From The National Program Office

Dear Friends of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program,

We are delighted to update you as we enter the fifth year of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program. As in previous years, we received a large number of applications from highly qualified candidates and have selected a superbly talented group of fellows from very diverse disciplines and backgrounds.

Since the start of the new fellowship year in October, the 2012-2013 fellows have already gelled as a cohort and will undoubtedly continue to forge meaningful interaction and collaboration across classes to make an impact long after the formal completion of their fellowship.

As we reflect on our first five years, it is quite clear that the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program has the potential to be transformative for our fellows. In turn, the Health and Aging Policy Fellows have contributed significantly to the world of health and aging - during the tenure of their fellowships and beyond. Time and again, fellows have been part of influencing key health policies that are being implemented across the country.

Moving forward, we are very pleased to have received additional funding from Atlantic Philanthropies to continue to support this program. We also have been able to expand our partnerships with various key agencies and organizations in the health and aging field such as John A. Hartford Foundation, GSA, CMS, CDC, Veterans Administration and others.

We encourage readers to learn more about this unique program and consider applying in 2013 or share this information with anyone who might be interested in applying.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Harold Alan Pincus, MD
Director, Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program

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We are thrilled to welcome ten new fellows to the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program. This year’s fellows represent outstanding scholars and practitioners from across a range of disciplines who promise to continue the tradition of excellence set by the alumni classes since 2008. For more information on this year’s fellows, please visit our website at: http://www.healthandagingpolicy.org/fellows/2012-2013.html

**Meet our new class of Health and Aging Policy Fellows (2012-13)**

- **Arlene S. Bierman, MD, MS**
  - (Non-Residential Track)
  - Ontario Women's Health Council
  - Chair in Women's Health
  - University of Toronto
  - Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute
  - St. Michael’s Hospital

- **Christine E. Bishop, PhD**
  - (Residential Track)
  - Atran Professor of Labor Economics
  - Schneider Institute for Health Policy,
    The Heller School for Social Policy and
    Management, Brandeis University

- **Kenneth Brummel-Smith, MD**
  - (Non-Residential Track)
  - Charlotte Edwards Maguire Professor
    and Chair, Department of Geriatrics
  - Florida State University
  - College of Medicine

- **Joan K. Davitt, PhD**
  - (Non-Residential Track)
  - Associate Professor & Hartford
    Geriatric Social Work
  - Faculty Scholar, University of Maryland
    School of Social Work

- **Maureen Henry, JD**
  - (Residential Track)
  - Executive Director
  - Utah Commission on Aging

- **Brooke Hollister, PhD**
  - (Residential Track)
  - Assistant Adjunct Professor
    Social & Behavioral Sciences
  - School of Nursing, University of
    California, San Francisco

- **Susan Carney Lynch, JD, MPH**
  - (Non-Residential Track)
  - Trial Attorney, Health Care Fraud,
    Civil Division, United States
    Department of Justice
  - Adjunct Professor of Law, George
    Washington University Law School

- **Kenneth Brummel-Smith, MD**
  - (Non-Residential Track)
  - Charlotte Edwards Maguire Professor
    and Chair, Department of Geriatrics
  - Florida State University
  - College of Medicine

- **Emily J. Nicklett, PhD**
  - (Non-Residential Track)
  - Assistant Professor
    University of Michigan
    School of Social Work

- **Joan D. Penrod, MSW, MA, PhD**
  - (Residential Track)
  - James J. Peters VA Medical Center,
    Associate Professor
  - Brookdale Department of Geriatrics
    and Palliative Medicine
  - Mount Sinai School of Medicine
On September 13-14, 2012, the National Program Office hosted an Annual Leadership Retreat in Washington, DC. The retreat served as a high-profile venue for the “graduating” fellows to showcase the work they have done during their fellowship year, share their experiences in policy settings, and celebrate an incredibly successful year.

The Annual Leadership Retreat was also attended by newly appointed fellows as well as a large group of alumni fellows, National Advisory Board members, leaders from various health and aging organizations, key leaders from the administration and congress and friends and supporters of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program. The fellows’ presentations on a wide range of projects and policy interests sparked spirited back and forth interactions among attending experts and showed once again the remarkable caliber of individuals our program has been able to attract year after year.

Norm Ornstein, a long-time observer of Congress and politics and author of numerous books and publications, most recently, the New York Times bestseller, “It’s even worse than it looks; how the American constitutional system collided with the new politics of extremism” gave a very engaging talk about the current state of politics beyond the upcoming election cycle.

Below is a link to his editorial in the Washington Post published on the morning of the meeting (September 13, 2012):
The new fellowship year got under way with the 2012-13 Fellows attending the AcademyHealth Policy Orientation held October 22-25, 2012. This three-and-a-half day seminar provided fellows a behind-the-scenes introduction to health policy making in Washington and offered an in-depth introduction to key players and critical health policy issues. The program included presentations by well-known US health policy experts, interactive panels and group discussions and tutorials.

This Academy Health program was immediately followed by the Aging Policy Orientation, which was organized by the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program in conjunction with the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). During the one-and-a-half day seminar, fellows were further immersed in current and emerging health and aging policy issues discussed by representatives of key aging organizations and networks. Various panels, which consisted of leading US experts in health and aging, provided insights into the workings of organizations at the federal and state levels of government, from both the legislative and executive side. This event provided the Health and Aging Policy Fellows a broad exposure to key players and organizations in Washington, and offered a platform to explore potential placement sites and expand their networks.

As part of their overall fellowship curriculum, fellows are also part of the American Political Science Association (APSA) Congressional Fellowship Program Orientation, November 8-December 6, 2012 (the program is directed by Dr. Jeff Biggs and managed by Veronica Jones at APSA). Over the course of six weeks, fellows receive an in-depth introduction to the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program, to the Congress, and to Capitol Hill. During this time, fellows have opportunities to interview at potential placement sites and “window shop” for potential mentors in alignment with their professional background and career focus.

Incoming fellows were also hosted by Dr. Patrick Conway (Chief Medical Officer) and Dr. Shari Ling (Dep. Chief Medical Officer) for a half-day orientation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in advance of this year’s Annual Leadership Retreat. The program exposed fellows to a wide range of exciting placement opportunities at CMS during their fellowship.
Updates from Health and Aging Policy Program Alumni

2011-12 Health and Aging Policy Fellows collaborated on a Hartford Foundation blog sharing their insights on Health Policy during their fellowship year. http://www.jhartfound.org/blog/sharing-insights-on-health-policy/

Chad Boult, MD, MPH, MBA (HAPF 2009-10) has been named to head PCORI’s Healthcare Systems Improvement program. Dr. Boult joins PCORI after serving as a senior adviser for geriatrics and long-term care for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at CMS. http://www.pcori.org/staff/chad-boult-md-mpm-mba/


She is also a co-author on several recent publications: “A Study of the Health Literacy Needs of People with Visual Impairments”, Research & Theory for Nursing Practice, 26(2) 142-160. http://europepmc.org/abstract/MED/22908433/reload=0;jsessionid=SfUOv7tRQuieAqK8lwpn.10


Kelly Horton, MS, RD (HAPF 2009-10), policy director of the Center for Healthy Aging at the National Council on Aging in Washington, DC, was appointed vice president of Food System and Hunger Impact for the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut.

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**Bruce Leff, MD** (HAPF 2010-11) was featured in the July 11, 2012 issue of JAMA where he was recognized for his work in designing the hospital-at-home model that promises to cut health care costs while improving care for older patients. [http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1216461](http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1216461)

He also served as a panelist at a Forum in Washington, DC hosted by the ASA Public Policy Committee and funded by a grant from the SCAN Foundation. The Forum focused on “The Affordable Care Act: A way toward aging with dignity in America.” [http://www.thescanfoundation.org/mayjune-2012-issue-aging-today-aca-can-mean-better-future-americas-elders](http://www.thescanfoundation.org/mayjune-2012-issue-aging-today-aca-can-mean-better-future-americas-elders)

**Lene Levy-Storms, PhD, MPH** (HAPF 2010-11) participated on the leadership committee of the “Reframing Dementia Care” initiative. In this effort, she received a grant from the Archstone Foundation to help fund a one-day meeting of about 60 researchers, policy makers, and practitioners on June 29, 2012 at LeadingAge in Washington, DC to discuss strategies for promoting non-pharmacologic approaches to dementia care.


**Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP** (HAPF 2009-10) was recently awarded the American Cancer Society’s prestigious Medal of Honor for Cancer Control in recognition of her pioneering leadership role in bringing non-hospice palliative care into mainstream medicine.

**Adriana Perez, PhD, ANP** (HAPF 2011-12) was awarded the 2012 John A. Hartford Foundation – Western Institute of Nursing Regional Geriatric Nursing New Researcher Award. [https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/news/perez-receives-geriatric-nursing-research-award](https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/news/perez-receives-geriatric-nursing-research-award)

She also wrote a blog on CoLab Radio, a city and regional planning publication, about community engagement workshops which will inform city planning policies for community design in Central City South Phoenix. [http://colabradio.mit.edu/engaging-a-community-for-all-ages-in-central-city-south-phoenix/](http://colabradio.mit.edu/engaging-a-community-for-all-ages-in-central-city-south-phoenix/)

**Karon L. Phillips, PhD, MPH** (HAPF 20011-12) started a Research Associate position with IMPAQ, International in December of 2012 where she will be working with the health team on long-term care and health disparities issues.

**Joseph G. Ouslander, MD** (HAPF 2010-11) received the 2012 Nascher/Manning Award, named for Ignatz Leo Nascher, MD. [http://www.americangeriatrics.org/about_us/ags_awards/naschermannning_award](http://www.americangeriatrics.org/about_us/ags_awards/naschermannning_award)

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Lisa Troy, PhD (HAPF 2010-11) joined University of Massachusetts – Amherst in a tenure-track faculty position that is a joint appointment in the Commonwealth Honors College and the School of Public Health.  https://www.honors.umass.edu/braggingwrites/collaboration-brings-tenure-track-faculty-teach-honors

Kathleen Unroe MD, MHA (HAPF 2009-10) and her team at Indiana University was recently selected as one of 7 sites across the country to participate in the “Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents” which is funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The project will implement an intervention strategy in 20 nursing facilities in Indiana aimed at improving care and lowering costs.  http://www.innovations.cms.gov/initiatives/rahnfr/index.html

Irene H. Yen, PhD, MPH ( HAPF 2010-11), was appointed as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.
2013-14 Health and Aging Policy Fellows - Call for Applications

As we are beginning to actively recruit candidates to join the next class of Health and Aging Policy Fellows, please note the following dates:

Submission deadline: April 15
1st Round of Reviews: mid-May
Interviews & Selection: mid-June

Fellows are selected based on their commitment to health and aging issues, leadership potential, and interest in aging-relevant policy work. The program has a multidisciplinary focus, and fellows have represented a broad spectrum of professionals from senior professors to newly minted PhDs, physicians, social workers, nurses, psychologists, dieticians, healthcare administrators, epidemiologists, economists, and lawyers.

In addition to policy experience and projects, all fellows receive a core training program that is focused on current policy issues, communication skills development, and professional networking opportunities.

For further information on the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program and how to apply, please visit our website at www.healthandagingpolicy.org/

If you have any further questions about the program or how to apply for the fellowship, please contact:
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Kathleen Pike, PhD (Associate Director) at kmp2@columbia.edu
Looking Ahead – Meetings in 2013

American Society on Aging – 2013 Aging in America Conference –
March 12-16th, 2013 - Chicago, Illinois

Alumni of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program will talk about their fellowship experience and the impact the fellowship program had on their professional development and careers. Fellows will discuss their work as part of the program and will share lessons learned, newly gained knowledge and insight into advocacy and involvement in the policy process and the influence on their work and research.

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Location: Columbus EF (East Tower, Gold Level)

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