

HEALTH POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY

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A MESSAGE FROM DHP CHAIR, SARA ROSENBAUM, JD

"There could not be a more exciting time to take flight into a health policy career, and we could not be launching a better class into flight. The strength of this department is not only its faculty and students, but its wonderful alumni, and we hope that you will remain part of our wonderful health policy family, through our alumni committee. Please take a moment to email Professors Younger and Stewart with updated information so that we can keep in close touch!"

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DHP Student Awards Presented at April 26th Celebration

Three annual awards were given to graduating students in Health Policy at the Department's end-of the-year celebration.

- ◆ **Ellie Andres** is the recipient of the **Scholar's Award**. This award is presented to the graduating Health Policy student with the highest overall GPA.
- ◆ **Stephanie David** is the recipient of the **Excellence in Culminating Experience Award**. This award is presented to the student who completes the overall best Special Project/Practicum through the Health Policy Seminar (the culminating experience for students in the MPH-Health Policy Program.)
- ◆ **Emma Sandoe** is the recipient of the **Chair's Award**. This award is presented to the student who has been a leader in all three areas central to the Department's mission — academics, research, and service.

Winners of the Department's student awards are chosen by the Department's Alumni and Student Affairs Committee with input from the Department's faculty.

To submit items of interest, e-mail Becky Beauregard, Becky.beauregard@gwumc.edu before the end of the summer.

Thank you to DHP Staff Anthony Lara, Rick Mauery, and Lee Repasch for their assistance in producing this newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

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DHP GRADUATES !

Richard and Janet Southby Distinguished Lectureship in Comparative Health Policy held on International Health Regulations

On Tuesday, April 6, 2010, the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services hosted the second annual **Richard and Janet Southby Distinguished Lectureship in Comparative Health Policy** on the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005. It was organized by DHP's own Dr. Rebecca Katz.

The IHRs 2005 are the most recent in a series of agreements among the 194 members of the World Health Assembly regarding surveillance for and response to public health emergencies. The Southby Lectureship provided an overview of the U.S. Government's approach to addressing the challenges, policies, and opportunities related to both domestic and international implementation of the 2005 Regulations. Plenary speakers were:



Executive Dean Emeritus
Dr. Richard Southby

- ◆ **The Honorable Andrew C. Weber**, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs
- ◆ **Dr. Nicole Lurie**, Assistant secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services
- ◆ **Dr. Scott Dowell**, Director of the Global Disease Detection Program, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Following the plenary speakers, a panel discussed the IHRs, presentations and their own views. Panelists were **Dr. Julie Fischer**, Stimson Center; **Ms. Jennifer Kates**, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; and, **Dr. Stephen Morrison**, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The Lectureship was well-attended by a broad representation of leaders from the Washington policymaking community as well as GW students, faculty and staff. An overview of the presentations and commentary may be found at:

http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/departments/healthpolicy/dhp_publications/pub_uploads/dhpPublication_5FCD96AF-5056-9D20-3DB6F4EAB6ED0491.pdf

For more information, please contact Dr. Rebecca Katz at rlkatz@gwu.edu.

The Richard and Janet Southby Distinguished Lectureship in Comparative Health Policy is made possible by a gift from Dr. Richard and Janet Southby to the School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS). The lectureship is dedicated to issues in health policy that focus on aspects of domestic policy as they relate to comparative and global policy matters.

SOCIETY OF HEALTH POLICY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Society of Health Policy Young Professionals was founded in May 2006 on behalf of DC-area young professionals working or interested in the health, health care, and health policy fields. The Society is an innovative organization created to foster new relationships among young professionals, to provide a forum for networking and socializing, as well as to organize professional development and skill-building events.

For information about upcoming Society events, please visit the website and event calendar of the Society for Health Policy Young Professionals at <http://dhealthpolicy.org>.

Bravo Professors!

Sara Wilensky, JD, PhD

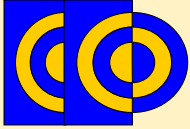
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**Excellence in Teaching,
Undergraduate Public Health**

Jennifer Leonard, JD

for

**Teaching Excellence for
Part-Time Faculty in the
Health Services Management
and Leadership Program**



Health Policy Career Panel Held for Students

The GW Department of Health Policy's Alumni and Student Affairs Committee held a Health Policy Career Panel for students on Tuesday, April 13. The event was an opportunity for health policy students to hear about different types of careers in health policy and to engage GW alumni in questions about their work and how they used their GW education to arrive at the positions they are today. The event was very well received by students and alumni alike.

Lara Cartwright-Smith, Assistant Research Professor in Health Policy, served as the event's moderator. The GW alumni serving on the panel included represented a range of health policy positions in a variety of settings including Capitol Hill, the federal government, state government and the non-profit sector. The alumni on the Career Panel were:

- ◆ **Heather Foster**, senior health policy advisor in the Office of Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO)
- ◆ **Jhamirah Howard**, policy analyst at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured
- ◆ **Lovie Davis**, project manager at the District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance, Office of Managed Care; and
- ◆ **Linda Onaga**, regulatory health project manager at the Food and Drug Administration, Division of Antiretroviral Products

Students were able to ask questions and receive information and advice on a variety of topics, including what panelists do in their jobs, the job hiring process in their organizations, important skills needed in their jobs, resume-building activities and how to leverage one's education at GW into landing employment after graduation.

Panelists offered advice on how to identify positions in both federal and state government. Panelists also emphasized the importance of networking with professionals in the health policy field and getting to know faculty in the Department of Health Policy. Heather Foster noted that many positions just opening on Capitol Hill and in other organizations are not advertised, and how networking made a difference in landing employment soon after graduation.

After the Career Panel, students had an opportunity to interact individually with panelists and other health policy at the inaugural health policy student-alumni networking reception and happy hour. Both the Career Panel and Networking Reception were organized by Kristin Younger, Althea Stewart, Anthony Lara and Antonia Hughes of the Department of Health Policy.



Linda Onaga, Jhamirah Howard, Heather Foster, Lovie Davis, and Professor Lara Cartwright-Smith (moderator)

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The Robert Wood
Johnson
Foundation

Blog on
Health Reform!

<http://>

rwjfblogs.typepad.com

[/healthreform/](http://rwjfblogs.typepad.com/healthreform/)

DHP Alum **Brad
Wright** (MS '06) has
a health policy blog:

www.healthpolicy

[analysis.com](http://www.healthpolicyanalysis.com)

GW Hatchet Blog

<http://>

blogs.gwhatchet.com

GW's GradLife

Website

<http://>

gradlife.gwu.edu/

And if you'd like to submit
your contributions (or any
suggestions for contribu-
tions) to the DHP
newsletter, please send
them to

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL THOMAS PEREZ DELIVERS ANNUAL SILVER LECTURE AT PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS



The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS) welcomed Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez to its fourth annual Dr. George A. Silver Lecture, held at the GW Hospital Auditorium on Tuesday, April 13.

The Silver Lecture, part of the school's Public Health Grand Rounds series, commemorates Dr. George Silver, one of the leading figures in 20th century health policy. Dr. Silver dedicated his career to the belief that social justice and public health are inseparable from delivering health care and advancing health.

Nominated by President Obama, Thomas Perez serves as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Perez previously served as the Secretary of Maryland's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), which protects consumers through the enforcement of a wide range of consumer rights laws. Earlier in his career, Mr. Perez served as a federal prosecutor for the Civil Rights Division, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under Attorney General Janet Reno, and Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Clinton administration.

At the Silver Lecture, Mr. Perez described the unfinished business of civil rights in health care in the United States. He began by discussing civil rights in the 1960s, when many hospitals and providers provided so-called "separate but equal" health care. In reality racial and ethnic minorities were denied access to providers and facilities that offered the best care in a community. In one instance, a minority patient was diverted to a hospital Emergency Department far away even though the nearest ED was around the corner. Mr. Perez noted that health care in the sixties was the "place to be" if you were a civil rights lawyer because the inequities in social justice were so great.

The advent of Medicare and Medicaid in the 1960s was a landmark advancement for civil rights. By tying provider participation into the programs with standards prohibiting racial and ethnic discrimination among patients, Medicare and Medicaid drove hospitals and providers to cease denying patients care based on race and ethnicity. Hospitals previously known as "white" hospitals became racially integrated.

Nevertheless, Mr. Perez warned that there is much unfinished business in advancing the cause of civil rights in health care. Racial and ethnic minorities still face discrimination in health care by provider practices whose impacts are more subtle. The Civil Rights Division, which until recently has been underfunded by previous presidential administrations, is charged with ensuring that providers do not discriminate among patients based on racial or ethnic origin.

Mr. Perez encouraged physicians to become more involved in health policy issues beyond tort reform. Doctors need to add their voices in the struggle for expanding access to quality care for racial and ethnic minorities.

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The Geiger Gibson Program in Community Health Policy

is a special initiative of The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. This program was established in 2004 to honor Drs. H. Jack Geiger and Count Gibson, pioneers in community health practice and tireless advocates for civil and human rights.

<http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/healthpolicy/ggprogram/>

Online Jobs Lists

GW and the SPHHS maintain online job lists as a way to connect students with job opportunities throughout the world of Health Policy (and elsewhere). You may search by key words and view the jobs by job category, as well as all at once:

- Full-Time jobs
- Part-Time jobs
- Internships
- Fellowships

For more information, visit:

<http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/>

and

<http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/studentres/careers/jobs/>

HEALTH AND MEDICAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Health Advocacy Program

GW Health Insurance Counseling Project

2136 Pennsylvania Ave., NW,
Washington, DC 20037

The Health Advocacy Program was established to help educate the community about programs in the District of Columbia that help pay for Medicare health and prescription drug costs. Volunteers assist with outreach to raise awareness of the Medicare Savings Program and assist with applications. Counselors screen clients for benefit eligibility, assist Medicare beneficiaries with enrollment and advocate for participants throughout the process. Health Advocacy counselors may also respond to hot-line calls to find solutions for problems people encounter with their Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

Contact: Chris DeYoung (202) 739-0668

Volunteers for Abused & Neglected Children

1705 DeSales Street, NW #300
Washington, DC 20036

Complete 35+ hrs of training on Saturdays; visit designated child/youth in the child welfare system, at least twice monthly; help meet a variety of special needs through mentoring, referral and other means; may prepare written reports and attend court hearings; volunteer supervisor may attend for you; assist in other ways including social events, newsletters and webpage. Complete clearances. Training curriculum includes Positive Youth Development principles, crime prevention and truancy reduction for at risk youth in middle and senior high schools who may or may not be in the social welfare system.

Contact: Anne Radd (202) 328-2191

Website: <http://www.voladv.org>

For a comprehensive listing of a diverse array of volunteer opportunities in the Metro DC area, please visit:
www.volunteermatch.org

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



American Public Health Association

138th Annual Meeting & Exposition November 6-10, 2010 Denver, CO

The APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition is the oldest and largest gathering of public health professionals in the world, attracting more than 13,000 national and international physicians, administrators, nurses, educators, researchers, epidemiologists, and related health specialists. APHA's meeting program addresses current and emerging health science, policy, and practice issues in an effort to prevent disease and promote health.

Visit <http://www.apha.org/meetings/> for details and more information.



Annual Research Meeting June 27-29, 2010 Boston, MA

For 26 years Academy Health's Annual Research (ARM) has been the premier forum for health services research, where more than 2,300 attendees gather discuss health policy implications, sharpen research methods, and network with colleagues from around the world.

The ARM program is designed for health services researchers, providers, key decision makers, clinicians, graduate students, and research analysts.

Visit www.academyhealth.org/arm for more information about this year's program.

HEALTH POLICY PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

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For these studies and more see:
http://www.gwumc.edu/spbbs/departments/healthpolicy/dhp_publications/?pubsdisplay=RecentPubs

Looking for a scholarship to help pay for school? Or maybe you need an internship?

Check out the Office of Student Opportunities at <http://www.gwumc.edu/smbbs/students/opportunities/index.htm>.

The OSO is a resource to all students in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) providing a large database of national and international programs for summer study, electives, conferences and other educational opportunities, many of which are funded. The OSO further supports students' interests through educational program scholarships for medical students and by helping all students select opportunities to meet their scholastic and future career goals.

Looking for something to do?

Whether new or old to DC, these websites will provide you with lots of things to do!

- ◆ **GW Today** at <http://www.gwu.edu/explore/gwtoday/events>
- ◆ **100 Free Things to Do in Washington** at <http://www.washington.org/visiting/browse-dc/attractions/100-free-things-to-do>
- ◆ **What's on Washington** at <http://whatsoncity.net>

Something to Share?

Recently receive a grant, publish a paper, speak at a conference, attend an event or simply have something exciting to share with the DHP Community? Send an e-mail to Becky.beauregard@gwumc.edu with details and we'll be sure to include.

Watch your e-mail for late breaking events!

Suggest an Event!

E-mail Lee Repasch at Lee.Repasch@gwumc.edu if you have an idea for a brown-bag lunch, seminar, or other health policy gathering.

News from Alumni ?

Are you an Alum with news you'd like to share?
We'd love to hear from you!
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The Department of Health Policy is the home for health policy studies and research at The George Washington University and its School of Public Health and Health Services. The Department focuses on virtually all phases of U.S. health policy -- both public health and health services -- and emphasizes preparing students to understand and analyze health policy matters in a broad, cross-cutting, and real-world context. Among Schools of Public Health, the SPHHS Department of Health Policy is unique; it has been created to take maximum advantage of our location in Washington D.C., the nation's health policy-making epicenter. The Department offers lectures and symposia on emerging issues in health policy throughout the academic year for students, graduates, and DC's health policy community. The Department's courses are taught by both core faculty, as well as faculty drawn from Washington D.C.'s health policy leadership. The curriculum is structured to train students in the methods and tools of health policy analysis, including qualitative and quantitative analysis techniques, legal analysis, economic analysis, and the preparation and presentation of research results and policy options to health policy makers.

Suggestions?
Do you have a suggestion for a DHP activity or for newsletter content?
We'd love to hear from you!
Please send an e-mail to [Becky Beauregard](mailto:Becky.beauregard@gwumc.edu)
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Valuable Calendar Resources for Health Policy Events

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation's **Kaisernetwork.org** provides a searchable list of events in health policy, HIV/AIDS, women's health policy, global health and health disparities. It also offers complete listings for HealthCasts -- live and archived online video coverage of key meetings, conferences and other health policy events in Washington, D.C. and across the globe. Users can choose to view all events or select from various topics such as:

- HIV/AIDS
- Women's Health Policy
- Health Reform
- HealthCast
- Global Health
- Health Disparities

Calendars can be viewed for specific days, weeks, or months.

This is a particularly rich resource for those looking for opportunities to fulfill professional enhancement requirements for a degree, or for obtaining an insider's view on a topic that you are writing about.

Visit:
<http://www.kaisernetwork.org/calendar/calendar.cfm>

Hearings on the Hill

The schedules of House and Senate hearings and committee meetings is maintained at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/schedules.html>. Here you can view congressional floor schedules:

- House Floor This Week
- House Committee Hearing Schedule
- Senate Committee Hearing Schedule
- Senate Floor Schedule
- Senate Majority Schedule
- Senate Minority Schedule
- Days-in-Session Calendars
- Senate Executive Calendar
- Current and Previous House and Senate Calendars
- Current and Previous Senate Calendars

GW Health Policy Student Association

The Health Policy Student Association had a great year! We planned a lot of great activities and we hope everyone was able to join us for some of them. Some of the highlights include going to the Senate Finance Committee markup of the health care reform bill at 10pm and wandering the halls of Congress. We also brought Congressional leaders and journalists to talk about the bill after it passed which brought in dozens of students. Our annual participation in "Help the Homeless Walkathon" was another great event. We went to two baseball games, had some great happy hours, enjoyed the movies outside in the summer, and had a Valentine's day party complete with heart-shaped Pizza.

We would like to thank all of the officers this year. Without their help the Health Policy Student Association would not have been able to have such great events. Thank you:

- ◆ **Dena Olyaic, Roma Sharma, and Trevor Simon**, Members at Large
- ◆ **Mariza Hardin**, VP Communications
- ◆ **Susan Baade**, Treasurer
- ◆ **Amy Erhardt**, VP Events
- ◆ **Emma Sandoe**, President

Next year should be even better! We look forward to plenty of great events and opportunities for learning. Your 2010-2011 officers are:

- ◆ **Roma Sharma**, President
- ◆ **Tahra Johnson**, VP Events
- ◆ **Mallory O'Connor**, Treasurer
- ◆ **Estelle Charlu**, VP Communications

Watch out for events all next Fall!

—Emma Sandoe

