



HEALTH AND AGING POLICY FELLOWS

Fall 2021 Updates

Professional Accomplishments, Awards, and Publications

- ◆ In August 2021, **Asmaa Albaroudi (2020-2021 Fellow)** became a Senior Analyst at MACPAC - Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, where her work is primarily focused on Home and Community-Based Services, and Long-Term Service & Supports.
- ◆ **Ana Jessica Alfaro (2021-2022 Fellow)**
 - In Press – First-authored paper, “Distinctions Between Depression and Anxiety with Fear of Being a Burden in Late Life” (Aging & Mental Health, 2021).
Article DOI: 10.1080/13607863.2021.1993131
- ◆ **Gretchen Alkema (2008-2009 Fellow)**
 - [Turning Away From Nursing Homes, to What?](#) (The New York Times, April 2021).
- ◆ **Kyle Allen (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - Panelist along with **Gretchen Alkema (2008-2009 Fellow)** for the Altarum Institute July 2021 webinar – [PACE Policy, Expansion, Research, and Innovation: The Call to Action](#).
 - Speaker for Ohio Area Agencies on Aging Annual Conference (October 20-21, 2021) – [Perspectives and Updates from a 2020/21 Health and Aging Policy Fellow](#) – in which he discussed the background, structure, goals and value of the Health and Aging Policy Program, as well as insights gained from his placement at the Administration of Community Living and the CMS Medicare and Medicaid Coordination Office regarding integration of community-based organizations with health systems and health plans, social services for aging and disability, Medicare and Medicaid Demonstration initiatives, and future implications.

- Discussant at the Special Needs Plan Alliance Annual Fall Conference (October 25-26, 2021) – [Using Race, Ethnicity, and Other Data to Improve Health Equity](#)

◆ **Dawn Alley (2011-2012 Fellow)**

- In September 2021, Dawn joined Morgan Health as Managing Director of Healthcare Innovation. In this role, she is focused on improving the quality, efficiency, and equity of employer-sponsored healthcare.
- Panelist for the National Cancer Policy Forum’s “Housing Security Among Patients with Cancer” webinar on August 9, 2021. [View the recording here.](#)

- ◆ During her fellowship placement with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services, **Dr. Sarah Bassett (2020-2021 Fellow)** joined the committee full-time as Research Director. The Committee on Financial Services oversees issues related to social determinants of health including housing, safety from harm (i.e., national security), and economic stability (i.e., banking, consumer protection, investor protection). In this role, Sarah is conducting qualitative and quantitative research to better understand the impact of current and potential legislation and to drive forward oversight and investigative work.

◆ **Melissa Batchelor (2017-2018 Fellow)**

- In August 2021, AARP awarded the 2021 Community Challenge Grant to the George Washington University Center for Aging, Health and Humanities. Melissa is Director of the Center. The grant will be used to support the GW Center for Aging’s Age-Friendly Social Innovation Challenge, which will bring a diverse, intergenerational group together to design strategies for building age-friendly infrastructures and to establish an Age-Friendly Regional Network for the Washington-DC metropolitan area (DMV) in partnership with GW Nashman Center and the five age-friendly municipalities of Alexandria, Va.; Arlington, Va.; the District of Columbia, Hyattsville, Md; and Montgomery County, Md. [Read more about it here.](#)
- Highlights from Melissa’s podcast, [This is Getting Old](#):
 - Interview with Terry Fulmer (President, The John A. Hartford Foundation) and Amy Berman (Senior Program Officer, The John A. Hartford Foundation) – [Age-Friendly Ecosystems.](#)
 - Since starting the podcast in March 2020,
 - The YouTube channel has grown from 5 to 16.8K Subscribers. For context – in 2020, YouTube had 36.3 million channels and only 4.4 million have more than

1,000 Subscribers. Only 153,777 (0.42% of channels) have more than 100,000 Subscribers. Additionally, it takes a channel an average of 22 months to for a channel to reach 1,000 Subscribers.

- In its first year, the podcast has 1.9M views; over 178K hours of watch time; over 41M impressions globally; and had 334.9K unique viewers between July-September 2021.

- ◆ **Arlene Bierman (2012-2013 Fellow)** served as guest editor for a special issue of the journal *Health Services Research*, [*The Science of Care for People with Multiple Chronic Conditions*](#) that includes an article, [Transforming care for people with multiple chronic conditions: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's research agenda](#) (Health Services Research, August 2021). This article was co-authored with **Jing Wang (2020-2021 Fellow)** during her fellowship placement with AHRQ.
- ◆ **Brynn Bowman (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - [Presented](#) to the American Hospital Association's Living Learning Network with AHA COO Michelle Hood on November 2, 2021 about the impact of palliative care on the health care workforce during COVID-19.
 - Co-chairing and speaking at a National Academic of Medicine *Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness* workshop titled '[Caring for People with Serious Illness during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Workshop on Lessons Learned and Future Directions](#)'. The workshop will be delivered over three webinars in the month of November 2021.
- ◆ **Julie Bynum (2011-2012 Fellow)**
 - [Rethinking Medicaid Home and Community-Based Service Assessments: A Need for Better Quality Monitoring](#) (JAMA Health Forum, July 2021).
- ◆ **Keith Chan (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - Co-authored the book, [Applied Cross-Cultural Data Analysis for Social Work](#), published by Oxford University Press in July 2021.
 - Panelist along with **XinQi Dong (2010-2011 Fellow)** for Wayne State University event, [Speaking Out against Anti-Asian Racism and Violence against Older Adults](#) (April 2021).

- ◆ In the latest of a series of Commonwealth Fund case studies on models of care for high-need, high-cost patients, Douglas McCarthy, Lisa Waugh, and Paige Nong provide an in-depth overview of the Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders (GRACE) model and look at the experiences of four diverse sites that replicated it. Developed by geriatrician **Steven Counsell, M.D. (2009-2010 Fellow)** at the Indiana University School of Medicine, the model stands out for its integrated approach to engaging patients as partners in identifying and achieving their health goals at home. In a 2007 pilot, GRACE patients at higher risk for hospitalization had a 44 percent lower rate of admission by the second year. [Learn more about this case study and its findings here.](#)
- ◆ **Tara Cortes (2013-2014 Fellow)**
 - Featured speaker with IFA Global Café – “In Conversation with Dr Tara A. Cortes: The critical roles of geriatric nursing, and how professionals need to focus on education of health to improve the future care of older people (April 2021).
 - Led the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing webinar, “The Case for PACE Expansion”, moderated by **Eileen Sullivan-Marx (2010-2011 Fellow)**. [View the recording here.](#)
- ◆ **Peter Cram (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - [Making Hospital Price Transparency Work for Health Care Consumers](#) (JAMA Health Forum, April 2021).
 - [When access to medical aid in dying is difficult: The story of my father](#) (JAGS, September 2021).
- ◆ **Thomas Eagen (2019-2020 Fellow)** became the Health Policy Director for the National Center for Health Research in August 2021. In this role, Thomas focuses on the impact of federal health policy to improve quality of care for all patient populations, and is responsible for tracking active legislation and engaging with Members of Congress and Congressional staff to serve as a resource and ensure policies are supported by research.
- ◆ As a member of the leadership team for the [CDC BOLD-funded Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving](#), **Gary Epstein-Lubow (2016-2017 Fellow)** provides strategic direction and vision for the center and its activities, guidance for the work of the Executive Committee, and coordinates outreach activities and communication efforts with the other two Public Health Centers of Excellence.

◆ **Anne Fabiny (2017-2018 Fellow)**

- Speaker for "[Achieving Liftoff: Building Medical-Legal Partnerships for Impact](#)" webinar on October 29, 2021, hosted by [HealthBegins.org](#)

◆ **Lori Frank (2017-2018 Fellow)**

- Recent Publications:
 - [Participation of Persons with Dementia and their Caregivers in Research](#) (JAGS, July 2021).
 - [SPIRIT-PRO Extension explanation and elaboration: guidelines for inclusion of patient-reported outcomes in protocols of clinical trials](#) (BMJ Open, June 2021).
 - [Implications of response shift for micro-, meso-, and macro-level healthcare decision-making using results of patient-reported outcome measures](#) (Quality of Life Research, Online ahead of print).
- Presentations:
 - Advancing Patient-Centered Outcomes and Impacts in Value Assessment: Understanding Research Needs to Prioritize Patients in Comparative Clinical and Economic Assessments. Webinar: History and Current Landscape of Patient-Centricity and Patient-Centered Outcomes/Impacts in Value Assessment. 17 September 2021.
 - Giving and Taking: Costs and Benefits of Caregiving. Biogen Speaker Series. 14 September 2021.
 - Importance of an Investment in Women's Health Research. Virtual Lausanne Dialogue. Stopping a Growing Pandemic: New Perspectives on the Cost of Alzheimer's Disease and the Value of Intervention. The Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease in partnership with the World Economic Forum and the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative, 18 May 2021.
 - Health Care Resource Allocation and Decisionmaking During a Pandemic. Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Unit Translation Day. 27 April 2021.
 - 2021 Societal Impact of Increased Funding for Women's Health Research in AD/ABRD: The Women's Health Access Matters Report. NIH Alzheimer's Research Summit: Path to Precision Medicine for Treatment and Prevention. 22 April 2021. Bethesda MD.

- ◆ **Matthew Goldman (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - Panelist for an April 2021 Congressional Briefing – View the recording here: [Mental Health is Not a Crime: How 988 and Crisis Services Will Transform Care](#)
- ◆ **Aaron Greenstein (2020-2021 Fellow)** became a fellow in geriatric psychiatry at Mass General Brigham in June 2021. He recently completed psychiatry residency at the Harvard South Shore Psychiatry Residency Training Program, an affiliate of the VA Boston Healthcare System and Harvard Medical School. During his final year of residency, he served as the Chief Resident of Geriatric Psychiatry at Mclean Hospital.
- ◆ **Melinda Gruber (2018-2019 Fellow)** leads *ThreeWeekly*, a blog about improving humanity, policy, and kindness through learning three new things every week. [Learn more and subscribe here.](#)
- ◆ **Lynn Hallarman (2017-2018 Fellow)**
 - Interview with NPR – [COVID-19 Has Spurred A Caregiving Crisis](#) (August 2021).
 - Recent Publications:
 - [The Great Escape—A Physician Confronts Family Caregiving During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (JAMA Neurology, May 2021).
 - [What I’ve Learned Over a Lifetime of Caring for the Dying](#) (New York Times Opinion, August 2021).
- ◆ **Maureen Henry (2012-2013 Fellow)** is a Senior Program Officer at the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) as of May 2021. In this role, she is the Project Director for the Global Roadmap for Healthy Longevity project.
- ◆ **Brian Hensel (2008-2009 Fellow)**
 - Promoted to Associate Professor of Health Management and Informatics at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.
 - Serves as a designated Mentor to a current Fellow of the Missouri Science & Technology (MOST) Policy Fellows program, which provides Missouri state legislators and other policymakers with issue-specific evidence with which to make informed policy.
- ◆ **Alison Hernandez (2019-2020 Fellow)**
 - Featured as a “Nurse You Should Know” on October 25, 2021. [Click here to watch the feature.](#)
 - Part of the Racial Equity Initiative – aka "REI" – on the House Committee on Ways and Means. REI will be a catalyst for

prioritizing Health & Economic Equity in Congress- bringing focus to the social determinants of health. Learn more here – [The Time for Change: Prioritizing Health and Economic Equity in the 117th Congress and Beyond](#).

◆ **Gregory Hinrichsen (2008-2009 Fellow)**

○ Recent Publications:

- [Clinical geropsychology: The professional becomes the personal](#). Commentary on Karlin and Molinari, “Advancing the field and future of clinical geropsychology: Honoring the enduring legacy of Michael Duffy, PhD, ABPP” (Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice, 2021).
- [Efficacy of cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia \(CBT-I\) in geriatric primary care patients](#) (JAGS, June 2021).
- [Case-Based Approaches With Older Adults: ACT, IPT, and DBT](#) (APA PsychNet, 2021).

◆ **Kelly Horton (2009-2010 Fellow)** became Senior Director of Government Relations at The Pew Charitable Trusts in August 2021.

◆ **Nicole Howell (2021-2022 Fellow)** secured funding, via the California budget, to expand the Healthcare Career Pathway (HCP) to three additional sites across the state. This innovative job training program, which was included in the California Master Plan on Aging - Local Playbook, is designed to help students with addressable barriers secure entry into the allied healthcare field. HCP provides a comprehensive training model designed to support the student's educational and psychosocial needs as they embrace a person-centered model of care. HCP now hosts two sites in Contra Costa county serving 90 students per year, who go on to work in skilled nursing facilities as Certified Nursing Assistants. Once fully operational the five training sites will graduate 450 highly qualified Certified Nursing Assistants each year that will provide more than 900,000 hours of care to the 108,00 residents living in skilled nursing facilities in California.

◆ **Sharon Inouye (2016-2017 Fellow)**

- [Click here to see to Dr. Inouye's recent updates](#).

◆ **Shannon Jarrott (2021-2022 Fellow)**

- Recent Publications:
 - [Determinants of Fall Prevention Guideline Implementation in the Home- and Community-Based Service Setting](#) (The Gerontologist, September 2020).
 - Invited contribution, editor-reviewed – [Intergenerational program processes impact outcomes: Commentary on “Processes and structures in intergenerational programs: A comparison across different types of programs”](#) (International Psychogeriatrics, September 2021).
 - In Press – “Shared site intergenerational programs: A national profile” (Journal of Aging & Social Policy, 2021).
 - In Press – “Program practices predict intergenerational interaction among children and older adults” (The Gerontologist, 2021).
 - In Press – “The development of a food satellite pantry through community based participatory action research” (International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, 2021).

◆ **Brian Kaskie (2016-2017 Fellow)**

- Presented on the Age-Inclusive Management Strategies in Colorado (AIMS) website as part of the 2021 Transamerica Institute webinar series. [View the recording here.](#)
- Recent Publication:
 - [Promoting Quality of Life and Safety in Assisted Living: A Survey of State Monitoring and Enforcement Agents](#) (Medical Care Research and Review, October 2021).

◆ **Teri Kennedy (2015-2016 Fellow)**

- [Click here to see Dr. Kennedy’s recent updates.](#)

◆ **Amber Kimball Hsu (2020-2021 Fellow)**

- In Press: Hearing Screening in Older Adults - A Wise Investment? (Audiology Today, November/December 2021 Issue)

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

- Authored the book, [Aging and Social Policy in the United States](#) (First Edition), published by Cognella in November 2021.
- Interview with Wisconsin Public Radio/NPR – [Nursing Home Residents And Staff Working Through Trauma Of The Pandemic](#) (August 2021).

- Other Recent Publications:
 - [Introduction to the Special Section on Book/Media/Resource Reviews for Gerontological Social Work Education and Discrimination and Disparities](#) (Journal of Gerontological Social Work, March 2021).
 - [Nursing home residents and staff are traumatized from the pandemic - collaborative care can help with recovery](#) (The Conversation, August 2021).
 - [A Policy Mapping Analysis of the U.S. Congressional Approach to Medical Aid-in-Dying](#) (OMEGA – Journal of Death and Dying, September 2021).
 - [“Please Don’t Let Academia Forget about Us:” An Exploration of Nursing Home Social Work Experiences during COVID-19](#) (Journal of Gerontological Social Work, September 2021).

- ◆ **Terri Lewinson (2017-2018 Fellow)** accepted a position in July 2021 as an Associate Professor of Health Equity at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice in the Geisel School of Medicine. Two of Terri’s primary goals in this position is moving her housing-health policy research forward, and continuing to build on what she learned during her HAPF placement with the Office of U.S. Congressman John Lewis.

- ◆ **Bruce Leff (2010-2011 Fellow)**
 - Member of the World Hospital at Home Congress scientific committee, and delivered the Keynote address, “Looking to the Future: A Research Agenda for Hospital at Home” at the WHAHC in April 2021.
 - Recent Publication:
 - [A Home-Based Care Research Agenda by and for Homebound Older Adults and Caregivers](#) (PubMed, April 2021).

- ◆ **Luming Li (2019-2020 Fellow)** became the Chief Medical Officer at The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD in August 2021. In this role, Luming is focused on the development of new clinical and operational initiatives that prioritize diversity and allow for engagement and collaboration within the community, and strengthening behavioral health services at this critical time when services are especially needed.

- ◆ **Hillary Lum (2015-2016 Fellow)** and **William Hung (2014-2015 Fellow)**, et. al. [Anywhere to Anywhere: Use of Telehealth to Increase Health Care Access for Older, Rural Veterans](#) (Public Policy & Aging Report, December 2019).

- ◆ **Joanne Lynn (2019-2020 Fellow)** helped draft [The WISH Act – Well-Being Insurance for Seniors to be at Home](#) – which seeks to address the growing problem that needing LTSS for a long spell and, particularly, receiving them in a nursing home, can be financially devastating even for middle-class Americans with significant savings.
- ◆ **Angela Mattie (2019-2020 Fellow)**
 - On June 3, 2021, Angela moderated a Quinnipiac University webinar, featuring **Thomas Eagen and Alison Hernandez – Fellows from her cohort (2019-2020)** – to discuss the Biden healthcare policy agenda and current happenings at Capitol Hill. Following their fellowship year, all three Fellows have “paid it forward”: Angela has created a new course at Quinnipiac University called “Healthcare Policy and Politics” (HM 671), as a result of her work on Capitol Hill during her fellowship year; and both Thomas and Alison remained on Capitol Hill as Legislative Assistants, sharing their wisdom of current healthcare policy matters of importance on the Hill during this webinar. [Click here to watch the full panel discussion.](#)
 - Interview with Wallethub (August 2021) – [The best \(and worst\) states for health care, according to WalletHub](#)
 - Quoted:
 - [Walgreens acquires CT home health care company. Here's what it means.](#) (October 2021)
 - [Yale New Haven Health System buys former Macy's spot in Meriden Mall](#) (October 2021)
 - Peer-Reviewed Presentations:
 - "Hospital price transparency: Compliance and evaluation", American Public Health Association Annual International Conference Virtual & Denver, CO
 - "Development of Quinnipiac University's Interdisciplinary Healthcare Policy Program: Educating Responsible Professionals on Healthcare Policy Development", Eastern Academy of Management Virtual Annual Meeting 2021
- ◆ **Ann McLaughlin (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - Will begin working as a Project Coach for The Green House Project in November 2021.
 - Guest on the University of Minnesota Aging Studies Interdisciplinary Group (ASIG) podcast, “Voices of Aging”, where she discussed her career transition from music major to health and aging policy. Listen to the episode here – [2021 Careers in Aging Week: Ann McLaughlin.](#)

◆ **Diane Meier (2009-2010 Fellow)**

- Named One of Forbes 50 Over 50 in the publication's first-ever 50 Over 50: Vision List, Highlighting Female Visionaries Over 50 Who Are Shaping The Future. [See the full list here](#), and [read Diane's feature here](#).
- Interview with The New York Times – [Covid Has Traumatized America. A Doctor Explains What We Need to Heal](#). (March 2021).

◆ **Toni Miles (2008-2009 Fellow)**

- Recently became a Content Expert in bereavement care for the International Federation on Ageing (IFA).
- Leads a team of researchers at The University of Georgia College of Public Health who are training nursing home staff to help residents, families, and themselves through grief – a need made more evident by the COVID-19 epidemic. [Learn more here](#).
- Works with Georgia Tech, which was [recently awarded a Worker Safety Health Training grant](#) by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), to implement the OSHA-funded Covid-19 training program.
- October 2021 interview with NPR's Here and Now podcast – [Tracking the health impacts of grief: 'People suffer when they lose someone'](#)
- Recent Publications:
 - [How the Collection and Disbursement of Civil Money Penalties Improves Nursing Facility Care Across the United States](#) (Public Policy & Aging Report, March 2021).
 - [Reducing Disparities by Restructuring Health Care: Brazil's Family Health System Shows the Way!](#) (American Journal of Public Health, May 2021).
 - Quoted in The New York Times – [Opinion: The Grief Crisis is Coming](#) (April 2021).

◆ **Emily Nicklett (2012-2013 Fellow)**

- Recently appointed as Chair-Elect of the Aging and Public Health Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA).
- Selected as the 2021-22 Faculty Fellow in Community-Based Participatory Research at the College for Health, Community and Policy at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

◆ **Ann O'Hare (2017-2018 Fellow)**

- [Error in Number of Eligible Patients in Survey of Self-reported Prognostic Expectations of People Undergoing Dialysis](#) (JAMA Internal Medicine, July 2021).
- [Overdiagnosis of Chronic Kidney Disease in Older Adults—An Inconvenient Truth](#) (JAMA Internal Medicine, August 2021).

◆ **Dr. Jane Pederson (2018-2019 Fellow)** was appointed to the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) by Governor Tim Walz in June 2021. The Board advises on and coordinates government plans around aging to ensure that Older American's Act requirements are met. The MBA administers state and federal funds and also creates public awareness, encourages research on aging issues and provides technical assistance and grants to local aging organizations. By participating in board and committee meetings, MBA members work to create a collective vision that represents the best interests of older Minnesotans. Jane is looking forward to incorporating her expertise in long-term care and the learnings from her fellowship placement with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) into this appointment.

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

- Recently awarded an R24 grant funded by the National Institute on Aging, titled "Leveraging the national infrastructure of trusted organizations to increase representation of Latinos in dementia research." Co-PIs are Dr. Carl V. Hill, the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer for the Alzheimer's Association and Dr. Elena Portacolone, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of California San Francisco.
The objective of this 3-year, 2.4 million dollar study is to accelerate recruitment of Latinx communities in dementia research by leveraging the infrastructure and goodwill of trusted national organizations such as the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) and the Alzheimer's Association (ALZ).
- Press release – [Penn LDI's Adriana Perez in PBS Documentary on Aging and Health](#) (March 2021)
- Guest on KYW's Newsradio podcast, to discuss how UsAgainstAlzheimer's brain health platform, BrainGuide, can help with earlier detection of Alzheimer's Disease. [Listen to the interview here.](#)
- UsAgainstAlzheimer's Virtual Briefing: [Brain Health Equity & The Social Determinants of Health](#) (July 2021)

◆ **Karon Phillips (2011-2012 Fellow)**

- Received the 2021 Part-Time/Adjunct Faculty Honor award from The Academy of Gerontology in Higher Education of The Gerontological Society of America (GSA).
- Worked on and launched the Trust for America's Health (TFAH) Age-Friendly Public Health Systems website in May 2021: <http://afphs.org/>. This site is designed to be a resource hub for programs, recommendations, guidelines, and tool kits the AFPHS initiative and network partners have developed to help state and local public health departments make healthy aging a core component of their operations.
- [Promoting Health Equity Through Partnerships](#) (Public Policy & Aging Report, October 2021). *Held a poster session with findings and recommendations from this article at APHA 2021.

◆ **Tia Powell (2013-2014 Fellow)**

- Serving as a Senior Advisor at AHRQ this year, working on issues related to health technology and support for older people, including those with dementia. Working with **Arlene Bierman (2012-2013 Fellow)**, Director of the Center for Evidence and Performance Improvement at AHRQ.
- Interview with the Boston Globe – [The real breakthrough for dementia: smashing the stigma](#) (June 2021).

◆ **Beth Prusaczyk (2018-2019 Fellow)**

- Panelist for “WISER Conversations: Find Your Voice. Strengthen Your Communication Skills.” (September 2021) [View the recording here.](#)
- Interviewed for St. Louis Public Radio/NPR in July 2021 – [What Will It Take To Overcome Vaccine Hesitancy In Rural Missouri?](#)
- [Strategies for Disseminating and Implementing COVID-19 Vaccines in Rural Areas](#) (Open Forum Infectious Diseases, April 2021).

◆ **Lynn Reinke (2016-2017 Fellow)** was recently appointed as inaugural Claire Dumke Ryberg, RN, Presidential Endowed Chair in End-of-Life/Palliative Care at the University of Utah College of Nursing.

◆ **Rachel Roiland (2014-2015 Fellow)**

- Recent Publications:
 - Elizabeth Singletary, Rachel Roiland, et. al. [Value-Based Payment and Skilled Nursing Facilities: Supporting SNFs During COVID-19 and Beyond](#) (Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy, May 2021).

*This brief shares the key findings from a Robert Wood Johnson-funded project examining how value-based payment (VBP) affected skilled nursing facilities' response to the pandemic. The brief also includes policy recommendations for tailoring VBP to the unique SNF context and improving long-standing workforce and financing issues that may limit SNFs' abilities to succeed under VBP.

- Nathaniel Z. Counts, Rachel Roiland, et. al. [Proposing the Ideal Alternative Payment Model for Children](#) (JAMA Pediatrics, April 2021).

- ◆ **Nicole Ruggiano (2018-2019 Fellow)** received a promotion this August to Professor at The University of Alabama School of Social Work.
- ◆ **Vorada Savengseuksa (2014-2015 Fellow)** made a recent career pivot into user experience design and brings much of her passion for inclusion and justice into the corporate sector, including serving as a strategic advisor for nonprofits like [buildJUSTLY](#). She currently works on improving policies within the design research space to ensure ethical and responsible practices for all those involved in technology studies and user research.
- ◆ **Dorry Segev (2008-2009 Fellow)**
 - Interviewed live on CNN in August 2021 – [FDA Expected to Authorize 3rd COVID Shot for Immunocompromised](#).
 - Reader Commentary: [Maryland needs a new mask mandate](#) (The Baltimore Sun, August 2021).
 - Recent Publications:
 - [Immunogenicity of a Single Dose of SARS-CoV-2 Messenger RNA Vaccine in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients](#) (JAMA, March 2021).
*This paper was presented by Dr. Anthony Fauci at the [White House COVID Response Team Press Briefing on April 12, 2021](#).
 - [COVID-19 Vaccines Might Not Work As Well For Those With Organ Transplants](#) (NPR, May 2021).
 - [Vaccination Against COVID 'Does Not Mean Immunity' For People With Organ Transplants](#) (NPR, May 2021).
 - [A 3rd Dose Of COVID Vaccines May Boost Immunity For Transplant Recipients](#) (NPR, June 2021).
 - [Safety and Immunogenicity of a Third Dose of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients: A Case Series](#) (Annals of Internal Medicine, September 2021).

◆ **Aditi Sen (2015-2016 Fellow)**

- Recent Publications:
 - [Characteristics of Copayment Offsets for Prescription Drugs in the United States](#) (JAMA Internal Medicine, March 2021).
 - [Frequency and Costs of Out-of-Network Bills for Outpatient Laboratory Services Among Privately Insured Patients](#) (JAMA Internal Medicine, April 2021).
 - [Physician Network Breadth and Plan Quality Ratings in Medicare Advantage](#) (JAMA Health Forum, July 2021).
 - [Factors Associated With Manufacturer Drug Coupon Use at US Pharmacies](#) (JAMA Health Forum, August 2021).

◆ **Veronica Shead (2020-2021 Fellow)**

- Recently accepted the position as Workplace Violence Prevention Program Manager at VA St. Louis Health Care System.
- Named to the American Psychological Association Workgroup to update the Clinical Guidelines for Working with Older Adults.
- In Press – “Building on the Legacy of Michael Duffy: A Call to Address Aging as an Important Part of Diversity” (Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice, 2021).

◆ **Sarguni Singh (2021-2022 Fellow)** co-authored article with **Hillary Lum (2015-2016 Fellow)** – [The patient-driven payment model: A missed opportunity for patient-centered cancer care](#) (JAGS, September 2021).

◆ **Erica Solway (2011-2012 Fellow)**

- Recently promoted to Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships at the University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation.
- Still serves as an Associate Director of the [National Poll on Healthy Aging](#), which recently released its 40th report and published several papers based on poll data. Here are a few from the past couple of months:
 - [The COVID-19 Pandemic and Mental Health Symptoms Among US Adults](#) (Journal of General Internal Medicine, July 2021).
 - [The Everyday Ageism Scale: Development and Evaluation](#) (Journal of Aging and Health, August 2021).
 - [Perceptions of Overall Mental Health and Barriers to Mental Health Treatment Among U.S. Older Adults](#) (The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, September 2021).

- [Changes in Activity Levels, Physical Functioning, and Fall Risk During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (JAGS, September 2021).
- [Care Challenges Due to COVID-19 and Mental Health Among Caregivers of U.S. Adults With a Chronic or Disabling Condition](#) (Innovation in Aging, October 2021).

◆ **Steven Starks (2018-2019 Fellow)**

- Panelist for ASA's 2021 "On Aging" conference discussion, ["Promoting Healthy Aging & Taking Bold Action to Solve Our Healthcare Cost Crisis"](#) (April 2021). West Health's Shelley Lyford (President & CEO, Gary and Mary West Foundation) and Tim Lash (Chief Strategy Officer, West Health), and Bob Blancato (President, Matz Blancato and Associates) were also panelists for this event.

◆ **Fei Sun (2017-2018 Fellow)** is the Program Coordinator for the newly established Levande Gerontology Certificate Program at Michigan State University. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

◆ **Mary Tinetti (2010-2011 Fellow)**, et. al. [Outcome Goals and Health Care Preferences of Older Adults With Multiple Chronic Conditions](#) (JAMA Network Open, March 2021).

◆ **Thomas Tsai (2014-2015 Fellow)**, et. al. [Comparison of General Surgical Practice Size and Setting in 2017 vs 2013 in the US](#) (JAMA Network Open, April 2021).

◆ **Latrice Vinson (2015-2016 Fellow)** recently began a new position at the American Psychological Association as Director of the Aging Portfolio in the Public Interest Directorate.

◆ **Jing Wang (2020-2021 Fellow)**

- The National Academy of Medicine has recognized Dr. Jing Wang as one of ten rising leaders in health and medicine. [Read more here.](#)
- Became Dean and Professor at Florida State University College of Nursing in August 2021. In this role, Jing continues to foster excellence in research, education, clinical practice and community engagement at the College, and hopes to lead the College to the forefront of health and health care in the state of Florida, nationally and globally.
- Recent Publications:
 - [Health information technology to improve care for people with multiple chronic conditions](#) (Health Services Research, August 2021).

- ◆ **Jennifer Wong, PhD (2018-2019 Fellow)**, while preparing for the Wallis Annenberg GenSpace to open to the public in 2022, has begun activities for the [Wallis Annenberg Leadership Initiative](#). She also [moderated a timely panel on intergenerational collaboration at the Social Innovation Summit](#), and was a featured guest on the [At Home, On Air Podcast](#) discussing the built environment and the “senior center” label.
- ◆ **Kara Zivin (2013-2014 Fellow)**
 - Received a Research Career Scientist (RCS) Health Services Research & Development award from the Department of Veterans Affairs this year. This award helped Kara to continue her work improving care for veterans with serious mental illness, and mental healthcare quality and use.
 - Recent Publications:
 - [Perinatal Mental Illness Nearly Ended My Life](#) (Health Affairs, October 2021).
 - [Policy Opportunities To Improve Prevention, Diagnosis, And Treatment Of Perinatal Mental Health Conditions](#) (Health Affairs, October 2021).