



## GPHAP News – January 4, 2021

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### Student Spotlight – Salman Safir



Meet Salman Safir, GPHAP and third year Master of Divinity student! Salman considers his interest in health policy and administration organic, in that in any field he has entered, he has found the urgency and focus of his interests shift upon discovering any unaddressed gap in the field that is detrimental to particular groups of people. Within health policy and administration, this gap has been the lack of a nuanced and critical consideration of race within discussions of health policy and health administration. He is a firm believer that there is no rigorous study of health policy and health administration without the consideration of race, for a consideration of race is constitutive of health policy and health administration; not simply an add on. He spent his winter break preparing doctoral applications in psychology with scholar-activists who focus on addressing racial disparities within mental health care. This semester he will be working

### Save the Date



January 29, 2021 12:30 – 1:30PM CST

GPHAP Guest speaker Kenneth Jones, President of AMITA Health, St. Francis Hospital Evanston, will provide information about the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), Chicago Health Executives Forum (CHEF), and his career journey. He is available to talk about the current health care environment and professional networking.

March 4, 2021 Event Time/ Registration TBD

Dr. Anthony Fauci will receive the 2020 [Harris Dean's Award](#)

*"Dr. Fauci's work exemplifies the vital importance of using facts and evidence to inform policy, and his career has been an inspiring example to many people around the world. Having him come to Harris (virtually, of course!) will be a wonderful opportunity to honor his public service, steadfast dedication to evidence-based policy, and enormous contributions to public health."*

### Recorded Lectures

Many of the lectures listed in the GPHAP Weekly Digest archive the lectures for later listening. Here are the links to several of the lecture series.

CHAS Michael Davis Lectures

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCci9IEAwSViifj5oKuT2ZLg/videos>

McLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics Lectures  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHi1nAdgwegC0XLGMhKEPgq>

on a team of students running an alternative newspaper, Exploring Race and will spend his GPHAP RA-ship studying texts related to race, racism, and their intersection with health policy and administration. Salman is passionate about working towards remedying the fact that many graduates complete their training fully unprepared to address issues of race and racism in their work, thus continuing a history of structural racism within the field of healthcare. He has noted in the classes that he has taken, it seems like there appears to be a shift in which race and racism are given more attention, but given the racial injustices both historical and current, a more critical reading and understanding is needed by all that go into a health care field. He has found it important to supplement his studies with specific courses and readings (up next for him will be some of Derrick Bell's work!) that address race and racism within health, in his efforts to fully commit to a career in healthcare.

***Look out for more info. on a reading group on the following topics (race, racism, and their intersection with health policy and administration) he will be leading this coming Spring Quarter!!***

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## Upcoming Events

**The MacLean Center Lecture Series "Ethics and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Medical, Social and Political Issues"** [MORE HERE](#)

*"This lecture series will examine a broad range of important ethical topics that have far-reaching impact for the medical, social, and political aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To provide a conceptual framework, the lectures are aligned with overarching themes: historical perspectives, clinical ethics, public health ethics, resource allocation, and health disparities."*

Age, Life-Years, Fair Innings: The Ethics of Chronometric Rationing in the COVID-19 Pandemic – Daniel Sulmasy MD, PhD  
Wed. Jan 6, 2021 12:00 – 1:00PM CST

Health Economics Workshop: Jayanta Bhattachary, MD PhD Professor of Medicine, Stanford University

Thurs. January 7, 2021 3:30 – 5:00PM CST

*"The Health Economics Workshop (HEW) is an interdisciplinary workshop that features participants from the Social and Biological Sciences Divisions, several professional schools (Business, Law, Public Policy, and Social Service Administration), and faculty from outside the University of Chicago. Held weekly, HEW is an important venue to present research in the areas of health economics, medical decision-making, health services research, health policy, and topics related to population health. It also provides a forum for professional development and mentoring of students and junior faculty."*

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**The Coronavirus Pandemic: The Disrupted School Year and Public Health**

*Facebook Live Q&A with Marc Lipsitch, Professor of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and Meira Levinson, Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education*  
Presented jointly by The Forum at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and The World from PRX & WGBH

Tues. January 12, 2021 12:00 PM ET

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**Michael E Davis Lecture Series** [MORE HERE](#)

Harvard School of Public Health Forum lectures

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

Bowman Society Lectures

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

Understanding Pathologies of Power in the Age of COVID-19: [https://youtu.be/ZFbx8AX2U\\_o](https://youtu.be/ZFbx8AX2U_o)

## GPHAP Calendar



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*The Michael M. Davis Lecture Series has been convening disparities research audiences on Tuesdays for decades, at the School of Social Service Administration. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all 2020 lectures have been moved to an online webinar format indefinitely.*

The Opioid Crisis and State and Federal Policies: It's More Complicated Than You Think

Bradley Stein, MD, PhD, MPH ([View Profile](#))

Tues. January 26, 2021 12:30 PM CST

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## Opportunities

Chicago Schweitzer Fellows Program Info Sessions Multiple Dates | Virtual

The Schweitzer Fellowship is a yearlong service learning program for graduate students in health-related professions who design and implement innovative direct service projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of underserved Chicago area communities.

*Application deadline for the 2021-22 Fellowship year is Friday, February 1st, 2021*

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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.

**WhatsApp Social**

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

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