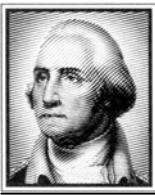




**Department of Health Policy (DHP)
New Student Orientation**

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August, 2007

Welcome!

On behalf of all of us, welcome to the Department of Health Policy. The faculty and staff of the Department are excited about getting to know you and working with you to make your educational experience the best possible. I want to tell you a bit about the Department and what you can expect.

The mission of the Department of Health Policy is to prepare students, through rigorous teaching, research, and service, to analyze and engage in all phases of health policy in a broad, cross-cutting, and real-world context. Serving the Schools of Public Health and Health Services, Law, Medicine, and Public Policy and Public Administration, the Department offers nationally renowned faculty and unparalleled learning opportunities. The Department is also actively involved in the University's undergraduate program.

The Department is one-of-a-kind among Schools of Public Health in the United States, which tend to combine policy and management into one department. Dedicated solely to health policy study and research, the Department's education and research missions emphasize the major challenges in U.S. health policy that influence the health of the population as well as the accessibility and quality of health care, particularly for low-income, minority, and vulnerable populations. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks GW's health policy program among the top ten in the nation in public policy programs offering a concentration in health policy.

The Department prizes diversity and collaboration and is home for health policy studies across the GW campus. Our students are incredibly diverse not only in their professional aspirations, but in their lives as well. This diversity enriches and deepens the formal learning experience. We also emphasize extensive involvement between faculty and students and one-on-one education and career counseling.

The Department offers rigorous training in health policy analysis that prepares its students for virtually any career in advanced health policy. Much of the Department's educational and research programming is designed to illuminate the critical issues that lie at the nexus of health care financing, the provision of health and medical care for low-income, minority, medically underserved, and vulnerable populations, the interaction of the health care system with U.S. policies aimed at reducing disparities in health and health care, and policies related to the overall improvement of the public's health.

The Department's programs and activities are available on our dedicated website, www.gwhealthpolicy.org. They also can be viewed through the SPHHS



website (www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/) by clicking on “Departments” and scrolling down to and clicking on “Health Policy.” The website contains information not only about the Department’s educational programming but also about research activities, special programs and events, contact information for degree programs and professors, career opportunities, and more.

Beyond our degree and certificate programs, we offer wonderful educational opportunities throughout the year – special colloquia on national health policy reform, opportunities to meet and talk with some of the most important figures in U.S. health policy, and opportunities to work on research projects with members of the faculty. We pride ourselves on our orientation toward our students and on our support in career planning and professional development.

You will work hard here, but we have built a program which we truly believe will prepare you to tackle any career in health policy practice you wish to pursue. Please do not hesitate to drop by and visit with me, or with any of our faculty, as you pursue your studies with us.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sara Rosenbaum', written in a cursive style.

Sara Rosenbaum, J.D.
Hirsh Professor and Chair

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY COURSE SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER 2007—FINAL

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:10 – 12:25		<p align="center">Introduction to Health Policy PubH 191.10 3 Cr Prof. Sara Wilensky Prereq: Introduction to Public Health and Health Services</p>		<p align="center">Introduction to Health Policy PubH 191.10 3 Cr Prof. Sara Wilensky Prereq: Introduction to Public Health and Health Services</p>	
3:10 – 5:00	<p align="center">Homeland Security and Public Health Policy PubH 209.14 2 Cr Prof. Rebecca Katz Prereq: Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System OR Policy Approaches to Public Health</p>		<p align="center">Demography and Public Health Policy PubH 209.34 1 Cr (meets 1st 7 weeks) Prof. Rebecca Katz Prereq: None</p>		
4:10 - 6:00	<p align="center">Basics of Statistics for Health Policy PubH 209.12 1 Cr (meets 1st 7 weeks) Prof. Karen Jones Prereq: None</p>	<p align="center">Minority Health Practice and Policy PubH 295.10 2 Cr Prof. Charlotte Collins Prereq: Introduction to Health Policy Analysis</p> <p align="center">State Health Policy PubH 209.18 2 Cr Prof. Christy Ferguson Prereq: Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System OR Policy Approaches to Public Health</p>	<p align="center">Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis PubH 373.10 2 Cr Profs. Anne Markus & Colleen Sonosky Prereq: None</p>		

<p>6:10 - 8:00</p>	<p>Managed Care PubH 293.10 2 Cr Prof. Phyllis Borzi Prereq: Introduction to Health Policy Analysis</p> <p>Chair's Seminar in Health Policy PubH 209.37 2 Cr Profs. Sara Rosenbaum and Liz Fowler Prereq: Rising MPH/MS Candidate, or Doctoral Candidate</p>	<p>Health Workforce Policy PubH 209.19 1 Cr (meets 2nd 7 weeks) Prof. Fitzhugh Mullan Prereq: None</p>	<p>Mental Health/Substance Abuse Policy PubH 209.15 2 Cr Profs. Eric Goplerud & Rick Mauery Prereq: Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System OR Policy Approaches to Public Health</p>		
<p>6:10 - 9:00</p>	<p>Introduction to Health Policy Analysis (ENROLLMENT CAP=25) PubH 281.10 3 Cr Prof. Jeff Levi Prereq/Coreq: Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System OR Policy Approaches to Public Health</p>	<p>Applications of Health Policy Analysis PubH 282.10 3 Cr Prof. Peter Shin Prereq: Introduction to Health Policy Analysis</p> <p>Health Policy Seminar PubH 215.16 3 Cr Profs. Brian Biles and David Rousseau Prereq: Introduction to Health Policy Analysis, one of the Health Policy Applications courses, AND Instructor's Permission</p>	<p>Health Economics and Financing PubH 285.10 3 Cr Prof. Richard Jensen Prereq: Basics of Economics OR Instructor's Permission</p> <p>Advanced Health Economics Research PubH 408.10 3 Cr Prof. Avi Dor Prereq: Health Economics and Financing</p>	<p>Health Services and Law PubH 283.10 3 Cr Prof. Joel Teitelbaum Prereq: None</p>	

No Classrooms Required:

Special Project (36-Credit MPH Health Policy Students Only)

PubH 212.11

3 Cr

Prof. Taylor Burke

Prereq: Advisor's Permission

Practicum

PubH 214.16

1-3 Cr

Prof. Taylor Burke

Prereq: Advisor's Permission

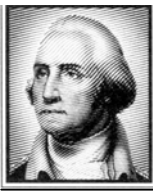
Master's Thesis

PubH 213.10

3 Cr

STAFF

Prereq: Advisor's Permission



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**Department of Health Policy
Fall 2007 Events Calendar
(Draft 8/29/07 – Subject to Revision)**

August

Wed., 8/29 - Department's Orientation Meeting
Time: 1:45 – 3:45 pm
Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

September

Tues., 9/11 - Welcome (Back) Students Reception
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Location: Dept. Health Policy Dept., Large Conference Room

Mon., 9/17 - Chat with the Chair
Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00pm (brownbag lunch)
Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 9/17 – National Health Reform Seminar
Topic: The history of U.S. health reform (David Helms, Professorial Lecturer,
Department of Health Policy; President, AcademyHealth)
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm
Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 9/24 – National Health Reform Seminar
Topic: National health Reform: Lessons from Abroad (Professor Ruth Lopert, Dept
of Health Policy and Peter Hussey, The Rand Corporation)
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm
Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

October

Mon., 10/1 – National Health Reform Seminar
Topic: Dimensions of National Health Reform (Diane Rowland, Executive Vice
President, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Executive Director, Kaiser
Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured)
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm
Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 10/08- Chat with the Chair
Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm (brownbag lunch)
Location: Dept. Health Policy

Mon., 10/08 – National Health Reform Seminar



Topic: Cost Estimation and National Health Reform (Peter Orszag, Executive Director, Congressional Budget Office; Chris Jennings, Jennings Policy Strategies)

Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 10/15 – National Health Reform Seminar

Topic: National Health Reform, The Clinton Plan: Lessons for the Future (Professor Christine Ferguson, David Nexon, AdvaMed)

Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 10/22 – National Health Reform Seminar

Topic: The stakeholders in national health reform (Karen Ignagni, President, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Charles (Chip) Kahn, President, Federation of American Hospitals, John Castellani, President, Business Roundtable, Ron Pollack, Families USA)

Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 10/29 – National Health Reform Seminar

Topic: Roundtable Discussion on National Health Reform and the 2008 Presidential Election

Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

November

Sat. – Wed., 11/3-7, American Public Health Association Conference in Washington, DC

Mon., 11/12 - Chat with the Chair

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm (brownbag lunch)

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 11/12 – National Health Reform Seminar

Topic: National health reform and public opinion polling

Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 11/19 – National Health Reform Seminar

Topic: National health reform and the states (Alan Weil, President, National Academy for State Health Policy)

Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

Mon., 11/26 – National Health Reform Seminar:



Topic: National health reform: quality, workforce, health care infrastructure, and medically underserved populations (Professors Carolyn Clancy, Professor Fitzhugh Mullan, Professor Bruce Siegel, Daniel Hawkins, Professorial Lecturer in Health Policy and Senior Vice President, National Association of Community Health Centers)

Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

TBA, Career Panel

December

12/03 - Chat with the Chair

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm (brownbag lunch)

Location: Dept. Health Policy, Large Conference Room

TBA – DHP Holiday Party



Things You Should Know as a New Health Policy Student

- The Department of Health Policy (DHP) puts on many events outside the classrooms, such as lectures, open hours with the Chair, and department gatherings....how do you find out about them?
 - Make sure your name is on the DHP listserve and check your email. To get on the DHP listserve, send your new gwu.edu email address to Taylor Burke at taylorb@gwu.edu
 - Check the calendar of events on the school's website at <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/about/news.cfm#events>
 - Come by the Department and look at the events board in the reception area. We are located at 2021 K Street, Suite 800.
 - Make sure your name is on the School's listserve for school wide announcements. To get on the SPHHS listserve, send your new gwu.edu email address to Robin Delk at sphrad@gwumc.edu
- The Department offers three awards for students each year and gives out these awards at our end of the year party.
 - Best Practicum/Culminating Experience
 - Distinguished Scholar's Award for highest GPA
 - Chair's Award for academic, public service, and leadership in health policy.
- The Department employs students as research assistants. If you are interested in working in the department, you should check for posted positions on GW's Career Center website <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/>. In addition, if you would like to be placed in a pool of students who will be considered for employment for department positions that may not be posted, send a resume to Rick Mauery at rmauery@gwu.edu or Kristin Younger at kyounger@gwu.edu.
- Whom should you talk to if you have questions?
 - For any general student affairs matters contact Rick Mauery at rmauery@gwu.edu, (202) 530-2376 or Kristin Younger at kyounger@gwu.edu, 202-467-2271
 - For course advising questions you should refer to the Academic Program Director and Advisors list and contact the appropriate advisor.
 - If you would like to talk to our Chair, Sara Rosenbaum, you should contact her assistant Jay Inglis at jinglis@gwu.edu or (202) 530-2343



- Did you know you have a mailbox in Ross Hall? You may have to search for a few minutes to find yours as they are spread throughout the main floor of Ross Hall...but once you find it, you should check it regularly for announcements and other important material.



HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH AND RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

Government Websites

Federal Government

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.dhhs.gov>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.gov>

U.S. Government Accountability Office: <http://www.gao.gov>

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

White House Office of Management and Budget:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/index.html>

U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov>

House Majority and Minority Leadership:

http://www.house.gov/house/orgs_pub_hse_ldr_www.shtml

House Ways and Means Committee: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/>

U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov>

Senate Majority and Minority Leadership:

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/reference/e_one_section_no_teasers/org_chart.htm

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions: <http://help.senate.gov/>

Code of Federal Regulations: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>

Library of Congress – Thomas – U.S. Legislative Information: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

CDC – National Center for Health Statistics: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/default.htm>

Bureau of the Census Health Insurance Data:

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/hlthins.html>

A-Z Index of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies:

http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml

Links to Federal and State Statistics: <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

State Government

The “magic” hyperlink: <http://www.state.XX.us> where XX = 2-letter state abbreviation

Example: <http://www.state.ca.us> for California

Directory of State and Local Government Websites: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm>

National Governors Association: www.nga.org

National Association of State Medicaid Directors: <http://www.nasmd.org>

National Association of State Budget Officers: <http://www.nasbo.org>

National Conference of State Legislatures: <http://www.ncsl.org>

National Association of State Human Services Finance Officers: <http://www.hsfo.com/>

National Association of County and City Health Officials: <http://www.naacho.org>

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials: <http://www.astho.org>

Health Policy and Information Sources

The Henry J. Kaiser Foundation: <http://www.kff.org>

State Health Facts Online: <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/>

Medicaid/SCHIP: <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/index.cfm>

Medicare: <http://www.kff.org/medicare/index.cfm>

Minority Health: <http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/index.cfm>

State Health Policy: <http://www.kff.org/statepolicy/index.cfm>

Health Policy News: <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/>

Pew Research Center Health News: <http://www.stateline.org>



Professional Associations

American Association of Medical Colleges: <http://www.aamc.org>
Association of Academic Health Centers: <http://www.ahcnet.org/>
American Medical Association: <http://www.ama-assn.org/>
American Hospital Association: <http://www.aha.org/aha/index.jsp>
Association for Health Center Affiliated Health Plans: <http://www.ahcahp.org/>
America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP): <http://www.ahip.org/>
American Public Health Association: <http://www.apha.org>
American Academy of Emergency Medicine: <http://www.aaem.org/>
National Association of Community Health Centers: <http://www.nachc.org>
American Academy of Family Physicians: <http://www.aafp.org/index.xml>
American College of Physicians: <http://www.acponline.org/>

Health Policy Research Organizations

GW Center for Health Services Research and Policy: <http://www.gwhealthpolicy.org>
GW Intergovernmental Health Policy Project Health Policy Sites:
<http://www.gwu.edu/~ihpp/Hpolicy.html#lobby>
Georgetown Health Policy Institute: <http://www.georgetown.edu/research/ihrp/>
Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research:
<http://www.ihcpar.rutgers.edu/>
Northwestern Institute for Health Services Research and Policy Studies:
<http://www.northwestern.edu/ihsrps/>
Institute of Medicine: <http://www.iom.edu>
AcademyHealth: <http://www.academyhealth.org>
The Robert Graham Center: <http://www.graham-center.org/>
The Urban Institute: <http://www.urban.org>
The Commonwealth Fund: <http://www.cmwf.org/>
Center for Studying Health System Change: <http://www.hschange.org>
Mathematica Policy Research: <http://www.mathematica.org>
Center for Health Care Strategies: <http://www.chcs.org>
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: <http://www.rwjf.org>
Pew Charitable Trusts: <http://www.pewtrusts.com>
Kaiser Permanente Institute for Health Policy: <http://www.kpihp.org/>
The Lewin Group: <http://www.lewin.com>
RAND Health: http://www.rand.org/research_areas/health/
W. K. Kellogg Foundation: <http://www.wkkf.org/>
Center for the Advancement of Health: <http://www.cfah.org>
National Academy of Social Insurance: <http://www.nasi.org/>
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: <http://www.cbpp.org/>
The Finance Project: <http://www.financeproject.org/>
Economic Policy Institute: <http://www.epinet.org/>
National Bureau of Economic Research: <http://www.nber.org/>
National Center for Policy Analysis: <http://www.ncpa.org>

Advocacy Groups

National Coalition on Health Care: <http://www.nchc.org/>
Alliance for Health Reform: <http://www.allhealth.org/>



Families USA: <http://www.familiesusa.org>
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs: <http://www.amchp.org/>
Community Catalyst: <http://www.communitycatalyst.org/>
Cover the Uninsured Week: <http://covertheuninsuredweek.org/>
Council for Affordable Health Insurance: <http://www.cahi.org>
The Medicare Rights Center: <http://www.medicarerights.org/>
National Health Law Program: <http://www.healthlaw.org/>
OMB Watch: <http://ombwatch.org/>
Children's Defense Fund: <http://www.childrensdefense.org/>
Child Welfare League of America: <http://www.cwla.org>
Children's Health Matters: <http://www.childrenshealthmatters.org/fedadv/>
National Women's Law Center: <http://www.nwlc.org>
National Center for Children in Poverty Research Forum:
<http://www.researchforum.org/index.html>
State Coverage Initiative (RWJF) <http://www.statecoverage.net/>
The Heritage Foundation: <http://www.heritage.org/>
American Enterprise Institute: <http://www.aei.org>
The Cato Institute: <http://www.cato.org>
American Association of People with Disabilities: <http://www.aapd.org>
National Center on Poverty Law: <http://www.povertylaw.org>
Progressive Policy Group: <http://www.ppionline.org/index.cfm>
The Twentieth Century Fund: <http://www.tcf.org/>
List of Political Advocacy Groups: <http://reinert.creighton.edu/advocacy/index.htm>

Peer-Reviewed Literature and Legal Research

Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library: <http://www.gwumc.edu/library/>
MedLINE
CQ Library
CQ.com on Congress
GPO Access
ERIC
LEXIS/NEXIS
PolicyFile
PAIS

General Search Engines

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- To establish a network of mentors who may be available for formal roles as special projects preceptors and thesis or dissertation advisors;
- To strengthen the ties between students, mentors, and the Health Policy program.

Student Expectations

- Respond to contacts from your mentor in a timely manner. Your mentor is responsible for making the initial contact with you;
- Respect the parameters established at the beginning of your relationship with your mentor;
- Invest time in learning about your mentor and his or her organization;
- Make specific requests of your mentor. It is up to you to let your mentor know what you do or do not want out of your relationship. While your mentor will try to provide you with helpful information or advice, he or she cannot know what you need unless you tell him or her;
- Respect and honor all commitments made to the mentor with respect to their time (or time of others they contact on your behalf), your relationship, and the confidentiality of any communication;
- Participate in a Department-sponsored event with your mentor once a year;
- Provide formal and informal feedback to the Department about the mentoring program;
- Provide the Department with up-to-date contact information.



Department of Health Policy Professional Mentoring Program Student Request Form

Date of Request:

Name:

Local Address:

Phone:

Email:

Expected Graduation Date:

Degree: MPH (Health Policy) JD/MPH (Health Policy)
 MD/MPH (Health Policy) Health Policy Certificate
 MPP/MPA (Health Policy) Other _____

Please describe your health policy related work and/or volunteer experience:

Reasons for participating in the Mentoring Program:

Future/Career Goals/Special Interests:

Please direct any questions or concerns to Sara Wilensky
at wilensky@gwu.edu or (202) 530-2359



Department of Health Policy

**Survey of New Health Policy Students
Fall 2007**

Name (optional): _____

Degree (circle one):

- a. MPH in Health Policy b. JD or LLM/MPH or Certificate in Health Policy
c. MD/MPH or Certificate in health policy d. Certificate in health Policy
e. MS in health policy f. DrPH in Health Policy

For the following questions, circle those answers that apply. Please feel free to write-in other options.

1. How did you learn about the Health Policy Program at GW?
 - a. SPHHS admissions office/materials
 - b. GW alumni
 - c. GW website
 - d. DHP website
 - e. Undergraduate program
 - f. APHA, Academy Health, or other conference exhibit
 - g. *Washington Post* advertisement
 - h. *Roll Call* advertisement
 - i. *The Hill* advertisement
 - j. Other _____

2. What personal contact did you have with the program prior to **applying** to GW?
 - a. SPHHS admissions office
 - b. DHP Open House/Information session
 - c. Prior course work at GW SPHHS
 - d. DHP faculty
 - e. Undergraduate faculty
 - f. No contact
 - g. Other _____

3. What personal contact did you have with the program prior to **enrolling** at GW?
 - a. SPHHS admissions office



- b. DHP Open House/Information session
 - c. Prior course work at GW SPHHS
 - d. DHP faculty
 - e. Undergraduate faculty
 - f. No contact
 - g. Other _____
4. What would you have liked to have known about the Health Policy program prior to applying that you did not know at the time?
5. What were the key factors in your decision to **apply** to GW?
 - a. Curriculum/course of study
 - b. Preponderance of evening classes
 - c. Location in Washington, D.C.
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 - e. Reputation of faculty
 - f. Metro accessibility
 - g. Financial assistance
 - h. Others _____
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 - g. Financial assistance
 - h. Others _____
7. What activities outside of class do you think will enhance your education at GW?
 - a. Guest speakers with experience in health policy
 - b. Forums on critical public health policy issues
 - c. Networking activities
 - d. Career development activities
 - e. Others _____

Thank you for completing this survey



Department of Health Policy

Student Contact Information Form

It is essential that we be able to contact you during your academic career with the DHP. There are many events and announcements we need to keep you informed of, so please complete this form with your most up-to-date contact information.

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: () _____

Preferred E-mail Address (required) _____

(This should be the e-mail address you use on a regular basis. Students are strongly encouraged to establish a Colonial Mail gwu.edu e-mail account, which you may do at <http://cmail.gwu.edu>.)

If any of this information changes at any time, please send an e-mail to Taylor Burke (taylorb@gwu.edu) or call him at (202) 530-2301 with any changes.



August, 2007

Geiger Gibson Program in Community Health Policy

The Geiger Gibson Program in Community Health Policy is a special initiative of the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. The Department is nationally ranked for its academic programs, and is widely known and respected for its policy work in the field of medical underservice and health care for the poor and vulnerable.

The Geiger Gibson Program was established to honor Drs. H. Jack Geiger and Count Gibson, pioneers in community health practice, and untiring advocates for civil and human rights. Nearly 40 years ago, Geiger and Gibson founded the nation's first health centers in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and Boston, Massachusetts. While health centers serve all patients who come through their doors, some centers emphasize specific underserved populations such as migrant and seasonal farmworkers and the homeless. Migrant health centers were established by the 1962 Migrant Health Act and today more than 400 migrant centers serve over 650,000 migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Homeless health centers were created through the McKinney Act of 1987 and later consolidated with other community based health programs. Today, more than 1000 health centers serve over 14 million persons in some 4000 urban and rural medically underserved communities and are widely recognized for their quality and community accountability. Health centers across the nation are the Program's founding donors and the Program is financed through gifts and grants.

The Geiger Gibson Program seeks to celebrate the rich history of all health centers and the health care safety net of which they are a part. The Program's central academic purpose is to train the next generation of health policy experts in medical underservice, minority health, and health care safety net policy. The Program consists of:

- A Community Health Center History Project. This project will commence in 2005 and will culminate in the 50th anniversary year, 2015. The History Project aims to create a virtual "health center tapestry" which chronicles health centers and their communities, as well as the story of special movements within the health center "family."
- Distinguished Visitorships in Community Health Policy, awarded to individuals who are demonstrated leaders in the fields of community health practice and health policy advocacy.
- An academic concentration in Medical Underservice and Minority Health Policy for MPH and MS candidates, as well as candidates pursuing doctoral studies. This concentration combines rigorous training in health policy and health services research with specialized knowledge of medically underserved and minority populations, the operation of the health care safety net, civil rights, and community health practice.
- A Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Project highlighting issues related to this population
- Periodic lectureships and symposia in community health policy.

In addition, the Program is currently developing an Executive Leadership institute that will train future community health center leaders in clinical care, management, and community leadership.

A long-term goal is establishment of an endowed Chair in Community Health Policy.

For complete information on the Geiger Gibson Program, go to www.gwhealthpolicy.org.

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DHP STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTED AT MAY 3 CELEBRATION



Michelle Kitchman Strollo, Heather Foster, Lisa McGonigal, DHP Chair Sara Rosenbaum, and Lauren Hughes (l - r)

The Department of Health Policy offers three student awards. Each award is given to one graduating student in Health Policy who best exemplifies the award criteria. All graduating Health Policy students are eligible for these awards; winners are chosen by the Department's Student and Alumni Affairs Committee, with input from the Department's faculty.

Michelle Kitchman Strollo and **Heather Foster** are the co-recipients of the **Scholar's Award**. This award is presented to the graduating Health Policy student with the

highest overall GPA.

Lisa McGonigal is the recipient of the **Health Policy Culminating Experience Award**. This award is presented to the student who completes the overall best policy analysis through the Health Policy Seminar (the culminating experience for students in the MPH-Health Policy program).

Lauren Hughes 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.

A MESSAGE FROM DHP CHAIR, SARA ROSENBAUM, JD



What a wonderful year this has been! Outstanding students, terrific faculty, great courses, wonderful, wonderful guests! For those of you who have now become alumni, our best wishes and our great hope that you will retain your close association with the department through participation in alumni events, student mentoring, career nights and other activities. For those of you returning in the new academic year, rest up and get ready for a year devoted to health policy and national health reform in anticipation of the 2008 Presidential election.

To submit items of interest, e-mail Rick Mauery at rmauery@gwu.edu before the end of the month.

Thank you to MPH student Arista Salimi, DHP Professor Rick Mauery, DHP Public Affairs Liaison Lee Repasch, and DHP researcher Jennifer Bretsch for their assistance in producing this newsletter.

**Dept. of Health Policy
Professional Mentoring
Program**

All current SPHHS Health Policy Students and SPPPA students with a concentration in Health Policy are invited to join our Professional Mentoring Program. This program is intended to match health policy students with professionals in the field to provide career advice, networking opportunities, research ideas, and more.

Program Goals

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If you are interested in learning more about the program, please review the Mentor and Student guidelines available at:

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

**HEALTH AND MEDICAL
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**American Heart Association -- Lawyers Have
Heart 10K Run and Walk
Saturday, June 9**

Spurred by the fact that cardiovascular disease is America's No. 1 killer, four million AHA volunteers are working to prevent heart disease and stroke. Each year the American Heart Association relies on these volunteers to help reduce disability and death due to heart disease and stroke. Fundraising through activities, such as Lawyers Have Heart, secure the necessary funds to support the research and educational program activities.

Please arrive at the Washington Harbour and report to the volunteer-check in no later than 6:15 a.m. All volunteers will receive a classic Lawyers Have Heart t-shirt, admission to the post-race activities, and are eligible for random prizes.

Contact: Christine Kohlmeyer, (703) 248-1717, www.runlh.org.

Teach Wellness Classes to Homeless Women

N Street Village seeks instructors for classes in the Wellness Center. Classes last about an hour and can include topics like low-impact activity classes (stretching, low-impact taekwondo, etc.), psychoeducation/mental health, anger management, relapse prevention, classes on health issues that affect women (hypertension, diabetes, etc.), or anything else you are interested in. Classes are taught during the work week (9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday).

Contact: Kjersten Priddy, (202) 939-2096, www.nstreetvillage.org.

**Volunteers needed for friendly visits
Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice**

Volunteer can provide companionship and listen. Share an interest, hold a hand, assist with respite care giving the caregiver a much needed break. Make phone calls, write letters, tend the patients garden, help tidy immediate surroundings. Read, make tea, paint nails, but most of all bring joy and laughter.

An hour or two per month is all it takes to make a difference in someone's life.

Contact: Sheila Gaskins, 240-264-1692.

**Advocacy and Media Assistant
Men's Health Network**

Work hours are negotiable and flexible. This opportunity could include, but not be limited to:

Media outreach.

Marketing.

Legislative advocacy:

Direct advocacy - preparation and presenting of educational briefings for Congressional staff

Attending Congressional hearings and local seminars

Developing and presenting testimony at various legislative and Congressional hearings

Health outreach:

Development of original health informational brochures and literature hand-outs

Represent MHN at trade shows and public policy events

Internet correspondence with various health e-mail groups

Research issues such as:

Health disparities in education and medical research

Family issues such as adoption, child abuse, custody, foster care and welfare

Symposiums:

MHN hosts symposiums on various health issues of interest to men and their families.

Contact: Tom Dixon, 202-543-6461 x 101, www.menshealthnetwork.org

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

UPCOMING DHP EVENTS

See you in September!

SPOTLIGHT ON DHP ALUMNI



Brad Wright won first place in KaiserEDU.org's "Students Awards for Best Essays Designing Presidential Candidate Health Platform."

Nearly 250 graduate and undergraduate

students entered the contest where they prepared memos as a senior advisor to an actual or fictitious 2008 presidential candidate, proposing a health care platform and communication strategy for the candidate. Brad is currently studying at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, doctoral program in Health Policy and Administration. You can read Brad's essay at www.kaiseredu.org/essayprizes_wright.asp.

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Congressional Fellowship for 2007-2008. The CBCF Congressional Fellowship Program was created in 1976 in order to increase the number of African Americans working as professional staff in the U.S. Congress. Athena will be working in the office of Rep. Albert R. Wynn (D-MD).

Rich Henry, CLS, ITMS, MPH, finished his MPH in Health Policy in Dec '06 (conferred Jan '07). He reports that he was selected and now sits in the position of Deputy Director for Blood Policy and Programs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science.

Athena Abdullah has been awarded a



SARA WILENSKY!!

After several years of hard work as Chair of the DHP Student Affairs Committee, Sara Wilensky has turned over the reins to two new Co-Chairs. Sara has new academic demands on her time as she is pursuing a PhD in Public Policy degree. We wish her all the best and thank her for her contributions to DHP Student Affairs.

The Student Affairs Committee is here to serve you, our DHP students in all degree programs. The following students have volunteered to represent you at meetings. Please feel free to contact them if you have ideas or suggestions about enhancing your academic and professional lives in the DHP:

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Betsy.kidder@gmail.com

The **new Co-Chairs** on the DHP staff are also more than happy to speak with you:

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ADVICE, LIKE YOUTH, PROBABLY JUST WASTED ON THE YOUNG

Mary Schmich

June 1, 1997

The Chicago Tribune



Inside every adult lurks a graduation speaker dying to get out, some world-weary pundit eager to pontificate on life to young people who'd rather be Rollerblading. Most of us, alas, will never be invited to sow our words of wisdom among an audience of caps and gowns, but there's no reason we can't entertain ourselves by composing a Guide to Life for Graduates.

I encourage anyone over 26 to try this and thank you for indulging my attempt.

Ladies and gentlemen of the class of '97:

Wear sunscreen.

If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long-term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists, whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience. I will dispense this advice now.

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth. Oh, never mind. You will not understand the power and beauty of your youth until they've faded. But trust me, in 20 years, you'll look back at photos of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked. You are not as fat as you imagine.

Don't worry about the future. Or worry, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubble gum. The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind, the kind that blindside you at 4 p.m. on some idle Tuesday.

Do one thing every day that scares you.

Sing.

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts. Don't put up with people who are reckless with yours.

Floss.

Don't waste your time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long and, in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember compliments you receive. Forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

Keep your old love letters. Throw away your old bank statements.

Stretch.



Mary Schmich

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ADVICE, LIKE YOUTH, PROBABLY JUST WASTED ON THE YOUNG (cont. from page 3)

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. The most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives. Some of the most interesting 40-year-olds I know still don't.

Get plenty of calcium. Be kind to your knees. You'll miss them when they're gone.

Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll divorce at 40, maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75th wedding anniversary. Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much, or berate yourself either. Your choices are half chance. So are everybody else's.

Enjoy your body. Use it every way you can. Don't be afraid of it or of what other people think of it. It's the greatest instrument you'll ever own.

Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but your living room.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them.

Do not read beauty magazines. They will only make you feel ugly.

Get to know your parents. You never know when they'll be gone for good. Be nice to your siblings. They're your best link to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young.

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard. Live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft. Travel.

Accept certain inalienable truths: Prices will rise. Politicians will philander. You, too, will get old. And when you do, you'll fantasize that when you were young, prices were reasonable, politicians were noble and children respected their elders.

Respect your elders.

Don't expect anyone else to support you. Maybe you have a trust fund. Maybe you'll have a wealthy spouse. But you never know when either one might run out.

Don't mess too much with your hair or by the time you're 40 it will look 85.

Be careful whose advice you buy, but be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia. Dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me on the sunscreen.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/chi-970601sunscreen.0.4664776.column?page=1>

Health Care Costs 101, 2007 Edition

Katherine B. Wilson, California Healthcare Foundation

The fourth edition of Health Care Costs 101, an annual overview of the latest health spending trends in California and the nation, finds reasons for both hope and concern.

While spending on health care continues to moderate, the growth in health spending was twice the rate of inflation in 2005, resulting in constant pressure on government, employers, and consumers to keep up.

Among the key findings:

- ◆ Total spending on health reached \$2 trillion in 2005 and is projected to reach

one-fifth of the gross domestic product (GDP) by 2016;

- ◆ Per person spending on health care increased 77% between 1995 and 2005;
- ◆ Hospitals and physician services take the largest share of the health care dollar (52%);
- ◆ The growth rate for prescription drug spending is at its lowest level in 20 years; and
- ◆ While out-of-pocket costs for consumers continue to rise, their share of all health care spending (15%), has declined.

Source: www.chcf.org/



Mary Theresa Schmich is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune. Born in Savannah, Georgia, the oldest of eight children, Schmich grew up in Georgia, attended high school in Phoenix, Arizona, and earned a B.A. from Pomona College. After working in college admissions for three years and spending a year and a half in France, Schmich attended journalism school at Stanford. She has worked as a reporter at the Peninsula Times Tribune, at the Orlando Sentinel and, since 1985, at the Tribune. She spent five years as a Tribune national correspondent based in Atlanta. Her column started in 1992 and was interrupted for a year during which she attended Harvard on a Nieman Fellowship for journalists. In 1998, Schmich published the column as a book, *Wear Sunscreen*. In 1999, Baz Luhrmann released a song called "Everybody's Free (To Wear Sunscreen)" in which this column is read word for word as written by Schmich, who gave permission and receives royalties. This song was a number one hit in several countries.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Schmich

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/>

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Your Student Representatives on the DHP Student Affairs Committee

Do you have an idea for a DHP event? Suggestions you would like to offer the DHP to improve your experience as a student in the Department?

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JACOBS INSTITUTE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH

Save the Date!

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

9:00 am—12:00 noon

The Jacobs Institute of Women's Health is hosting a stakeholder briefing meeting in connection with the July/August issue of *Women's Health Issues* on the topic of:

The Health of Incarcerated Women

The July/August theme issue includes 10 peer-reviewed articles and editorials on a variety of topics related to the health of incarcerated women - both within jails and prisons and in communities following their release. The theme issue and related activities are supported by a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The meeting (free registration) will be held at the Jack Morton Auditorium of The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Visit www.jiwh.org for to download a free registration form.

UPCOMING HEALTH POLICY CONFERENCES



**Women of Color:
Addressing Disparities, Affirming Resilience,
and Developing Strategies for Success**

August 23-26, 2007

**Hyatt Regency Washington
On Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC**

The goal of this Summit is to focus on the often unrecognized threats to health experienced by women of color, by 1) building on knowledge gained in previous conferences and identifying distinct health issues disproportionately impacting minority women; and 2) highlighting successful models of health promotion and prevention.

Convened by:
**U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services, Office on Women's Health**
<http://www.4woman.gov/mwhs/>

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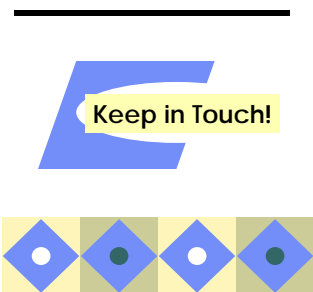
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*We're in touch, so
you be in touch!*

Please keep the DHP informed of your most current contact information.

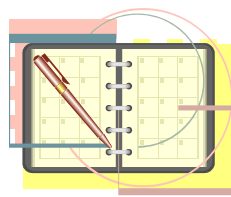
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The Department of Health Policy is the home for health policy studies and research at The George Washington University and its School of Public Health and Health Services. The Department focuses on virtually all phases of U.S. health policy -- both 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 Lee Repasch,
lrepasch@gwu.edu.*

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 pol-

icy, 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 Policy
- HealthCast
- Global Health
- Health Disparities

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

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sional 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