



GPHAP News – October 5, 2020

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2020–2021 academic year from GPHAP! Despite these unprecedented times, we hope to remain connected and build community throughout the year. We are especially pleased to welcome 46 new GPHAP students from across all divisions. Please see the attached roster with both returning and new GPHAP students: [Student Roster](#)
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Faculty Spotlight – GPHAP Director



Welcome back to returning students, and welcome to new students! This section in the Weekly Digest often features a student and we call it the Student Spotlight. Until we get some of you lined up to be featured, I'll introduce myself. I'm Laura Botwinick, MS and I've been director of the Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy (GPHAP) at the University of Chicago since 2009. I also have been teaching classes at UChicago as an adjunct instructor for most of that time. Prior to joining the University of Chicago in 2009, I served in various roles at The Joint Commission, a leading accrediting body in the U.S. and globally. I was Vice President for Innovation and New Product Development at Joint Commission Resources, the non-profit educational, publications, consulting, and international accreditation affiliate of the Joint Commission. I also served as Co-Director of the Joint Commission International



2020 Presidential Elections

Important dates to keep in mind for the upcoming elections:
Early voting till November 2, get those ballots in before election day!

October 18: Online voter registration closes

October 29: Deadline to request ballot if voting by mail

November 3: Election Day!!

See more on voting at <https://www.uchivotes.com/>

GPHAP Canvas Site

New students will be given access to the GPHAP canvas site today. All the GPHAP co-curriculars are listed as "assignments." Upload your co-curriculars and get started on fulfilling your GPHAP requirements. Full-time students should plan on doing three co-curriculars this quarter.

Center for Patient Safety, where we were a Collaborating Center with the World Health Organization. Before that I was Director of Board and Committee Activities at The Joint Commission. I was a Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I am co-author of two IHI position papers that got huge uptake, which was very gratifying: Leadership Guide to Patient Safety, and [Achieving Health Equity: A Guide for Health Care Organizations](#). My work in recent years has been focused on health equity. I enjoy the visual arts, world music, yoga, my nieces, my big Bouvier (Misha), and keeping up with friends. I look forward to working with all the new and returning students this year!

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Upcoming Events

All of these events count as GPHAP co-curriculars. You can begin attending events now. Write up a 250-word reflection on the event so it can count as a GPHAP co-curricular. If you see events that should count as co-curriculars, send an email to Laura at lbotwinick@uchicago.edu and we will list the event.

MacLean Lectures: [Register Here](#)

The 39th Annual MacLean Center Lecture Series 2020-2021: Ethics and the Covid-19 Pandemic: Medical, Social, and Political Issues (Lectures will take place Wednesdays 12:00-1:30PM)

October 7, 2020 "Covid-19 Ethics: What the Hell Happened?"

Emily Landon, MD ([view profile](#))

October 14, 2020 "Allocation and Triage COVID-19"

Bernard Lo, MD ([view profile](#))

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention [Register Here](#)

Wednesday October 7, 2020 3:00-4:00PM "Preventing Suicide Among Native American Veterans"

Davis Lectures: [Register Here](#)

The Center for Health Administration Studies (CHAS) hosts the Michael M. Davis Lecture Series, which provides a platform for renowned policy experts, researchers, and commentators at the University of Chicago to explore the intersection of health policy and the broad needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged populations.
(Lectures will take place Tuesdays at 12:30PM)

October 6, 2020 "Unsanitized and Unfair: How COVID Bailout Funds Refuel Inequity in the US Health Care System" NOTE: The speaker, Professor Grogan, is Faculty Director of GPHAP. Tune in to this lecture to get to know about Prof Grogan's work and interests.

Colleen Grogan, PhD ([view profile](#))

October 13, 2020 "Gaps in Coverage for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Medicaid Managed Care"

Christina Andrews, PhD, MSW ([view profile](#))

The Center for Chronic Disease Research and Policy: [Register Here](#)

Transcending Boundaries: Immigrant and Refugee Health in 2020 (Lectures will take place Tuesdays at 11:00AM)

October 6, 2020 "Addressing Diabetes Disparities in Hispanic Populations: a tale from the American Southwest"

David Marrero, PhD ([view profile](#))

October 13, 2020 "Psychosocial Influences on Cardiometabolic Disease among South Asian Immigrants"

Alka Kanaya, MD ([view profile](#))

The Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence: [Register Here](#)

October 15, 2020 Thursday 1:00-4:00PM **Ninth Annual Symposium**

The Bowman Society Lecture Series: [Register Here](#)

October 15, 2020 Thursday 5:00-6:00PM "If I had a Hammer: Confronting ACEs, Racism, & Resilience"

Nia Heard-Garris MD, MSc, FAAP ([view profile](#))

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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 calendar: [GPHAP iCal](#)

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.

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

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