



GPHAP News - February 27, 2024

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GPHAP Students Win 1st Prize in Henrietta Lacks Health Equity Case Competition!



A team of GPHAP students won 1st prize at this year's [Henrietta Lacks Health Equity Case Competition](#)! The team was composed of Julia Higgins, Harris; Rachel Huynh, Booth (a friend of GPHAP); Diego Mendoza-Martinez, Harris; and Kate Sohn, Booth. The case competition is sponsored by The University of Michigan Ross School of Business in Ann Arbor and was held on Feb 17. The event is inspired by the life of Henrietta Lacks, whose cancer cells – code named HeLa – were taken without her knowledge in 1951. They became one of the most important tools in medicine—with damaging consequences for her family, many of whom often struggled to get access to the very health care advances their mother's cells helped make possible. The Henrietta Lacks Health Equity Case Competition strives keep the spotlight on racial health disparities. Its goal is to encourage future health care leaders to address health issues that are challenging communities of color. Teams don't know the topic in advance. The topic was released one week before the case competition and the teams had one week to work on the case. This year's case topic was on how to

Erikson & Quern Fellowships - Materials Sent

Check your in-box for details related to the summer Erikson and Quern Fellowships. We have many wonderful project descriptions. Due date for applications is Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:59 pm.

Stipends for Low-paid or Unpaid Summer Internships

Dear GPHAP Students,

Check your email for the application to apply for one of three \$2000 stipends to support low-paid or unpaid summer internships related to health care. The due date is May 3, 2024 at 11:59 pm

address the global gap in access to mental health care. We congratulate Julia, Rachel, Diego, and Kate on their wonderful work on the case!

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 28 | 8:15 - 13:00 EST | Strategies to Address Obesity in America's Workforce 2024 | Tackling the Business and Health Impacts by FT Live | [Register](#) |

Are you aware that 42% of Americans battle obesity, and this number is expected to hit 50% by 2030? The economic toll is staggering, with a cumulative cost of \$1.4 trillion in 2019 alone. But here's the real kicker: obesity isn't just a personal health issue; it's a business problem too. Rising obesity rates mean more absenteeism, decreased productivity, and soaring medical costs for businesses. But fear not! There's a solution staring us in the face: the workplace. Businesses, like yours, can be the game-changers. With employees spending a third of their lives at work, employers have a unique opportunity to foster healthy habits and provide access to care. Traditional efforts have fallen short, but we're not giving up. Join us, in collaboration with Eli Lilly and Company, **for a hybrid briefing**. We'll unite business leaders, HR professionals, health economists, and health plans to explore innovative strategies for tackling obesity in the workplace.

Wednesday, March 6 | 3 PM ET | Financing Innovative Eldercare Projects: HUD, USDA, Banks, and More | Center for Innovation | [Webinar Link](#) |

Innovative new eldercare infrastructure can't take shape without financing, and while the market may be tougher than it was in previous years, developers and operators have plenty of options to fund the next generation of high-quality, in-demand care communities. Join **Chris Perlitz**, managing director at Municipal Capital Markets Group, and Navigator Homes of Martha's Vineyard founding member **Paddy Moore** for an in-depth webinar on financing vehicles available to operators and builders of all sizes. You'll walk away with both a big-picture understanding of the current lending landscape and the inside story of how Navigator Homes **secured \$53 million in development loans** through the USDA to build a new Green House-inspired community.

Thursday, March 14 | 10 AM CST | IHI National Patient Safety Awareness Week | IHI Leadership Alliance | [Webinar Link](#) |

Join the IHI Leadership Alliance & Learn from Karen Cosby, Medical Officer at AHRQ; Gary Weissman, Assistant Professor at the University of Pennsylvania; Jean-Luc Tilly, Program Manager at The Leapfrog Group; and Col. Steven Coffee, Co-Founder of Patients for Patient Safety and Chief of Staff at the NSA. This webinar is sponsored by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. It is open to the broader IHI community as part of [Patient Safety Awareness Week](#).

Monday, March 25 | 5 PM CST | Wuhan: How the COVID-19 Outbreak in China Spiraled Out of Control | University of Chicago International House, Assembly Hall | 1414 East 59th Street | [Register](#) |

CEAS Author Talks

East Asia by the Book

Wuhan: How the COVID-19 Outbreak in China Spiraled Out of Control

By Dali L. Yang

William C. Brown Professor of Political Science & East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

Discussion: John Mark Hansen, Charles L. Hutchinson, Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, Renslow Sherer, Professor of Medicine-Infectious Diseases and Global Health

MARCH 25 5:00 PM

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ASSEMBLY HALL

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began as an outbreak in Wuhan in Jan. 2020, is of government-defining significance. In *Wuhan: How the COVID-19 Outbreak in China Spiraled Out of Control*, Dali L. Yang scrutinizes China's emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, delving into the government's handling of epidemic information and the decisions that influenced the scale and scope of the outbreak.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Access to this discussion is limited to registered attendees. A QR code will be provided to registered attendees.

REGISTER HERE

Sponsors: University of Chicago, International House, Renslow Sherer, Charles L. Hutchinson, John Mark Hansen, Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, Renslow Sherer, Professor of Medicine-Infectious Diseases and Global Health

Join Professor Dali L. Yang as he delves into his latest work, scrutinizing China's emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan. Engage in a compelling discussion as he examines the government's handling of epidemic information and the decisions that influenced the scale and scope of the outbreak.

In Conversation With: Professor John Mark Hansen (Charles L. Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Political Science) & Dr. Renslow Sherer (Department of Medicine-Infectious Diseases and Global Health)

Moderated By: Professor Kenneth Pomeranz (University Professor of Modern Chinese History)

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Previously Listed Events

Wednesday, February 28 | 12 PM CST | CHRONIC DISEASES AND MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING WORKSHOP | Center for Chronic Disease Research & Policy | [Zoom Link](#) |

Presents "Integrating Fairness, Efficiency, and Resilience into a Continuous Distribution System for Heart Transplant Allocation" at the Chronic Diseases and Medical Decision-Making Workshop. Speaker: William F. Parker, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor Department of Medicine Department of Public Health Sciences University of Chicago

Wednesday, February 28 | 12.30 PM CST | Center for Health Administration Studies | Edith Abbott Hall, 969 East 60th Street | [RSVP](#) |

Davis Lectures Series: Each academic semester, the Center for Health Administration Studies (CHAS) sponsors the Michael M. Davis Lecture Series, which brings renowned policy experts, researchers and commentators to the University to explore the intersection of health policy and the broad needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged populations. CHAS also provides support for conferences and workshops focused on issues surrounding health services and health policy research.

Speaker: "The Political Economy of Health"

[Amy Kapczynski, JD, MPhil, MA](#)

Professor of Law; Faculty Director, Global Health Justice Partnership
Yale Law School, Yale University

Wednesday, February 28 | 6:00 pm CST | Medicaid Policy Panel event | Keller Center, Room #0001 | 1307 E 60th St | [RSVP](#) |

This year's Medicaid Policy course at Harris will delve into managed care and health outcomes with a panel of experts in the field. We will discuss strategies Medicaid managed care plans have used to improve clinical outcomes, succeed with value-based contracting, and address social determinants of health, among other topics

Speakers:

- Dr. Cheryl Rucker-Whitaker, President, CINQCARE and former Chair and CEO of NextLevel Health Medicaid Managed Care Plan
- Dr. Triste Lieteau Smith, CEO, Near North Health Center
- Cristal Thomas Gary, President and CEO, Meridian Illinois – a Medicaid Managed Care Plan

Wednesday, March 20th | 8.30 - 11 AM CST | ORAL HEALTH POLICY & RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM | Location (Tentative): Medical Center (Billings) Room H300/ W300 | [RSVP here](#) |

The Center for Health and the Social Sciences (CHeSS) Program in Oral Health, Systemic Health, Well-Being, and the Social Sciences seeks to apply leading edge social science methods to address important problems in oral health through research and the training of researchers who will transform oral health locally, nationally, and internationally. To advance knowledge on dental conditions and national and state oral health policies and contributions to oral health related research, please join us for the inaugural. Keynote Session: 8.30-9.30am Presentations, Networking & Refreshments: 9.30-11am.

Tuesday, April 9th | 5:30 – 7:30 PM CST | GPHAP Alumni/Student Reception | Smith & Wollensky, 318 N State St |

Save the Date! GPHAP Alumni/Student Reception. Come network with GPHAP alumni and fellow GPHAP students at our annual networking reception. Wine, beer, soda and great small bites. This year it will again be held at Smith & Wollensky in a beautiful room overlooking the river. Mark your calendars!

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News You Can Use

Jan. 15, 2024 | By Liz Szabo | KFF Health News | [Click to read](#) |

Medical mistakes are more likely in women and historically underrepresented groups: Hundreds of thousands of U.S. patients are harmed or die each year because of diagnostic errors. Around 12 million adults in the US are misdiagnosed each year, which can lead to serious harm. Women and people from

underrepresented racial and ethnic groups are up to 30 percent more likely to face [diagnostic errors](#) than white men.

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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. Contact Laura Botwinick for the link to join.

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