



HEALTH AND AGING POLICY FELLOWS

Spring 2021 Updates

Professional Accomplishments, Awards, and Publications

- ◆ **Gretchen Alkema (2008-2009 Fellow)** was a member of the expert roundtable on "Reforming Long-Term Care with Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic" on October 5, 2020. The Urban Institute released a brief on this topic in March 2021. [Click here to read the brief.](#)
- ◆ **Heidi Allen (2014-2015 Fellow)**, et. al. [Comparison of Utilization, Costs, and Quality of Medicaid vs Subsidized Private Health Insurance for Low-Income Adults](#) (JAMA Network Open, January 2021).
- ◆ **Lauren Bangerter (2018-2019 Fellow)** received a promotion to Principal Research Scientist at OptumLabs, United Health Group. In this new role, Lauren will be leading a Healthy Aging research focus area.
- ◆ **Brynn Bowman (2020-2021 Fellow)** will be stepping into the CEO role at the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CPAC) on April 15, 2021. [Click here for the official announcement.](#)
- ◆ Sungchul Park, Jeah Jung, **Robert Burke (2017-2018 Fellow)**, et. al. [Trends in Use of Low-Value Care in Traditional Fee-for-Service Medicare and Medicare Advantage](#) (JAMA Network Open, March 2021).
- ◆ Lauren Hersch Nicholas, Kenneth M. Langa, **Julie P. W. Bynum (2011-2012 Fellow)**. [Financial Presentation of Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementias](#) (JAMA Internal Medicine, November 2020).

- ◆ **Keith Chan (2020-2021 Fellow)** was the February 2021 featured scientist in the Rutgers Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR). [Click here to read more.](#)
- ◆ **Tara Cortes (2013-2014 Fellow)** moderated a panel discussion titled [“COVID-19 Vaccines: Facts and Misconceptions”](#) on February 9, 2021.
- ◆ **Peter Cram (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - After 7 years at the University of Toronto, Peter is returning to the United States to become the Chair of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston.
 - Latest research investigated the adoption of telemedicine before-and-during the COVID19 pandemic in Canada: [Virtual care use before and during the COVID-19 pandemic: a repeated cross-sectional study](#) (PubMed, February 2021).
- ◆ **Taneika Duhaney (2018-2019 Fellow) and Melissa Batchelor (2017-2018 Fellow).** [Lack of Payment for Dental Services Leading to Poor Oral Health](#) (GWU Health Policy Brief, November 2020).
- ◆ **Anne Fabiny (2017-2018 Fellow)**

“In my ongoing work to dismantle racism in my workplace, understand my role in maintaining a white supremacy culture, and dismantle my own biases to build an anti-racist self, I am engaged in three different efforts at work. I co-facilitate a white allyship group of six colleagues that has been meeting every other week for the past five months; I support and participate in an every-other-week Listening Session led by two Afro-Latinx colleagues for some of the leaders in my service line; I co-lead a monthly anti-racism session for the UCSF Dept of Medicine Geriatrics Division’s Clinician Educators and Program Builders monthly meeting. As a result, I am not the white person I used to be, although very much still a work in progress. I am humbled by my colleagues’ commitments to make change so that we care for our patients and ourselves without prejudice and bring our full selves to our work.”
- ◆ **Michael Fosina (2011-2012 Fellow)** was named Chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) in November 2020. [Click here for the full announcement.](#)

◆ **Lori Frank (2017-2018 Fellow)**

- Named this month's (March 2021) "Woman to Watch" by RAND Corporation. [Click here for the announcement, and to read more about Lori's work.](#)
- [Infection Control Policy in Long-Term Care – Who Decides?](#) (RAND Corporation, February 2021)

◆ **Carrie Graham (2018-2019 Fellow)**

- Began a new position as Director of Long Term Services and Supports for the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) in March 2021. CHCS is a nonprofit policy center dedicated to improving the health of low-income Americans. Since 1995, the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) has partnered with every state in the country to promote innovations in publicly financed health care, especially for individuals with complex, high-cost needs. Its work brings together state and federal agencies, health plans, providers, and community-based organizations to advance models of organizing, financing, and delivering health care services.
- Facilitated the breakout session on "Programs that facilitate integration of care for duals" at a webinar on the dual-eligible population, hosted by Arnold Ventures, the Administration for Community Living (ACL), and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on January 14, 2021. [Click here to read more about why change is needed for the dual-eligible population.](#)

- ◆ California has released its Master Plan for Aging. **Carrie Graham and Jennifer Wong (2018-2019 Fellows)** worked as consultants for the plan for over a year. [Click here to read the final version of the plan.](#)

◆ **Aaron Greenstein (2020-2021 Fellow)**

- Haley V. Solomon, Aaron P. Greenstein, and Lynn E. DeLisi. [Cannabis Use in Older Adults: A Perspective](#) (Harvard Review of Psychiatry, March 2021).
- Aaron Greenstein, et. al. [Caring for Aging Veterans with Alcohol Use Disorder and Multiple Morbidities](#) (ASA Generations Journal, Winter 2020-2021).

- ◆ **Marie Gualtieri (2019-2020 Fellow)**
 - Started a full-time position in her 2019-2020 placement office as Legislative Assistant for Chairwoman Rosa L. DeLauro.
 - Introduced the FAMILY Act for paid family leave, including caregivers.
 - Introduced the Paycheck Fairness Act, which will help close gender-based wage gaps, ensuring women's lifetime earnings are consistent with their male counterparts, and provide better outlook for women's retirement.
 - Worked on the American Rescue Plan, ensuring that Americans have the assistance they need as our nation recovers from the impacts of COVID-19.

- ◆ In the recent NCECE Learning Collaborative, [Supporting Family Caregivers of Older Adults with Dementia](#), **Dr. Lynn Hallarman (2017-2018 Fellow)**, a board-certified palliative care physician, discussed the complex relationships between the provider, the patient, the family caregiver, and the professional caregiver. [Read the full interview here.](#)

- ◆ **Alison Hernandez (2019-2020 Fellow)**
 - After her fellowship year (2019-2020), Alison accepted a position as a Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congressman Horsford (D-NV).
 - Alison and Congresswoman Donna Shalala (D-Fl) were guests on the Amplify Nursing podcast on November 19, 2020. Alison discussed her fellowship experience working in Congress as a nurse, and the profound impact that nurses can have on policy. [Click here to listen.](#)

- ◆ **Greg Hinrichsen (2008-2009 Fellow)**
 - Interviewed in [Fast-Forward](#), a new documentary on the crucial role of family conversations and planning in healthy, successful aging. This film is sponsored by The John A. Hartford Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.
 - Mann, E., Hinrichsen, G.A., & Baharlou, S. (2020). Depression in older adults: Principles of diagnosis and management (pp. 213-221). In A. Chun (Ed.), [Geriatric Practice: A Competency Based Approach to Caring for Older Adults](#). New York: Springer.

◆ Sharon Inouye (2016-2017 Fellow)

- Awards:
 - Named one of Next Avenue's [2020 Influencers in Aging](#). Her role in advocating for age equity in COVID-19 vaccine trials was cited in the announcement – [Dr. Sharon Inouye Pushes For Older Adults in COVID-19 Vaccine Trials](#).
- Participation, Presentations, and Teaching:
 - Delivered the Yale School of Medicine's Gordon Lectureship at Medical Grand Rounds on October 29, 2020, entitled: "Delirium in Older Adults: The Epidemic within the Pandemic."
 - Presented at the virtual 2020 National Acute Care for Elders Conference on November 6, 2020. Her presentation was titled, "Delirium Prevention and Care in the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic."
 - Participated as an Advisory Board member in the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)-American Public Health Association (APHA) COVID-19 Conversations on November 18, 2020, "COVID-19 Vaccine Update."
 - Participated as a speaker and panel member at the 2020 Influencers in Aging Virtual Panel by Next Avenue and the Longevity Project on November 19, 2020.
 - Participated in the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Section 4 virtual membership meeting on November 23, 2020.
 - Participated in the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)-American Public Health Association (APHA) webinar series advisor call on December 1, 2020.
 - Participated as an Advisory Board member in the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)-American Public Health Association (APHA) COVID-19 Conversations on December 9, 2020, "Vaccines — The Realities of the Next Steps."
 - Participated as a Committee Member in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Committee "Improving the Representation of Women and Underrepresented Minorities in Clinical Trials and Research" on February 9, 2021.
 - Participated as an Advisory Board member in the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)-American Public

Health Association (APHA) COVID-19 Conversations on February 24, 2021, “A New Year of COVID: The State of the Pandemic and U.S. Strategy in 2021.”

○ Media:

- Quoted in QC Roll Call: Siddons, Andrew. [COVID-19 Trials Risk Excluding Those Most Vulnerable to Virus](#). October 2020.
- Quoted in MedPage Today: George, Judy. [Delirium May Signal COVID-19 in Older Adults—Some Have No Other Symptoms Initially, Study Finds](#). November 2020.
- Quoted in CNN Philippines: Thomas, Naomi. [Delirium May be a Primary Symptom of COVID-19 in Older Adults, Study Says](#). November 2020.
- Mentioned in Hebrew SeniorLife news: [Study Shows Delirium Can Signal Presence of COVID-19 in Asymptomatic Older Patients Admitted to the Emergency Department](#). November 2020.
- Interviewed in Next Avenue: [Dr. Sharon Inouye Pushes For Older Adults in COVID-19 Vaccine Trials](#). November 2020.
- Quoted in CNN: Graham, Judith. [What Seniors Can Expect When COVID-19 Vaccines Become Available](#). December 2020.
- Quoted in Healio: Weller, Madison. [Delirium Occurs Often in Older Adults with COVID-19](#). December 2020.
- Quoted in The New York Times: Mandavilli, Apoorva. [The Next Vaccine Challenge: Reassuring Older Americans](#). December 2020.
- Dr. Sharon Inouye was quoted in MedPage Today: George, Judy. [Altered Mental State Tied to COVID-19 Mortality—in-hospital deaths higher, even when pulmonary problems were not severe](#). December 2020.
- [Nursing Homes and COVID-19 – A podcast with Dr. Sharon Inouye](#). December 2020.
- [Why Aren't Highest-Risk People Better Represented in COVID Vaccine Trials?—A podcast with Dr. Sharon Inouye](#). December 2020.
- Inouye SK. 2021. [How, and Why, I Got Over My COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy](#). Opinion, Next Avenue.

○ Selected Publications:

- Hshieh TT, Inouye SK, Oh ES. [Delirium in the Elderly](#) (Clin Geriatr Med, May 2020; 36:183-199).
- Oh ES, Akeju O, Avidan MS, Cunningham C, Hayden KM, Jones RN, Khachaturian AS, Khan BA, Marcantonio ER, Needham DM, Neufeld KJ, Rose L, Spence J, Tiegues Z, Vlisides P, Inouye SK, on behalf of the NIDUS Writing Group. [A Roadmap to Advance Delirium Research: Recommendations from the NIDUS Scientific Think Tank. Alzheimer's Dement](#) (May 2020;1-8).
- Lorgunpai SJ, Finke B, Burrows I, Brown CJ, Rubin FH, Wierman HR, Heisey SJ, Gartaganis S, Ling SM, Press M, Inouye SK. [Mobility Action Group: Using Quality Improvement Methods to Create a Culture of Hospital Mobility](#) (J Am Geriatr Soc., August 2020).
This was my HAPF Project at CMMI!
- O'Hanlon S, Inouye SK. [Delirium: a missing piece in the COVID-19 pandemic puzzle](#) (Age and Ageing, May 2020).
- Tang V, Cenzer I, McCulloch CE, Finlayson E, Cooper Z, Silvestrini M, Ngo S, Schmitt EM, Inouye SK. [Preoperative Depressive Symptoms associated with Poor Functional Recovery after Surgery](#) (J Am Geriatr Soc., December 2020).
- Arias F, Chen F, Fong TG, Shiff H, Alegria M, Marcantonio ER, Gou Y, Jones RN, Travison TG, Schmitt EM, Kind AJH*, Inouye SK*. [Neighborhood-Level Social Disadvantage and Risk of Delirium Following Major Surgery](#) (J Am Geriatr Soc., August 2020; *co-senior authors).
- Li H, Wei Y, Hsu R, Chi N, Wang S, Chen Y, Chen S, Chen CC, Inouye SK. [Surviving and Thriving One Year after Cardiac Surgery: Frailty and Delirium Matter](#). Ann Thorac Surg., September 2020).
- Helfand BKI, Webb M, Gartaganis SL, Fuller L, Kwon C, Inouye SK. [The Exclusion of Older Persons From Vaccine and Treatment Trials for Coronavirus Disease 2019—Missing the Target](#) (JAMA Intern Med., September 2020).
- Kennedy M, Helfand BKI, Gou RY...Inouye, SK. [Delirium in Older Patients with COVID-19 Presenting to the](#)

[Emergency Department](#) (JAMA Network Open, November 2020; 3(11):e2029540).

- Gou RY, Hshieh TT, Marcantonio ER, Cooper Z, Jones RN, Travison TG, Fong TG, Abdeen A, Lange J, Earp B, Schmitt EM, Leslie DL, Inouye SK, for the SAGES Study Group. [One-Year Medicare Costs Associated with Delirium in a Cohort of Older Patients Undergoing Major Elective Surgery](#) (JAMA Surg., February 2021).
- Inouye, SK. [Creating an Anti-Ageist Healthcare System: Improving Care for our Current and Future Selves](#) (Nature Aging, February 2021).
- Inouye, SK. [The Importance of Delirium and Delirium Prevention in Older Adults during Lockdowns](#) (JAMA Network Open, March 2021).

- ◆ **Sarah Khasawinah (2015-2016 Fellow)** is now serving as Deputy Staff Director for the Ranking Member of the Aging Committee, Senator Tim Scott (R-SC).
- ◆ The Public Policy & Aging Report – an official journal of the Gerontological Society of America, with **Brian Kaskie (2016-2017 Fellow)** as Editor in Chief – published Volume 30, Issue 4:
 - [Policy Considerations for a Post-COVID Presidency](#) (October 2020).
 - This issue features the spotlighted article by another Alumni Fellow, **Gretchen Alkema (2008-2009 Fellow)**: [Post-Coronavirus Disease 2019 Aging Agenda for 2021 and Beyond](#).
 - The issue also features an article authored by Brian, entitled [Has It Really Become Us Versus Them? Considering the Use of Age in Public Policy](#).
- ◆ **Teri Kennedy (2015-2016 Fellow)**
 - Granted a joint appointment at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in December 2020, where she contributes to joint efforts addressing policy and population health in the region and supporting interprofessional practice and training programs for graduate students in the School of Medicine's Department of Population Health. She also explores opportunities for interprofessional curricular and research

collaborations to benefit students and faculty across programs and practices.

○ Publications:

- Kennedy, T. [Interprofessional practice and education through 100 years of Families in Society](#) (Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services, May 2020; 101(2), 119-131).
- Kennedy, T. [Rooted in strengths: The branching of interprofessional practice and education](#). In A. Mendenhall & M. M. Carney (Eds), *Rooted in Strengths: 30 years of the strengths perspective in social work* (pp. 91-112). Lawrence, KS: The University of Kansas School of Social Welfare. March 2020.

○ Presentations:

- Harrell, L., Rogers, O., & Kennedy, T. (2020, March 3). *Expanding a successful interprofessional approach with a strong community partner: Arizona's nexus team*. Webinar Series: Real stories with real impacts: What worked for Accelerating Initiative nexus teams. Minneapolis, MN: National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education.
- Kennedy, T. (2020, February 24). *Preparing the healthcare workforce for interprofessional practice in sustainable Age-Friendly Health Systems*. Schools of the Health Sciences, School of Social Work, Pitt Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education, Working Group on Interprofessional Education, and Pitt Interprofessional Center for Health Careers, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.
- Kennedy, T. (2020, November 4-8). *Why arts matter to people and families living with dementia: Interprofessional health humanities collaborations*. In F. Sun (Chair), *East meets west symposium: Arts based interventions in dementia care* [Symposium]. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

○ Funded Research:

- [National Cancer Institute P30 Cancer Center Support Grant Administrative Supplement](#)

(GR15150). (10/01/2020-08/30/2021). Project to Build a Patient Engagement Training Program Specifically for Basic Scientists. Principle Investigator: Dr. Ronald Chen.

- National Institute of Justice (01/01/2020-12/31/2024). Prevention of Financial Abuse Among Elders Affected by Cognitive Decline: A Randomized Controlled Trial in Rural Michigan. School of Social Work, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Principle Investigator: **Dr. Fei Sun (2017-2018 Fellow)**.

◆ **Nancy Kusmaul (2019-2020 Fellow)**

- John E. Morley, Nancy Kusmaul, and Marla Berg-Weger. [Meaningful Engagement in the Nursing Home](#) (Journal of Gerontological Social Work, December 2020).
- Nancy Kusmaul and Vivian Miller. [Couples torn apart by COVID-19](#) (The Baltimore Sun, February 2021).

- ◆ **Terri Lewinson (2017-2018 Fellow)** was appointed to the Gerontological Society of America's (GSA) Governance Committee on January 1, 2021.

- ◆ **Joanne Lynn (2019-2020 Fellow)** moderated the panel presentation, [COVID-19 and LTSS Reform Priorities and Possibilities](#), at the PALTC 2021 Virtual Annual Conference (March 11-14, 2021).

◆ **Angela Mattie (2019-2020 Fellow)**

- Re-Elected to Trinity Health of New England's Board of Trustees and appointed chair of the Board's Safety & Quality Committee. Trinity Health of New England is composed of four acute care and one rehab hospital.
- Received a Service Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives for her volunteer activities that demonstrate leadership and contributions to furthering professional excellence in healthcare management.
- Appointed to AcademyHealth's Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy in February 2021.
- Quoted in the Connecticut Health Investigative Team article, ["Obamacare: What's At Stake If The High Court Strikes Down The Law."](#) (October 27, 2020)

- Guest on The Lisa Wexler Show on November 20, 2020 to discuss the Affordable Care Act. [Click here to listen.](#)
- ◆ **Diane Meier (2009-2010 Fellow).** [The Treatment of Patients with Unbearable Suffering – The Slippery Slope is Real](#) (JAMA Internal Medicine, December 2020).
- ◆ **Heather Menne (2013-2014 Fellow)** and Kate Gordon. [Supporting People Living with Dementia During COVID-19.](#) (ASA Generations Today, November 2020).
- ◆ **Toni Miles (2008-2009 Fellow)**
 - Member of the scientific research panel for Evermore’s event, [“For Evermore: Advancing Bereavement Care for All”](#) (November 2020). The panel has been laying the foundation for Senate Appropriations Committee action on this issue.
 - Interviewed by Action News Now on the new challenges of family caregiving during the pandemic. [Read the interview here.](#)
- ◆ **Madeline Naegle (2016-2017 Fellow)**
 - Madeline’s Mental Health Position Statement for the International Council of Nursing was approved by the council’s Board of Directors. This 138-member international organization has not previously included substance use disorders in their mental health statements. As a volunteer, Madeline began working with senior policy advisors on this new iteration in Fall 2019. [Click here for the full statement.](#)
 - Madeline is also continuing her policy work with the American Academy of Nursing and as a Board member of The Floating Hospital, advocating for the vulnerable elders they serve.
- ◆ **Kathleen Negri (2009-2010 Fellow)** authored a piece on recognition, in the context of a loved one with dementia. [Click here to read the piece.](#)
- ◆ **Anne Ordway (2016-2017 Fellow)**
 - Ex Officio Member of The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Forum on Aging, Disability, and Independence

- Member of the ACL/USC National Steering Committee on Home Modifications
- Ordway, A., et. al. [Health care access and the Americans with Disabilities Act: A mixed methods study](#) (Disability and Health Journal, January 2021).

◆ **James Pacala (2013-2014 Fellow)**

“When I became head of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Minnesota Medical School 3 years ago, I started an Advocacy and Policy program in the department. We track A&P performance metrics for the department (e.g. percentage of faculty who have had personal contact with a legislator in the past year, percentage of faculty who have published an op-ed, etc). A Vice Chair of Advocacy and Policy position was created and that person sits on my Executive Team. We were fortunate in the past year to create an endowed chair for A&P, and the Vice Chair occupies that position. The inspiration for all of this largely came from my experiences as a Health and Aging Policy Fellow.”

◆ **Adriana Perez (2011-2012 Fellow)**

- Was awarded her first RO1 grant from NIA to test a multilevel intervention, "Tiempo Juntos para la Salud" (Time Together for Health)! It is designed to promote moderate-intensity physical activity; theoretically grounded mediators; and secondary outcomes of cardiovascular health, sleep and cognitive function at 3-, 6-, and 12-months, among 216 Spanish language-dominant Latinos aged 55 and older with MCI [Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) score \geq 23 to 26 for Latino populations]. Findings will lay the essential groundwork for a Stage IV, pragmatic trial. Comparison of intervention costs to health care utilization costs will inform future sustainability. This study is timely given the increasing rates of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD) among Latinos. [Click here to read the full announcement.](#)
- Provided expert commentary in [Fast-Forward](#), a new PBS documentary on the crucial role of family conversations and planning in healthy, successful aging. This film is sponsored by The John A. Hartford Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

- ◆ **Beth Prusaczyk (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - Selected for the [inaugural class of Research & Education Scholars](#) at the Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Washington University in St. Louis.
 - The Implementation Science and Aging Research (ISAR) Special Interest Group, **co-founded by HAPF alums Beth Prusaczyk, Aaron Leppin (2017-2018 Fellow), and Robert Burke (2017-2018 Fellow)**, has announced a new seminar series, which will begin in July 2021, and has launched a new website where ISAR members can find information about the seminar series, newsletter archives, and can connect with one another through a membership portal. For more information about ISAR and to become a member, visit www.isarsig.org.
 - [I'm A Scientist. I Can't Even Get My Own Family And Friends To Follow COVID-19 Rules.](#) (HuffPost, December 2020)
 - Discussed COVID-19 messaging and HuffPost article (above) on CNN Newsroom with Michael Holmes on December 28, 2020. [Click here for the full transcript](#); and on NBC LX News on December 29, 2020 – [Click here for the full video interview](#).

- ◆ **Rachel Roiland (2014-2015 Fellow)** was promoted to Managing Associate at Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy.

- ◆ **Nicole Ruggiano (2018-2019 Fellow)** received two federal grants to develop and test new technologies for dementia care:
 - 2020-2025 – Primary Investigator, Integration of Health Information Technology and Promotion of Personhood in Family-Centered Dementia Care. (Multiple PIs, also PI: Brown), 1R01AG068572-01. National Institute of Aging. Direct costs: \$1,208,647.
 - 2020-2021 – Primary Investigator, Planning Live, Sustainable Community Asset Mapping for a Dementia e-Friendly Alabama. Award Number 1951974. National Science Foundation; Total Costs: \$150,000.

- ◆ **Dorry Segev (2008-2009 Fellow)** and Marty Makary. [Opinion: Let's have 'immunity nights' to keep American businesses alive](#) (The Washington Post, February 2021).

- ◆ **Erica Solway (2011-2012 Fellow)** continues to serve as an associate director of the [National Poll on Healthy Aging](#). The poll released [10 reports](#) and published [10 peer reviewed journal articles](#) in the past year based on NPHA data. In addition to exploring a wide range of healthy aging topics, they have recently been tracking interest in a COVID-19 vaccine among adults age 50-80 as can be seen in this [JAMA Health Forum post](#) from late December, and this [article](#) from March 2021.

- ◆ **Cinnamon St. John (2019-2020 Fellow)**
 - Started a new position with the Center for Medicare Advocacy full time as their Chiplin Medicare & Health Policy Fellow. In this role, Cinnamon will be focusing on nursing home advocacy and health equity issues in long-term care.
 - Authored the report, [Geography Is Not Destiny: Protecting Nursing Home Residents from the Next Pandemic](#), for the Center for Medicare Advocacy (February 2021).
 - Discussed nursing home quality of care and quality of life standards at the webinar, [“Skilled Nursing Facility Updates”](#), hosted by the Center for Medicare Advocacy on January 6, 2021.
 - Quoted in the Crain’s New York article, [As nursing home reforms move to Senate, stakeholders debate their merits](#) (March 2021).

- ◆ **Steven Starks (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - Steven was chosen for the [Pozen-Commonwealth Fund Fellowship](#) in Health Equity Leadership at Yale University. In line with The Commonwealth Fund’s commitment to improving healthcare access and outcomes for vulnerable populations, this Fellowship provides leadership skills and a deep understanding of teams, markets, and organizations necessary to tackle major inequities in the U.S. healthcare system. He will begin coursework this summer as a part of the Yale MBA for Executives Class of 2023.
 - Co-authored [COVID-19, Structural Racism, and Mental Health Inequities: Policy Implications for an Emerging Syndemic](#) (Psychiatric Services, February 2021).
This paper was commissioned by the Thomas Scattergood Foundation, Peg’s Foundation, Patrick P. Lee Foundation, and

Peter and Elizabeth Tower Foundation as part of the ‘Think **Bigger** Do **Good** Policy Series’ to address crucial behavioral health issues and promote effective advocacy. Each paper in this series identifies the problem and recommends clear strategies to advance the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder care.

- Steven Starks and Pamela Y. Collins. [Moving Beyond Healthcare](#) (Public Health Post, November 2020).
- ◆ **Gary Stein (2016-2017 Fellow)** recently received grant awards from The Samuels Foundation, to support Wurzweiler School of Social Work-Yeshiva University’s Gerontology and Palliative Care Fellowship; and from the Borchard Foundation Center for Law and Aging, to expand his research on the Experiences of LGBTQ Patients and Families in Hospice and Palliative Care. The initial report from that project was published last summer in the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, available at [this link](#).
- ◆ **Salom Teshale (2018-2019 Fellow)**. [States Use Appendix K and Emergency Waivers to Support Home- and Community-Based Services in Response to COVID-19](#) (National Academy for State Health Policy, March 2021).
- ◆ **Thomas Tsai (2014-2015 Fellow)** was quoted in the Boston News article, [‘This doesn’t seem like a good combination’: Brigham and Women’s doctor reacts to Mass. reopening plans](#) (February 2021).
- ◆ **Lieke van Heumen (2019-2020 Fellow)**
 - van Heumen, L., & Schippers, A. (2021). Quality of Life Among Older People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. In V. P. Prasher, P. W. Davidson & F. H. Santos (Eds). [Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities and the Aging Process](#) (pp. 331-350). New York, NY: Springer.
 - van Heumen, L. (2021). Ageing with Lifelong Disability: Individual Meanings and Experiences Over Time. In M. Putnam & C. Bigby (Eds). [Handbook on Ageing with Disability](#) (23-31). New York, NY: Routledge.

◆ **Gregg Warshaw (2013-2014 Fellow)**

- Interviewed by his colleagues at Community Catalyst on February 3, 2021, regarding his experiences working with older adults during the pandemic – [Eldercare Voices, COVID Edition: Gregg Warshaw](#).
- Completed work on a textbook for which he is the lead editor – [Primary Care Geriatrics: A case-based approach](#). It will be published this month (March 2021) by Elsevier.

◆ **Jennifer Wong (2018-2019 Fellow)**

- In December 2020, Jennifer concluded her work on [Governor Newsom's Master Plan for Aging](#) and joined as the Director of [Wallis Annenberg GenSpace](#). GenSpace is a new community space for older adults that emphasizes wellness, connection, and lifelong learning through innovative programs, partnerships, and a new national dialogue. Based in Los Angeles' Koreatown – one of the densest and most culturally diverse neighborhoods in the United States – GenSpace programming will begin with virtual offerings in the summer of 2021, followed by the space's official opening in late 2021.
- In March, GenSpace partnered with the Annenberg Foundation, Karsh Family Social Center, and the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation to administer 118 COVID-19 vaccines to older adults, caretakers, and additional eligible community members in Koreatown. [Click here to read the full story](#).

◆ **Jennifer Wolff (2013-2014 Fellow)**

- The [Hopkins' Economics of Alzheimer's Disease and Services \(HEADS\) Center](#) is a new research center that seeks to improve the care and lives of those affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The Center, **led by Jennifer Wolff, PhD**, Eugene and Mildred Lipitz Professor of Health Policy and Management and Director of the [Roger C. Lipitz Center for Integrated Healthcare](#) and Daniel Polsky, PhD, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Health Economics and Director of the [Hopkins Business of Health Initiative](#), focuses on both understanding the full range of care needs and identifying and advancing solutions that address accessibility, affordability, quality, and equity of care.

- Burgdorf JG, Mroz TM, Wolff JL. [Social Vulnerability and Medical Complexity Among Medicare Beneficiaries Receiving Home Health Without Prior Hospitalization](#) (Innov Aging, October 2020).