GPHAP News - November 6, 2023

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Student Spotlight: Shahadat Reza

Each year, GPHAP selects one student from each school from among those who apply, to serve as Brown Fellows. The Ray E. Brown Fellows express a willingness to serve in a leadership role in the program, in part by working together to plan a series of three events for the GPHAP community.

Shahadat Reza is the 1st-year Brown Fellow from Booth. He first got interested in healthcare due to his family's history with Neglected Tropical Diseases. Even though over a billion people are affected by these diseases yearly, big pharma's presence is lacking in this sector. He studied molecular biology in both his undergrad and masters degrees to get a deeper understanding of the biological processes behind these diseases and eventually worked at a pharmaceutical company as a scientist. He realized that what drives innovation and changes the direction of research and franchise expansion in these big pharma companies is not necessarily disease prevalence, but rather the business needs of these companies. This made him interested in understanding the business of science and led him to work at a client-facing market development role at a life science startup. Shahadat believes it is possible to align both the humanitarian needs for rare disease research and the need for big pharma to stay profitable. He noted that the FDA has incentivized this over the years through perks such as Priority Review Vouchers which incentivize rare disease research. Shahadat is hoping to use his time at Booth and GPHAP to learn more about the intricacies of healthcare policy and regulations in the U.S.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 09 | 3 - 4 PM | National Academy of Medicine | Register Here
Activating Health Professionals to Lead Climate Action (webinar event): Join us for a complimentary event highlighting the inspiring narratives of healthcare professionals leading the charge in climate action. This event offers a platform to explore the remarkable journeys of healthcare leaders committed to raising awareness and mobilizing the healthcare workforce in initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing resilience, and championing climate leadership and equity. Our esteemed speakers will encompass both organizational visionaries who have made strides in this field and healthcare practitioners who have harnessed their collective influence to urge their institutions to commit to climate-related goals and pledges. As an attendee, you’ll have the opportunity to access valuable educational resources on climate and health action, enriching your knowledge and equipping you to enlighten your peers in the journey towards a sustainable future.

In conversation with:
Moderator: Amy Collins, MD, Medical Director of Physician Engagement & Education, Health Care Without Harm & Practice Greenhealth
Panelists: Harleen Marwah, MD, MS, Pediatric Resident, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia & Founding Chair, Medical Students for a Sustainable Future; Kayla Williams, RN, Fellow, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments & Climate for Health Ambassador; ecoAmerica; Noe Woods, FACOG, MD, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Thursday, November 16 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | Keller Center, 4th Floor Sky Suite, 1155 E 60th 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 CS3, Kathleen Stanczykiewicz of Planned Parenthood Illinois, and Dr. Shivika Trivedi of UChicago Medicine. Lunch provided will be provided.

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Previously Listed Events

Thursday, November 9 | 5 - 6:45 PM CST | David Rubenstein Forum, Friedman Hall, 1201 E. 60th St | Register Here

Becker Friedman Institute Event: Tearing Down Health Care to Rebuild It for Everyone (in-person)
Most observers are convinced that America’s healthcare system needs reform. However, reform proposals and debates rarely articulate a clear goal for reform. That’s where Amy Finkelstein’s new book “We’ve Got You Covered: Rebooting American Health Care” (with co-author, Liran Einav) argues we have to begin. They argue that US policy history -and current US policy - reveal an unwritten social contract, “the enduring, but unwritten, social norm that the US has been trying—but failing—to fulfill: universal access to essential, basic health care, regardless of a patient’s resources... it’s time to go back to the drawing board and finally do it right.” In her presentation and following discussion, Finkelstein will discuss her original and provocative blueprint for reform, and why it can work.

Speakers: Massachusetts Institute of Technology health economist Amy Finkelstein is joined by Mark McClellan, former commissioner of the US Food and Drug Administration and current Duke professor, and Joshua Gottlieb, professor at the Harris School, to discuss how to effectively reform US health insurance. Michael Greenstone, Director of the Becker Friedman Institute, will moderate this discussion.

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News You Can Use

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 Sampini, 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.

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/md/

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

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/BYMEUqshxH1K6spjE5CmAk