



## GPHAP News - November 13, 2023

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### Student Spotlight: Luwi Shamambo



Luwi is a 2023 GPHAP Brown Fellow from Harris. Her interests in health have stemmed from growing up in Zambia, living in the U.S. and studying Medicine, Health and Society (MHS) in college, where she learned about structural and systemic forces underlying the health challenges she has seen within her communities and her own family. Her interest in medicine and newfound commitment to addressing healthcare disparities led her to Boston Medical Center, where she spent a year as an AmeriCorps VISTA working to improve access to care for children and youth with epilepsy. Thereafter, she began medical school at Emory with a deeper desire to improve health within marginalized communities, not just through medicine, but also through careful consideration of factors such as education, housing, and food access that affect it. Her hope is to become a well-rounded physician who can care compassionately at the individual level, and contribute carefully at a structural level to critical decisions that will improve outcomes in measurable ways. As she continues her policy studies through

**Reminder:**  
Join us  
for the  
GPHAP  
Pub Night  
Tonight -  
Nov 13!

You are invited to a GPHAP Pub Night on **Monday, Nov 13, 2023 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm**. The UChicago Pub is located in the basement of Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 East 59th Street (next to Booth). Pizza, veggies, and drinks will be provided.

See you there!

**Abortion Rights Panel - Thursday**

See the poster and details in the Previously Listed Events section. This event is jointly planned by the second year GPHAP Brown Fellows and the Women in Public Policy group at

the MPP and GPHAP, she remains excited to grow into a multidisciplinary thinker who can help bridge gaps across medicine and other fields.

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, November 15 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM CST | The Cost of Healthcare + Homelessness | Cook County Health Professional Building, 1950 West Polk Street | [Register Here](#) |**

Explore the intricate link between healthcare and homelessness in our upcoming newsletter! Join the experts from the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) Chicago, HFMA-First Illinois Chapter, University of Chicago Medicine, and Cook County Health as they shed light on the complexities, discuss solutions, and delve into the urgent need for improvements in addressing this crisis. Discover how data shapes policies, medical centers connect the homeless with resources, and the push for preventative care over emergency solutions. Don't miss this insightful discussion on healthcare, homelessness, and the path to equitable solutions.

**Podcast: Joel Weissman on Hospitals Addressing Racism | [Listen Here](#) |**

Health Affairs' Editor-in-Chief Alan Weil interviews Joel Weissman of Brigham and Women's Hospital on his recent paper identifying how hospitals are addressing the effects of structural racism and the ways in which health equity officers have become leaders to enact change.

**Turn on the Lights Podcast | [Listen Here](#) |**

Hosted by Don Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, and Kedar Mate, MD, President and CEO at IHI, Turn on the Lights is a podcast that aims to improve healthcare worldwide by shedding light on healthcare issues through thought-provoking conversations. By demystifying healthcare problems, we hope to activate both the public and healthcare professionals to help us accelerate changes leading to health and healthcare improvements worldwide. Our discussions cover various topics such as healthcare delivery, health equity, quality, and social justice. The podcast features solutions from around the world and encourages listeners to take action. **Check out the Health Care for LGBTQ+ Patients podcast!**

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## Previously Listed Events

**Thursday, November 16 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | Keller Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Sky Suite, 1307 E 60<sup>th</sup> St | [Register Here](#) |**



**WIPP and GPHAP Abortion Panel (hybrid event: in-person and zoom):** Please join Women in Public Policy (WIPP) and the second-year Brown Fellows for a lunchtime talk featuring a panel on reproductive and abortion rights with *Ameri Klafeta of the ACLU of Illinois*, *Madeline Quasebarth of Ci3*, *Kathleen Stanczykiewicz of Planned Parenthood Illinois*, and *Dr. Shivika Trivedi of UChicago Medicine*. Lunch will be provided.

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## News You Can Use

Harris. Thanks to the second year Brown Fellows for organizing this event: Christian Fernandez (Crown), Emma He (Pritzker), Julia Higgins (Harris), and Kate Sohn (Booth)!

## CMS Highlights Strategy to Promote Health Equity for Underserved Populations

October 20: In an [article](#) published by JAMA Health Forum titled "Rewarding Excellent Care for Underserved Populations: A CMS Strategy to Promote Equity Across Quality and Value Programs," CMS highlights how the agency is building on its [National Quality Strategy](#) to create a more aligned set of measures across programs to drive care transformation more effectively to address the profound levels of disparities that exist in the U.S. health care system.

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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:** Contact Laura Botwinick for the link to join.

