GPHAP News - April 17, 2024

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Student Spotlight

We are delighted to extend an invitation to the upcoming thesis presentation by Joe Tomas-Lemna, a GPHAP student in the Master of Divinity program at the University of Chicago.

GPHAP Student Spotlight

Check out our Student Spotlight section. Joe is a graduating GPHAP student from the Divinity School! The title is Spiritual Care and Social Determinants of Health: Working towards Health Equity through Hospital Chaplaincy. Very much inspired by the GPHAP program!

Community Based Research with Afghan Evacuees

The Urban Institute presents findings from a study on Afghan evacuee resettlement in the U.S., featuring a roundtable discussion on community-based research methods, with speakers Diana Guelesper, Zulikha Akrami, Fazulhaq Fayez, Freshta Alami, Mohammed Naeem, and Professor Jessica Darrow, sponsored by The Susan and Richard Kiphart Center for Global Health and Social Development and the Urban Institute. For more info check the upcoming events section in this Newsletter.
Event Details: Friday, April 26th at 5:00 PM  
Location: Swift Hall, 1025-35 E. 58th St.  
Title: Spiritual Care and Social Determinants of Health: Working towards Health Equity through Hospital Chaplaincy  
This presentation represents the culmination of Joe's academic journey and promises to be an insightful exploration of the intersection between spiritual care and social determinants of health, with a focus on advancing health equity through hospital chaplaincy. Come out and support Joe and get a GPHAP co-curricular with the usual 250-word write-up.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 17 | 12:30 – 2:00 PM | COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH WITH AFGHAN EVACUEES: PROCESS AND REFLECTIONS | Edith Abbott Hall - Library | 969 E. 60th Street | Register HERE
The Urban Institute released its findings from a study that looked at the resettlement of Afghan evacuees to the U.S. after their evacuation from Kabul. Data collected for the study included in-person interviews with Afghan evacuees and virtual interviews with a broad range of community stakeholders across three sites: Chicago, Illinois; northern Virginia; and San Antonio, Texas. Community stakeholders included resettlement agency staff, community-based organization staff, school administrators, employers, medical professionals, sponsors, landlords, legal providers, faith leaders, veterans, local government staff, and volunteers. Two of the report authors, a member of the project’s community advisory board, and three field interviewers who are also Afghan will engage in a roundtable discussion focused on the community-based research methods utilized in this study, lessons learned and reflections on process. In a recently issued Featured Speakers include: Diana Guelespe, Zulikha Akrami, Fazlulhaq Fayez, Freshta Alami, Mohammed Naem, and Professor Jessica Darrow. Sponsored by The Susan and Richard Kiphart Center for Global Health and Social Development and the Urban Institute.

Wednesday, April 17 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM | Examining Afghan Evacuees' Resettlement: Discussion with Local and National Leaders | Edith Abbott Hall - Library | 969 E. 60th Street | Register here
Join the Crown Family School, in an insightful discussion about the recently published Urban Institute report: Examining Afghan Evacuees’ Resettlement: Insights and Lessons for Future Humanitarian Populations, with two of the report authors and a panel of diverse experts. The report examines the experiences of 36 Afghan evacuees and how they fared a year and a half after arriving in the United States and how the broader community and resettlement infrastructure in three study sites-Chicago, northern Virginia, and San Antonio, responded to their complex needs. The report concludes with lessons that can inform a framework of proactive policies that better prepares the US government, resettlement agencies, and other groups to meet the needs of people more cohesively during humanitarian crises. We look forward to seeing you at both of these thought-provoking events next Wednesday, April 17!

Thursday, April 18 | 5:00 PM CST | Monica Peek, MD, Revisit Bowman Society Lecture titled, “Health Equity and Democracy: The Urgency of Now” | Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery (KCBD) | 900 East 57th Street, Room 1103 |
Lecture by Monica Peek, MD, MPH. Dr. Monica Peek is an Associate Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago where she provides clinical care, teaches and does health services research in the area of health disparities.

Tuesday, April 23 | 12:30pm CT | Davis Lecture: Appreciating Assets - The Logic of Financialization | Edith Abbott Hall, Library, 9 69 East 60th Street | Register here

Each academic semester, 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.

Presenter: Jonathan Levy, PhD, James Westfall Thompson Professor of US History, Fundamentals, Social Thought, and the College; Associate Faculty Member, Law School, The University of Chicago

Wednesday, April 24 | 12:00-1:00 PM ET | CMS Innovation Center Person-Centered Listening Session Announcement | Register to attend webinar here

The CMS Innovation Center invites you to participate in a listening session, Person-Centered Listening Session: Leveraging Relationships with Community-Based Organizations to Meet Health-Related Social Needs on April 24, 2024. This event will feature Innovation Center leadership and other experts who will explore how community-based organizations are being leveraged to provide support to beneficiaries in meeting health-related social needs and share their impact on patient experience navigating care. We look forward to gathering the insights from this session as it will help inform the Center’s strategy across its portfolio and throughout the lifecycles of its models. IMPORTANT NOTE: To encourage participation, attendees may submit written comments or questions before the webinar via the registration page or during the session in the Q&A window. Please indicate if you would prefer not to have your comments read or wish to remain anonymous and we will honor your request.

Previously Listed Events

Monday, April 22 | 12pm | Brown Bag with Dr. Jaeyoung Park | Harper Center C08, Booth School of Business 5807 S. Woodlawn Ave. | Register here

Dr. Jaeyoung “Jae” Park serves as a principal researcher within the Healthcare Initiative at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. His scholarly pursuits are centered at the nexus of machine learning and health care, where he delves into comprehending health care systems through a lens of data. Dr. Park earned his Ph.D. from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Florida. He will be presenting, Evaluation of the Federal Communications Commission Rural Health Care Program’s Impacts on Broadband Infrastructures and Telehealth Utilization in Medically Underserved Areas. Lunch will be served to those who register.

Monday, April 22 | 5 - 7 PM CT | Book Talk: Grow and Hide: The History of America's Health Care State | Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice | Edith Abbott Hall, 969 East 60th Street | Register here

For more than 160 years, federal, state, and local governments in the U.S. have invested heavily in public health and healthcare services. Yet throughout history, our taxpayer-supported healthcare architecture has remained mostly hidden from the public behind the veneer of a predominantly private system. How did this happen? Jamilia Michener and Alfredo Morabia, renowned experts on Health Equity, Health Policy and Public Health, will discuss Grogan’s new book Grow and Hide: The History of America's Health Care State. Grogan’s sweeping history of the American healthcare state explains how and why the grow-and-hide phenomenon arose and details the consequences we’ve all felt.

Wednesday, April 24 | 4:30 - 8pm CDT | The Fight for Black Lives: Screening and Discussion | Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery (KCBD) | 900 East 57th Street 1st Floor Auditorium | Register here

The Fight for Black Lives is a documentary by UChicago Professor of Comparative Human Development and CSRPC Faculty Affiliate Micere Keels. The film chronicles the ways that racial stress and the American healthcare system disadvantage the health of Black Americans. The film weaves together stories of women who were pregnant during the pandemic and Black Lives Matter uprisings, interviews with Black health experts, and historical records to show the many ways that Black women have had to fight for their life and the lives of their infants in the delivery room. These health disparities start at the very beginning of life and the most
shocking aspect of this is that the likelihood that Black newborns will die relative to White newborns is higher today than it was in 1900.

Thursday, April 25 | 3:30- 5:00 PM | ANNUAL WILL MANNING MEMORIAL LECTURE | 4th floor Sky Suite, Harris School/Keller Center | 1307 E 60th St | Register Here

Standing Up for Science: A Communication Playbook for the Next Health Emergency by Lindsey J. Leininger, PhD
Clinical Professor of Business Administration, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth
Lindsey J. Leininger specializes in data-driven health policy, with a focus on the health care safety net and community health. She has a longstanding interest in publicly funded health insurance programs, with related research spanning quality measurement, risk segmentation, and program evaluation. Her community health work focuses on health education and promotion initiatives. Highlights include leading an award-winning crisis communication campaign during the COVID-19 pandemic; designing and delivering a nationally recognized curriculum for public benefits navigators; and leading the data and research efforts for a home-visiting program for high-risk pregnant women in Wisconsin. At Tuck she teaches courses on data-driven decision-making in the health sector. She also serves as Faculty Director for the Center for Health Care. Prior to Tuck, Lindsey spent a decade designing and leading research and technical assistance projects for Medicaid agencies, both as an academic and as a think-tank researcher.

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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://matterhealth/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. Contact Laura Botwinick for the link to join.