



GPHAP News - November 8, 2021

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Student Spotlight - Jonah Klein-Barton



Meet Jonah Klein-Barton, a second year Harris/GPHAP student. This past summer he interned with the Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Ci3) as an Erikson fellow. He worked on a research project about community pharmacist's views on dispensing Mifepristone, a drug used for both miscarriage care and medication abortion care. There are federal regulations placed on the dispensing of Mifepristone, requiring that the drug be dispensed directly by providers. However during the pandemic, restrictions began temporarily loosening as telehealth became widespread; patients became able to receive medications through the mail, so long as pharmacies were contracted with a prescriber, yet patients still could not receive the drug over the counter at a local pharmacy.

One of Jonah's responsibilities was conducting the interviews; it was through one of these interviews that he recognized yet another motive for increased access to Mifepristone in community pharmacies. The temporary changes in restrictions still leaves out an already vulnerable population of people: those without stable housing.

Jonah is interested in the overlaps and intersections between public health and housing as a social determinant of health. While studying Economics at Washington University, he worked in the St. Louis mayor's office on housing policy and issues of

Announcements



Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:00 to 7:00 PM

GPHAP in-person Networking Event & Reception

The reception is an optional activity and open to current students in the GPHAP program only (no friends who are not GPHAP students and no guests so that we can keep track of attendance and keep everyone safe.) Details will be provided soon. For questions, please contact Laura Botwinick at lbotwinick@uchicago.edu.

Revision to Winter 2022 GPHAP Elective

PBHS 38010 was changed from Introduction to Health Economics to Economic Analysis of Health Policies. Instead of a mostly technical microeconomics focus will now emphasize more writing and discussion, using the learned economic models to inform debates about health policy.

vacancy in the city. This turned into a focus on housing and homelessness as an issue. After graduating, he began working at Booz Allen, a federal consulting firm, as a contractor on health policy and still works there part-time! At Booz Allen he is on the social sciences research team focusing on public health. A lot of his research has been on social determinants of health and on health privacy. Doing this research he kept on seeing how housing issues continue to present as a barrier to reliably accessing health and increases risk for violence and disease, yet not seeing much of a focus on it. He hopes to use his degree to work at the intersection of housing and public health in urban settings, creating sustainable policy interventions.

Access the memo [here](#).

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Upcoming Events

Tues. November 9, 2021 12:30PM CT [Register Here](#)

“Development of an implementation facilitation strategy to link mental health screening and eHealth intervention for clients in Ryan White-funded clinics in Chicago”

Alida Bouris, PhD, Associate Professor at the University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice

Co-presenting with: Andrea Dakin, PhD, MSW Crown Family School Alum and Senior Director of Shared Program Services at AIDS Foundation Chicago.

Wed. November 10, 2021 10AM CT [Register Here](#)

The Love Surgeon: Trust, Harm, and the Limits of Peer Review in Medicine

Sarah Rodriguez, PhD, is a lecturer in Medical Education at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern.

Fri. November 12, 2021 1PM CT [Register Here](#)

Health Affairs Policy Spotlight

Health Affairs Editor-in-Chief Alan Weil welcomes Michelle McMurry-Heath, President and CEO of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), for a discussion of current topics in pharmaceuticals including, but not limited to, reducing barriers to vaccines and other life-saving technologies, and policy relating to generics, patents, and prices.

Wed. November 17, 2021 and Thurs. December 2, 2021 11AM CT [Register here](#)

Two Part Webinar Series: Moving from Antiracism Intention to Action

The challenges associated with confronting and eliminating structural racism are extensive and require intentional reflection and correction of the processes and systems that harm communities. This webinar series focuses on the CIE Data Equity Framework, an innovative tool that can be used to guide institutions and individuals towards creating more equitable and inclusive systems that support overall well-being and positive health outcomes for their communities.

Thurs. November 18, 2021 12PM CT [Register here](#)

Advancing Health Equity: Federal and State Policy Solutions

The COVID-19 pandemic has shone a harsh light on glaring health and economic disparities in the United States. Legislation under consideration in Congress could help address some of those inequities, particularly measures that would close the Medicaid coverage gap and improve maternal health care. The Commonwealth Fund will host a virtual briefing centered on policy actions to address longstanding racial inequities in the health care system.

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Previously Listed Events

Tues. November 30, 2021 2PM CT [Learn more](#)

The 340B Benefit: Policy Updates, Advocacy and Its Importance Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA)

Maureen Testoni, President and CEO of 340B Health, will address recent developments impacting the financial benefit that providers receive from 340B participation. Tim Maurice, CFO of UC Davis Health, will share how his health system enhanced its use of 340B drugs, how the 340B benefit is used to improve patient care and optimizing 340B compliance and

program benefit.

This event requires membership in HFMA, which has a \$50 student rate and option for free trial; more information can be found [here](#).

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Recorded Lectures

Many of the lectures listed in the GPHAP Weekly Digest are recorded and archived for later listening. You can look back to see if there are recent lectures that interest you, and they can count as GPHAP co-curriculars. Here are links to archived lectures.

CHAS Michael Davis Lectures

<https://chas.uchicago.edu/events/mdl/>

McLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics lectures

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MacLeanCenter>

Harvard School of Public Health Forum lectures

<https://theforum.sph.harvard.edu/events/>

Bowman Society Lectures

<https://pritzker.uchicago.edu/resources/bowman-society>

MATTER Health Events

<https://matter.health/events>

Health Affairs Podcasts - an hour's worth of content

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/podcasts>

KHN's 'What the Health'? - an hour's worth of content

<https://play.acast.com/s/khns-what-the-health>

GPHAP Social Media

GPHAP has a [Facebook Group](#) for Current Students and Alumni. Go to Facebook and search for The UChicago Graduate Program in Health Administration & Policy or click on: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gphap/>

There is a [LinkedIn Group](#) for GPHAP **Alumni**. Current students are welcome to join. Go to LinkedIn and search for "GPHAP" and Request to Join.

GPHAP has a **Twitter** Page. Please follow @UCgphap.

GPHAP's website is: <https://gphap.uchicago.edu>

Join the WhatsApp GPHAP Social Group. Students can reach out to see who is going to GPHAP events or to provide info about other activities.

WhatsApp Social Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/invite/BYMEUqshxH1K6xpID5OmAk>