



GPHAP News - October 23, 2023

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Alumni Spotlight - Jason Semprini

Jason Semprini, an alumnus of Harris and GPHAP (graduated 2019), is currently engaged in postdoctoral research at the University of Iowa. His research endeavors primarily revolve around the assessment of state policies, with a particular focus on Medicaid, and their far-reaching implications on health outcomes and equity. Within this analytical framework, he also delves into economic considerations and trade-offs. Furthermore, his expertise extends to specialized domains of oral health and cancer research. In this context, Jason shared profound insights pertaining to the advantages inherent in being a GPHAP student.



GPHAP students, as Jason emphasized, emerge well-equipped for the competitive job market. Their training is imbued with a pronounced emphasis on analytical skills and data methodologies, which are currently in high demand within the realm of public health and administration. Moreover, the program endows its students with the capacity to apprehend the intricate interplay between politics and health. A paramount lesson that Jason derived from his GPHAP journey underscores the indispensability of teamwork. In the contemporary professional landscape, roles

Info Session for Winter 2024 BUS 40721 – Healthcare Analytics Lab

The Healthcare Analytics Lab at Chicago Booth is an immersive, experiential lab course for University of Chicago graduate students. In this class, interdisciplinary teams tackle pressing, real-world problems faced by leading healthcare institutions with sophisticated data analysis. Projects for the Winter 2024 quarter will be announced at the upcoming information session:

**Monday, October 30, 2023
12:00-1:00pm CT**

Hybrid event: Join us in person at Harper Center C01 or online - [Register here](#)

For further information about the course, please see the course description posted on the [Chicago Booth curriculum website](#). Registration will be through an application process only. Students may [apply](#) beginning October 30th.

Journal Club Article: Discussion Features Dr. Joseph Bruch

See details in Upcoming Events section.

Interview with GPHAP Alum - Health Affairs Article Author!

See the Alumni Spotlight for comments from Jason Semprini about his thoughts on his GPHAP experience

are intricately interconnected, underscoring the critical importance of comprehending diverse perspectives and fostering collaborative work. This skill, as Jason attested, has proven to be invaluable, opening up the realm of research and igniting his fervor for a career in research and academia.

Peering into the future, Jason aptly spotlights the existing lacunae in the healthcare sector, which necessitate a holistic approach. It is not sufficient merely to offer healthcare benefits; there is an imperative to evaluate and implement healthcare systems and interventions effectively. Pivotal questions revolving around healthcare quality, the advancement of equity, and the trade-offs inherent in allocating resources between healthcare reform and addressing social determinants of health remain ripe for further exploration. Gratitude courses through Jason's expressions as he acknowledges the relationships he has fostered, both at Harris and with colleagues spanning the nation. The collective learning environment within the GPHAP Cohort has been instrumental in enriching his knowledge and imbuing him with a heightened awareness, thus enabling him to approach multifaceted problems from diverse vantage points.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 24 | 12:30 - 1:50 PM CST | Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, Center for Health Administration Studies (CHAS), 969 E. 60th Street | [Register Here](#) |

Davis Lecture Series: "Private Equity and the Corporatization of Health Care" (hybrid event: in-person and zoom)

This presentation will analyze the growing presence of private equity investment in healthcare, highlighting its impact on financializing this vital sector of the economy and American society. The discussion will address the adverse effects of private equity in healthcare and examine potential legal and policy strategies for mitigating these challenges. Learning objectives include understanding the nature of private equity and its influence on healthcare, exploring its potential negative consequences on healthcare costs, consolidation, patient care, and healthcare providers, and identifying private equity revenue strategies for various market segments to inform policy and legal responses.

Speaker: Erin Fuse Brown, JD, MPH, Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law; Director Center for Law, Health & Society, Georgia State University.

Tuesday, October 24 | 2 PM – 3 PM | Center for Global Health | 5812 South Ellis Avenue, Room J103 | [Register Here](#) |

Addressing Challenges in Global Health Care Delivery and Disease Control Through Multidisciplinary, Solutions-Oriented Research on Disease Ecology, Epidemiology and Social Sciences.

Guest Lecturer: Dr. Andres Garchitorena, DVM, MPH, PhD

Monday, October 30 | 12 PM - 1 PM CST |

HDSI Journal Club featuring Joseph Bruch: Evaluating trends in private equity ownership and impacts on health outcomes, costs, and quality: systematic review." (virtual event: [Zoom link](#))

In recent years, private equity's growing presence in healthcare has raised questions about its impact on costs, quality, and access. Join us for an HDSI Journal Club discussion on the article, "Evaluating trends in private equity ownership and impacts on health outcomes, costs, and quality: systematic review." *The discussion will be moderated by Rayne Peerenboom (MS4) and Gary Wang (MS3.5, MBA candidate), with Dr. Joseph Bruch, the paper's senior author and Assistant Professor of Public Health Sciences at UChicago, as the faculty discussant.*

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Previously Listed Events

Thursday, October 26 2023 | 12:00 PM CST | [Register Here](#) |

MATTER: 2023 Accelerating Innovation in Aging Demo Day (live virtual event)

With support from RRF Foundation for Aging, MATTER launched the second Accelerating Innovation in Aging program to support innovators with solutions for navigating the caregiving experience or improving caregiver well-being. MATTER is a global health care incubator based in Chicago. Listen in to this year's demo day that will feature pitches from the six companies that participated in the cohort for the chance to win \$10,000, a keynote on

innovation in aging from Tracy Chadwell, founding partner of 1843 Capital, and virtual networking with the cohort.

Monday, October 30, 2023 | 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM CST | Gordon Center for Integrative Science, 929 East 57th Street | [Register Here](#) |

Center for Chronic Disease Research and Policy (CDRP) 11th Annual Symposium: Strengthening Adolescent Mental Health and Health Policy (in-person)

The CDRP's annual research symposium brings together policymakers, researchers, and clinicians to ignite critical conversations on contemporary research and build partnerships to improve the health of our community. (This event counts as two co-curriculars if you write about at least two of the one-hour sessions; only 250 words required; upload your write-up onto the GPHAP Canvas site twice.)

[Keynote Lecture by Sameer Vohra, MD, JD, MA \(Harris and GPHAP Alum\)](#)

[Director, Illinois Department of Public Health](#)

[Multiple additional speakers.](#)

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Recorded Events

Introducing a new feature, numerous events listed in the GPHAP Weekly Digest are now recorded and stored for future access. Within this section, you have the opportunity to watch and listen to the events that pique your interest, and they can be considered as GPHAP co-curricular activities.

Health Affairs Briefing: Tackling Structural Racism In Health | October 3, 2023

On Tuesday, October 3, a virtual "[Health Affairs Briefing](#)" was held at which panels of distinguished authors and experts presented their work and engaged in discussions on the Special Edition on Structural Racism; A shoutout to Jason Samprini, a GPHAP and Harris Alumni ('19) who was also amongst the panelists and authors for this edition. Click here to read his article '[Medicaid Expansion Lowered Uninsurance Rates Among Nonelderly Adults In The Most Heavily Redlined Areas](#)'

Click [here](#) to view recording.

2023 Illinois Rural Health Summit: Exploring Gender Health Equity Through Policy.

The 2023 Illinois Rural Health Summit, presented by the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Department of Population Science and Policy and Southern Illinois University School of Law, took place on October 10th at the Memorial Learning Center in Springfield, Illinois. This event brought together professionals from medicine, policy, and law to discuss rural health challenges. With a mix of in-person and virtual attendance, the summit featured 100 participants, 14 speakers, and 2 panels, covering topics like gender-affirming care, stigma, rural OB closures, inclusive provider education, and personal experiences. Click [here](#) to view recording.

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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/>

MacLean 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>

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health: The Forums and Voices in Leadership

<https://theforum.sph.harvard.edu/events/covid-19-women-and-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, and **current students are welcome to join**. Click on this [link](#) or go to LinkedIn and search for "GPHAP" and Request to Join. The site is a great source for updates on GPHAP Alumni. **Job Opportunities** also are posted there by the GPHAP Office and by GPHAP Alumni.

GPHAP has a **Twitter** feed @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/BYMEUgshxH1K6xpID5OmAk>

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