists and highlighted discussions of new research, theory and politics in the pursuit of racial justice.

The **Center for Youth and Communities** organized and conducted a 10-year anniversary celebration for its **Eli J. and Phyllis N. Segal Citizen Leadership Program**, “The Impact of ‘Together,’” in Washington, D.C., June 8, 2018. More than 150 Segal founders, guests and Fellows attended the luncheon, which featured a panel on Citizen Leadership in the context of our times with panel moderator Evan Osnos of *The New Yorker* and panelists Jack Lew, former U.S. secretary of the treasury and White House chief of staff; Nicky Goren, president and CEO, The Meyer Foundation; and Candice C. Jones, CEO, Public Welfare Foundation; with closing remarks by Brad Meltzer, best-selling thriller and mystery writer.

The **Council on Health Care Economics and Policy**, under the direction of chairman **Stuart Altman** and director **Michael Doonan, PhD’02**, held its 25th Princeton Conference, “Navigating Uncertainty in the U.S. Health Care System,” May 22-24, 2018, in

Princeton, N.J. This year's conference was in honor of the late Princeton Conference founder, Professor Uwe Reinhardt. Session topics included a range of important and emerging issues in the U.S. health care system, including conversations on Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and prescription drugs. Conference participants discussed activities and future directions surrounding social determinants of health, the opioid epidemic, delivery system and technology innovations, the healthcare workforce and pathways toward universal coverage. More than 140 national and state experts from the health care delivery, research, industry and policy sectors attended. Stuart Altman presented the conference opening, "Tribute to Uwe E. Reinhardt and Celebrating 25 Years of the Princeton Conference."

Susan P. Curnan was keynote speaker, discussing what we can learn from Eleanor Roosevelt about how to live our lives and change the world, at "Freedom, Curiosity and Determination — Stories from Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill." The talk was presented at Wellesley Neighbors, Wellesley College Club, Wellesley, Mass., and at the Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., on March 29, 2018.

Joan Dassin '69 moderated the 2018 Heller D.C. Alumni Panel, "Careers in the Field: Global Careers Panel," in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 22, 2018.

On Jan. 24, 2018, the Heller School hosted "Conversations with the Dean: Public Policy Makers and Social Justice." This event featured Jenny R. Yang, the former chair and commissioner of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, in conversation with Heller Dean **David Weil**.

The **Health Industry Forum**, under the leadership of chairman **Stuart Altman** and executive director **Robert Mechanic**, presented a forum titled "Health Care Cost Control: What Is the Path Forward?" on March 14, 2018. Stuart Altman presented a session on "The Battle Over Controlling Health Care Spending: Can It (Or Should It) Be Won?"

The **Health Industry Forum** presented "Paying for the Next Generation of Innovative Therapies" in Washington, D.C., on June 13, 2018. **Stuart Altman** delivered the Welcome Address to the attendees.

Robert Kuttner spoke on the future of democracy and capitalism at the Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on April 18, 2018.

The **Lurie Institute for Disability Policy** held its annual Distinguished Lecture on April 24, 2018. Marsha Mailick, PhD'78, vice chancellor for research

and graduate education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, presented "Aging and Autism: Changes in the Autism Behavioral Phenotype and Health." The focus of Professor Mailick's research is the life-course trajectory of individuals with developmental disabilities and the impact on families.

The **Lurie Institute** co-sponsored the following events at Brandeis University during the spring:

- » "DEIS Impact Festival of Social Justice film screening and panel discussion, "Sound and Fury," February 2018.
- » "The Other Body," performance and discussion by performance artist Nataly Zukerman, March 2018.
- » Health: Science, Society and Policy Program film screening, "Unrest," April 2018.

The **Lurie Institute's National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities** sponsored the following webinar presentations during the spring 2018 semester:

- » **Powell, R.M.** "Representing Parents With Intellectual Disabilities and Their Families: Strategies and Solutions for Attorneys," February 2018.
- » **Nicholson, J.** "Family Mental Health Begins With Parents," March 2018.
- » **Powell, R.M.,** Ayers, K., and Andrews, E. "How Prospective Parents With Disabilities Can Prepare for Parenthood," April 2018.
- » Long-Bellil, L., Higgins, A., Higgins, J., Higgins, N., Ladau, E., and Ladau, E. "Raising Our Girls: Stories From Mothers With Disabilities and Daughters Who've Been There," May 2018.
- » Pirone, J., and McKee, M. "Deaf Parents' Approaches to Parenting," June 2018.

The **Massachusetts Health Policy Forum**, under the leadership of executive director **Michael Doonan, PhD'02**, held its annual Student Forum on April 5 and 6, 2018, in Boston. Forty-nine students from seven universities were directly exposed to the process of state health policymaking and program implementation. Students met senior legislative and administration officials starting on Beacon Hill at the state offices where the work gets done. The forum informs future physicians, nurses, health care managers and policy analysts about the policy process and how they can engage in making positive change.

The **MA program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence** presented the panel "Beyond Self-Advocacy: Womxn's Experiences" on April 18, 2018, at the Heller School. The panel was organized by MA COEX student **Emily Forsyth Queen** and MA COEX/MBA student **Sylvia Murray**. Panelists included Heller faculty members **Cristina Espinosa, Nanako Tamaru** and **Susan Eaton**.

The Heller **MBA program** presented its annual Distinguished Management Lecture on April 12, 2018. This year's speaker was Heller's own **Anita Hill**, lawyer and Brandeis University Professor, who spoke on "Reimagining Social Justice Leadership: New Models for Advancing Progressive Policies." Hill framed her remarks around a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." She discussed the history of civil rights legislation and civil rights cases, and took questions from the audience.

The **Relational Coordination Research Collaborative (RCRC)** co-sponsored a workshop with Relationship-Centered Health Care titled "Improving Work Processes With Relational Coordination: Integrating the RC Survey Into Interventions." RCRC director **Jody Hoffer Gittel** presented at this workshop, which was held in Waltham, Mass., in May 2018.

Rajesh Sampath participated in the following:

- » Guest speaker, "Is Extreme Poverty a Violation of a Human Right?" Presented at "Faculty in the Field Program":
Brandeis University and Brandeis National Committee, San Jose, Calif., January 2018.
Brandeis University Bay Area Alumni, Burlingame, Calif., January 2018.
- » Guest lecturer, "Challenging the Heteropatriarchy and the Violence of the State and Capitalism: Revisiting Engels' 'The Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State.'" Sponsored by Brandeis European Graduate Student Association and Critical Discussions Working Group, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., January 2018.
- » Panelist, "Red Monster" film screening and discussion on intersection of gender, ethnicity, masculinity, marginalization, intergenerational trauma and stigma related to mental health for young men of color, sponsored by Intercultural Center, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., January 2018.
- » Moderator, "What Do the Refugees Mean for Europe? Migration, Smuggling and State Response on the Balkan Route." Sponsored by Brandeis European Graduate Student Association and Brandeis Graduate Student Association, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., February 2018.

- » Panelist, "Democracies in Peril: The Role of the University." Presented at the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., March 2018.
- » Guest lecturer, "Marx/Engels and the Critique of American Ideology." Sponsored by Brandeis European Graduate Student Association and Critical Discussions Working Group, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., April 2018.

The **Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy** held a screening and discussion of the film "Wilhemina's War" on April 18, 2018, at the Heller School. The screening was organized by the Sillerman Center's undergraduate student researchers, **Amber Abernathy '18**, **Jade Eckels '18** and **Victoria St. Jean '19**.

The **Sillerman Center**, in partnership with the Council of N.J. Grantmakers, presented "Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Schools for New Jersey," on May 8, 2018, in Newark, N.J.

The **Sillerman Center** presented "Bridging Vermont's Opportunity Gap: An Immigrant Integration Learning Session for Funders and Community Leaders," in partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation, in Burlington, Vt., on May 23, 2018. **Jessica Santos, PhD'15**, and **Cristina Aguilera**, project co-directors at the Sillerman Center, hosted the session.



MARI FITZDUFF IN THE CLASSROOM

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PRESENTATIONS

Acevedo, A., **Miles, J., Panas, L., and Ritter, G.A.** "Disparities in Criminal Justice Outcomes After Treatment for Substance Use Disorders." Presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

Alexander, S., Dareng, G., Dickerson, W., and Marqusee, H. "Calculating the Return on Investment — Quantifying the Value of Simulation Training for Housekeeping." Presented at Surgical Simulation Summit, sponsored by American College of Surgeons, Chicago, March 2018.

Dembo, R. "Violence: A (Possible) Social Determinant of Health for People With Disabilities." Presented at "Social Determinants of Health Among Individuals With Functional Impairments," webinar sponsored by the American Public Health Association and Association of University Centers on Disabilities, June 2018.

Dembo, R., and LaFleur, J. "The Ecology of Exclusion: Community Health Contexts and Suspensions of Students With Disabilities." Presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

Dembo, R., Mitra, M., and Akobirshoev, I. "System Sequelae Following Violence Against Youth With Disabilities." Presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

Feingold, L., Goraya, D., Patkin, D., and **Powell, R.M.** "Disability and Dispute Resolution: Best Practices and Practical Information for DR Practitioners." Presented at Workshop for the American Bar Association 20th Annual Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2018.

Henry, B. "Social Determinants of Incarceration: Pathways to Prison and Prevention." Presented at Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

Henry, B. "Confronting the Roots of Mass Incarceration: Pretrial Incarceration and Bail." Law Review Symposium, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Mass., April 2018.

Henry, B. "Panel on Mass Incarceration." Presented at the Bridgewater State University School of Social Work, Bridgewater, Mass., April 2018.

Henry, B. "A Panel on Prisons and Democracy: Pretrial Incarceration and Bail." Presented at Boston University by the Petey Greene Program, Boston, April 2018.

Henry, B. "Psychiatric Morbidity of Gang Members: Embodied Trauma, and How to Heal From Life on the Street." Presented at symposium sponsored by National Association of Social Workers Massachusetts, Framingham, Mass., April 2018.

Henry, B. "Racial Justice and Mass Incarceration." Presented at Wheelock College School of Social Work, Boston, May 2018.

Henry, B. "Trauma Informed Correctional Care." Presented at the New Garden Society Staff Meeting, Boston, June 2018.



ROBBIE DEMBO (SEE STORY PAGE 14)

Honigsberg, L. "Improving Teacher Preparation Through Learning Partnerships Among Graduate Schools of Education." Presented at "Educating for the Future Through Partnerships in Public Education," symposium presented at "Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models," Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Kreider, B. "Advancing Justice for Vulnerable Immigrant Workers: Assessing the Collaborative Potential of Worker Centers and Unions in the Boston Metro Area." Presented at "Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models," Labor

and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

LaFleur, J. “Mapping Private Schools in Houston: How Geography Mitigates Equality in Private School Choice Contexts.” Presented at “Educational Privatization: Examining Contexts, Policies, and Partners,” American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, New York City, April 2018.

Landa, C. “Immigrant Parents, Public Elementary Schools, and Students With Special Needs: Public Policy and Organizational Structure.” Presented at “Educating for the Future Through Partnerships in Public Education,” symposium presented at “Shaping the Future of Work: Challenges, Opportunities and New Models,” Labor and Employment Relations Association 70th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, June 2018.

Long-Bellil, L., and **Powell, R.M.** “Breastfeeding Among Women With Disabilities: Strategies and Solutions.” Presented at webinar sponsored by the New York State Department of Health, March 2018.

Madsen, R. “Affordable Housing’s Contentious Place in Social Equity and Sustainability.” Presented at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Baltimore, February 2018.

Mulzer, A., Lucas, C.A, and **Powell, R.M.** “Raising ADA Claims to Advocate for Parents With Disabilities in Child Welfare Cases.” Presented at Continuing Legal Education webinar for the American Bar Association, March 2018.

O’Reilly-Jacob, M., Perloff, J., Chapman, J., Buerhaus, P., and Garnick, D. “Frequency of Low-Value Back Imaging in the Care of Medicare Beneficiaries: A Comparison of Generalists, Specialists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants.” Poster presented at AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.

Powell, R.M. “ADA and Parents With Disabilities.” Presented at the National Disability Rights Network Annual Conference, Baltimore, June 2018.

Powell, R.M. “Best Practices for Teaching Social Workers About Working With Parents With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” Presented at American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference, St. Louis, June 2018.

Powell, R.M., Mitra, M., Parish, S., and Nicholson, J. “Promoting Adult Relationships: Best Practices for Training Social Workers About Working With Parents

With Intellectual Disability and Their Families.” Presented at American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference, St. Louis, June 2018.

Renugopalakrishnan, P.R., and Klausen, J. “A Comparative Analysis of Demographic Stratification and Roles in ‘Homegrown’ Jihadist Organizations.” Presented at “Religious Fundamentalism and Violence: Causes and Mechanisms,” sponsored by Research Unit “Migration, Integration, Transnationalization,” Berlin, June 2018.

Saputro, S. “Financial Inclusion and Poverty Alleviation in Indonesia.” Presented at Foreign Aid and Investment Session, 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Regional Student Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2018.

Shields, M.C. “Quality of Inpatient Psychiatric Care: The Relationship Among CMS’ Quality Measures, Complaints and Ownership.” Poster presented at:

- » AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.
- » AcademyHealth Behavioral Health Services Research Interest Group, Seattle, June 2018.

Shields, M.C., Akobirshoev, I., Dembo, R., and Mitra, M. “Self-Injurious Behavior Among Adults With and Without Autism Spectrum Disorder: Comparing Differences in Hospital Admissions, Lengths of Stay, and Costs.” Poster presented at:

- » AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.
- » AcademyHealth Behavioral Health Services Research Interest Group, Seattle, June 2018.

Shields, M.C., Borba, C., Trinh, N., and Singer, S. “Consumers’ Past Experiences of Inpatient Psychiatry and Opinions About Peers as Staff.” Poster presented at:

- » AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, June 2018.
- » AcademyHealth Behavioral Health Services Research Interest Group, Seattle, June 2018.

Shields, M.C., Singer, J., Rosenthal, M.B., Sato, L., Keohane, C., Janes, M., Boulanger, J., Martins, N., and Rabson, B. “Patient Engagement Activities and Patient Experience: Are Patients With a History of Depression the Canary in the Coal Mine?” Presented at:

- » Massachusetts Health Quality Partners’ Physician Council, Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham, Mass., June 2018.
- » Massachusetts Health Quality Partners’ Health Plan Council, Wellesley, Mass., June 2018.

Shields, M.C., Stewart, M.T., and Delaney, K.R. "Patient Safety in Inpatient Psychiatry: The Next Frontier for Health Policy." Invited oral presentation for Health Affairs' Review Session: "Emerging Issues in Patient Safety," Washington, D.C., April 2018.

Teklu, A.G., and Afwerki, F. "Navigating Conflict of Interest by Integrating Modern and Traditional Conflict Resolution Mechanisms." Presented at OSF Scholarship Program North America Regional Conference, sponsored by Open Society Foundations, Washington, D.C., May 2018.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

MA COEX student **Grace Boone** published "Forgotten #MeToo: Media, GBV, Syrian War," in the April 2018 issue of *The Peace Journalist*, 7(1), pp. 22-23.

Grace Boone authored a post, "A More Peaceful and Equitable Middle East Lie With Women Militia," on the "Dispatches on War and Peace" blog on March 29, 2018.

PhD students **Robbie Dembo** and **Jenny LaFleur** were mentioned in the Boston Area Research Initiative post, "BARI and BI Announce Seed Grant Recipients for Spring 2018," on Jan. 3, 2018, for their work on exploring the role of geographic inequality and neighborhood effects in the education of marginalized students.

Yaminette Diaz-Linhart, PhD student, was the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers designee for the Special Commission on Behavioral Health Promotion and Upstream Prevention, based on her expertise as a public health social worker at Boston Medical Center. She chaired the Early Intervention subcommittee and collaborated to develop policy recommendations. The final report of the commission was published online.

Alik Farber, EMBA'19, was featured in "Shock and Awe," *Harvard Medicine Magazine*, Spring 2018 issue.

PhD candidate **Brandy Henry** contributed to a legislative briefing on solitary confinement, hosted by the Harm Reduction and Drug Law Reform Caucus of the Massachusetts State Legislature, in Boston in January 2018.

Brandy Henry presented "Criminal Justice Reform" at the National Association of Social Workers Massachusetts Legislative Education and Advocacy Day in Boston in April 2018.

Brandy Henry published "Social Workers Join Campaign to Educate Voters on the Importance of District Attorneys," in *Social Work Voice*, the newsletter of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, 1(4), p. 17.

Ninette Irabaruta, MA SID'18, was mentioned in a May 21, 2018, article in *Portland Press Herald*, "SMCC Graduates Record Number of Students."

Benjamin Kreider, PhD candidate, contributed to the following:

- » He was quoted in a May 2, 2018, article in *Wicked Local Waltham*, "Brandeis Students Protest Lack of Progress in Student Union Talks."
- » He presented "Not Your Father's Labor Movement: How Immigrants, Unions and Women Are Fighting for the 99%" at the Ferry Beach Unitarian Universalist Retreat Center in Saco, Maine, June 2018.



YAMINETTE DIAZ-LINHART (SEE STORY PAGE 32)

Ye Z. Pogue, PhD candidate, contributed to the following:

- » She was quoted in a Feb. 8, 2018, article in *The Boston Globe*, "After Backlash, Panel Seeks to Collect Data on All Ethnic Groups, Not Just Asian-Americans."
- » She authored a March 6, 2018, op-ed in *The Justice*, "Condemn Collection of Ethnic Data on Government Forms."
- » She offered public hearing testimony in support of Connecticut Raised Senate Bill No. 359, Session Year 2018, "An Act Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic Subgroups in the Public School Information System," on March 8, 2018.

- » She was quoted in a March 9, 2018, article in *Connecticut Post*, “A Preemptive Strike Against an Asian Registry in Connecticut.”
- » She offered public hearing testimony to oppose Connecticut Raised Senate Bill No. 465, Session Year 2018, “An Act Concerning Disparities in the Health Care System,” on March 16, 2018.
- » She authored a March 27, 2018, op-ed in *The Justice*, “Criticize the Harmful National Origin Data Collection on Immigrant Community.”
- » She participated in a discussion covering medical research, language services, social-economic support, census data and more, on WestfordCAT on April 11, 2018.

Robyn Powell, PhD candidate, authored the following:

- » “Parents With Disabilities Face an Uphill Battle to Keep Their Children,” *Pacific Standard*, Jan. 3, 2018.
- » “Despite Republican Claims, Medicaid Work Requirements Would Hurt People With Disabilities,” *Rewire.News*, Jan. 12, 2018.
- » “For People With Disabilities, Trump’s First Year Has Threatened Nearly Every Facet of Life,” *Rewire.News*, Jan. 19, 2018.
- » “Ohio’s Dangerous Abortion Ban Pits Disability Rights Against Reproductive Rights,” *Rewire.News*, Feb. 8, 2018.
- » “The FDA Won’t Ban Electric Shock on Adults and Kids With Disabilities, and These Activists Are Determined to Change That,” *Romper*, March 23, 2018.
- » “Disabled Women’s Equal Pay Struggles Often Go Unheard — But You Can Help Include Them,” *Bustle*, April 10, 2018.
- » “No, Donald Trump, the Paralympic Games Are Not ‘Tough to Watch,’” *HuffPost*, May 1, 2018.
- » “People With Disabilities Are ‘Severely Under-represented in Elected Office.’ These Candidates Hope to Change That,” *Rewire.News*, May 31, 2018.
- » “Three Candidates This Year Are Embracing the Disability Community — But Others Are Still Catching Up,” *Rewire.News*, June 25, 2018.

Robyn Powell was quoted in the following:

- » “Parents With Disabilities Face Obstacles to Keep Their Children,” radio interview, WPR (NPR affiliate), Jan. 18, 2018.
- » “There’s a Lot of Pressure on Mothers to Be Perfect. Here’s Why That Idea Is Toxic,” *Divided States of Women* (Vox), Jan. 18, 2018.
- » “House Votes to Gut the Americans With Disabilities Act,” *Think Progress*, Feb. 15, 2018.

- » “House Votes to Gut the Americans With Disabilities Act to Nip ‘Abusive Lawsuit,’” *Newsweek*, Feb. 15, 2018.

PhD student **Morgan Shields** was cited in an April 6, 2018, article in *Healio*, “Expanding Civil Commitment Laws Is Bad Mental Health Policy.”

Viveka Zawisza, MBA/MS’19, authored “Maternal Mortality in the U.S. Is Due to Inefficiency in the Healthcare System,” in the April 2018 issue of *Neonatology Today*, 13(4), p. 15.

AWARDS AND HONORS

PhD student **Robbie Dembo** was awarded the Duke University Social Networks and Health Fellowship for 2018-19.

Robbie Dembo received the 2018 AcademyHealth Disability Research Interest Group (DRIG) Best Student Presentation award for his talk on the impact of violence victimization against youth and young adults with disabilities.

PhD candidate **Brandy Henry** was elected to the National Association of Social Workers Delegate Assembly.

Benjamin Kreider, PhD candidate, received grant funding to support his dissertation, “Advancing Justice for Vulnerable Immigrant Workers: Assessing the Collaborative Potential of Worker Centers and Unions in the Boston Metro Area.” First, he received a Grass-roots Workers’ Rights Fellowship from the National Employment Law Project, a national nonprofit. He also received a Brandeis Provost Research Grant.

MA SID student **Meredith Beaton Marx** was awarded the Brandeis-India Fellowship for a one-month research internship at Navdanya Biodiversity Farm and Learning Center (Bija Vidyapeeth) in Uttarakhand, India, which works to keep seeds, biodiversity and traditional knowledge in people’s hands to generate sustainable, sovereign livelihoods and protect against debt and poverty.

PhD candidate **Robyn Powell** received a Brandeis Provost Research Grant for her dissertation, “Barriers and Facilitators to the Application of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Within the Child Welfare System: A Qualitative Study.” This study will document the barriers and facilitators to applying the ADA within the child welfare system through telephone interviews with a national sample of child welfare workers, attorneys and disabled parents.

Robyn Powell is once again a recipient of the 2018 American Public Health Association Disability Section Student Scholarship award. She also received the award in 2017.

Heller teams won more than \$22,000 in prize money at Brandeis' fourth Annual SPARKTank startup pitch competition, hosted by Brandeis Innovation, in February 2018. Their ventures all focused on making a difference in the world through entrepreneurship. The Heller teams that successfully pitched and received funding were:

- » **African Women Energy Solutions (AWES):** \$9,000. This venture by **Enet Mukurazita, MA SID'19**, **Priscilla Rwandarugali, MA SID'19**, and **Gbenga Oni, MA COEX'19**, economically empowers African women by bringing renewable sources of energy to their communities in a sustainable manner. AWES is partnering with a cooperative in Africa run by women to set up a local business that produces biogas from a community biodigester. AWES won the Hult Prize at the Brandeis competition in the fall.
- » **Nomad Dairy:** \$7,000. Led by **Roba Bulga, MA SID'18**, this venture partners with pastoralist communities to distribute quality camel milk in Ethiopia. They provide existing cooperatives with the technical and business knowledge
- to access markets, starting with refrigerated transportation and expanding to value-added products. This team includes **Elizabeth Keeffe, MBA/MA SID'18**, **Kyle Plummer, MBA'18**, and **Iwona Matczuk, MBA'19**, and won the Heller Startup Challenge in the fall.
- » **SafeRide:** \$4,500. This Liberia-focused venture aims to make motorcycle taxis safer. The goal is to create a network of licensed riders trained in defensive driving and equipped with safety gear. Passengers can request a ride through the SafeRide website or hotline and pay a standardized rate using a mobile money account. The project will begin in Monrovia with a pilot focused on university students, who are some of the largest users of motorcycle taxis. This team is led by **Joe Wilson, MS/MA SID'19**, and includes **Lena Muntemba, MBA/MA SID'18**, and **Baker Kasawuli, MA SID'18**.
- » **sySTEMic Flow:** \$2,000. This nonprofit organization by **Jessica Sanon, MBA'18**, and **Adwoa Asare, MBA'19**, works with female minorities from 11th grade through the second year of college to stimulate their success in STEM careers. sySTEMic Flow provides precollege courses, mentorship and access to practical experience to bridge the transitional gap that young women of color face when entering college.



MICHAEL DOONAN IN CONVERSATION WITH FORMER AND CURRENT HELLER STUDENTS AT AN ALUMNI EVENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Robert Kuttner wrote the following op-eds:

- » *The Boston Globe* on April 12, 2018, “Can Democracy Survive Global Capitalism?”
- » *Social Europe* on May 23, 2018, “Crisis of Globalization, Restoring Social Investment is Key.”
- » *Social Europe* on June 3, 2018, “Reforming Finance.”
- » *Huffpost* on June 24, 2018, “Trump’s Trade Fight With Canada Highlights Two Approaches to Capitalism.”

Robert Kuttner was interviewed about his book “Can Democracy Survive Global Capitalism?”

- » *Fresh Air* on NPR, April 11, 2018.
- » WGBH with Jim Braude and Margery Eagan, April 26, 2018.
- » BBC World News, May 16, 2018.
- » *Morning Joe* on MSNBC, May 16, 2018.

Robert Kuttner’s book “Can Democracy Survive Global Capitalism?” was reviewed in:

- » *The New Yorker* on May 14, 2018, in “Is Capitalism a Threat to Democracy?”
- » *The New York Times* on May 18, 2018, in “How Rampant Globalization Brought us Trump.”

Leonard Saxe wrote the Feb. 8, 2018, commentary on WBUR.org, “Why Do We Value Truth in the Abstract, But Not in Practice?”

PUBLIC FINANCE

Robert Tannenwald was interviewed on the March 16, 2018, segment on WGBH, “Lights, Camera, Action! Breaking Down the Mass. Film Tax Credit.”

SOCIAL POLICY

Rajesh Sampath contributed to the following:

- » He was interviewed on WCUW-FM on Dec. 21, 2017, “Key Talking Points on Social Justice Advocacy With Rajesh Sampath.”
- » He wrote a May 3, 2018, article in *Political Anthropologist*, “Race and Caste: Worlds Apart But Closer Than You Think.”
- » He was an invited participant at the February 2018 Executive Meeting of the Drafting Committee to Propose a U.N. Convention Against Discrimination in Work Based on Descent, Including Caste, in Washington, D.C.

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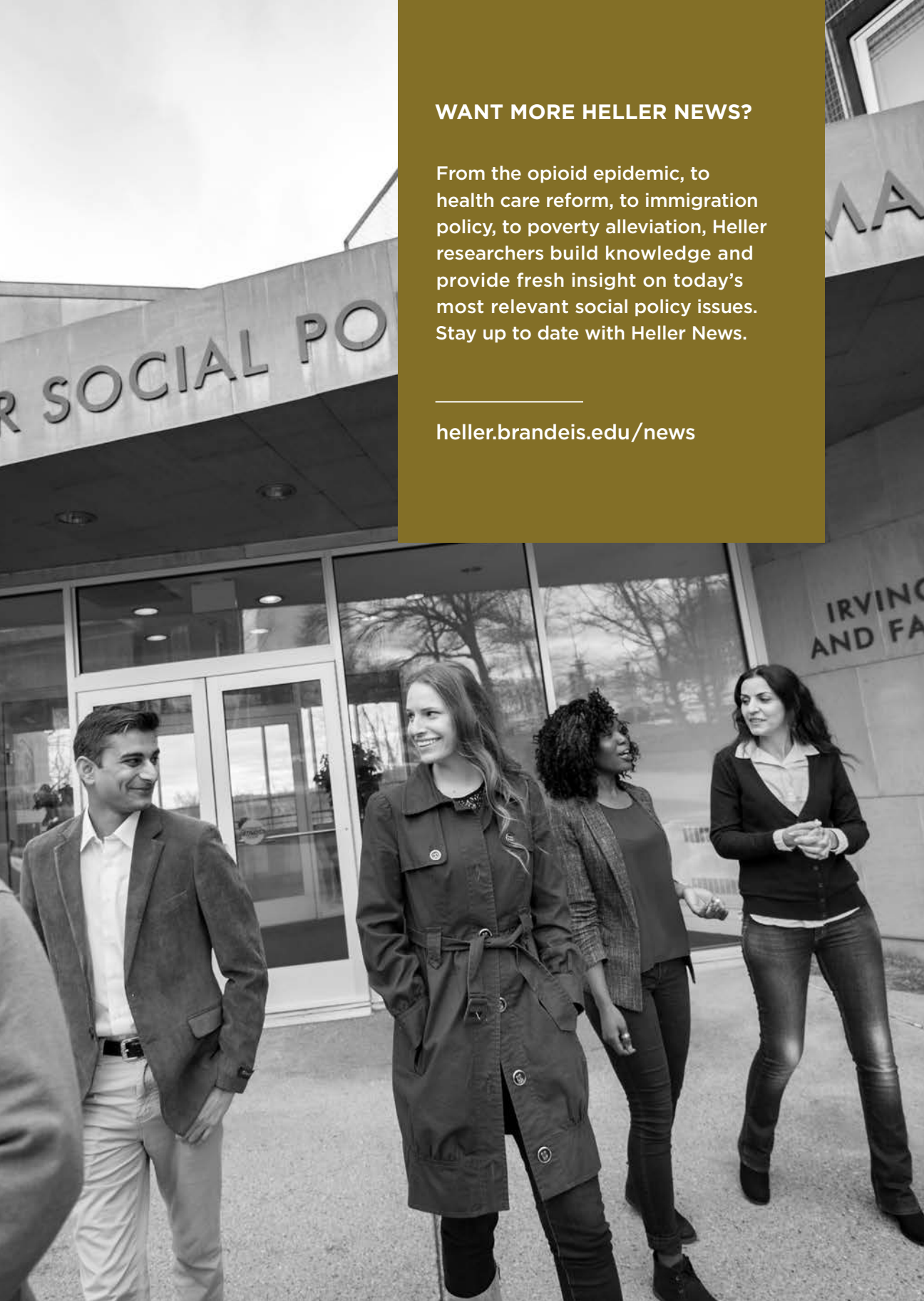
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