



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.

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Upcoming Events

[Thursday, November 09 | 3 - 4 PM | National Academy of Medicine | Register Here |](#)

Join us for the GPHAP Pub Night on 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.

The Admission Fee will be covered by GPHAP if you are not a member of the Pub. But please use your Pub membership if you are a member. Also, GPHAP students only to this event please. Identification showing your age is required. You must be 21 or older to enter. Please do RSVP [here](#)

This event counts as a GPHAP co-curricular if you meet two students from schools other than your own and find out something interesting about them. Upload the names and fun-facts on Canvas for the co-curricular assignment. (This is instead of the 250-word write-up). You only need to stay for 45 minutes for it to count as a GPHAP co-curricular.

See you there!

Exciting News: New Reading Section!

We're thrilled to introduce a fresh addition to our GPHAP Community Newsletter – a dedicated section for informative articles. Our goal is to keep this section brimming with valuable content, and we invite you to be part of it too. If you stumble upon any compelling health-related articles that pique your interest and would like to share them with the community, please don't

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, FCOG, 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 Ci3](#), [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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hesitate to send them our way. Reach out to us at rini@uchicago.edu. Together, let's expand our knowledge and insights!

Applications 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. For further information about the course, please see the course description posted on the [Chicago Booth curriculum website](#).

- The [application](#) will open on October 30th. **First-round applications are due Tuesday, November 7 at 11:59pm.**
- Students will be notified of acceptance by **Friday, November 10.**

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/BYMEUqshxH1K6xpID5OmAk>

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