



HEALTH AND AGING POLICY FELLOWS

Spring 2023 Updates

Professional Accomplishments, Awards, and Publications

- ◆ **Gretchen Alkema (2008-2009 Fellow)** is founder and president of [Wolf Eagle Enterprises, LLC](#) – a strategic engagement and organizational development consultancy for industry leaders in aging, longevity, and care delivery innovation. Gretchen delivers trusted insights and advice, management support, and customized solutions to leaders eager to clear through operational blocks and rise to a higher level of success.

- ◆ **Kyle Allen (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - Started a new position as Chief Medical Officer at [Patriot Home Care: An 18.5 Health Equity Company](#).
 - Received the 2022 SNP Alliance Bringewatt Spirit of Humanity Award from the Special Needs Plan Alliance (SNP Alliance) at SNP Fall Conference (October 24-25, 2022).
 - Invited speaker for Grand Rounds, October 7, 2023: Bassett Health Care Network Alumni Association, Dr. John Davis Lectureship. Presentation title: "Creating an Age Friendly Health System: An Evidenced Based Approach".

- ◆ **Lauren Bangerter (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - Started a new position as Scientific Director of the Health Economics Aging Research (H.E.A.R) Institute at MedStar Health, which is the health system's dedicated applied research lab focused on innovation and developing best practices for geriatric care delivery.
 - [Experts call for reforms to expand care for older adults](#) - As the number of Americans ages 65 and older surpass the number of children for the first time ever, health care services need to be able to keep up with growing demand, experts say. Lauren Bangerter, Scientific Director of Health, Economics, and Aging Research at MedStar Health, said the COVID-19 pandemic opened up options like telehealth and remote care to help older adults age in place, while MedStar's George Hennawi called for making long-term care

insurance more affordable and usable while still being able to live at home.

- ◆ **Sarah Bassett (2020-2021 Fellow)** is now leading the House Committee on Financial Services minority-side staff's International Financial Institution, or IFI (Multilateral Development Bank, International Monetary Fund) and Export-Import Bank portfolios, from which a lot of public health work arises. For example, if a low-income country has a climate disaster, the World Bank can come in and help out. This is important for older adults who need access to basic necessities during disasters (and always).

- ◆ **Arlene Bierman (2012-2013 Fellow)**
 - Recently promoted to Chief Strategy Officer at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).
 - Led an AHRQ Direct Speaker Series presentation with Dean Linda Fried, Co-Chair of the National Academy of Medicine Global Roadmap for Healthy Longevity, in which they discussed the Roadmap. [Click here to view the recording.](#)
 - Recent publications:
 - Bierman AS, et. al. [From precision medicine to precision care: Choosing and using precision medicine in the context of multimorbidity](#). *Cambridge Prisms: Precision Medicine*, February 2023.
 - Sirkin JT, Flanagan E, Tong ST, Coffman M, McNellis RJ, McPherson T, Bierman AS. [Primary Care's Challenges and Responses in the Face of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights From AHRQ's Learning Community](#). *Ann Fam Med*, Jan-Feb 2023.
 - Bierman AS, et. al. [Realizing the Dream: The Future of Primary Care Research](#). *Ann Fam Med*, Mar-Apr 2022.

- ◆ **Julie Bobitt (2015-2016 Fellow)** and **Shannon Jarrott (2021-2022 Fellow)** served as co-editors for a special issue of *The Gerontologist*, [Implementation Science in Gerontology](#), released in full March 21, 2023. Julie and Shannon will partner with *The Gerontologist* to host a webinar promoting the Special Issue on May 5, 2023, with authors of several of the papers who will share their work on pre-implementation, implementation, adaptation, and scaling up of interventions.

- ◆ **Pamela Cacchione (2016-2017 Fellow)**
 - Guest speaker on Episode 126 of **Melissa Batchelor's (2017-2018 Fellow)** podcast, *This is Getting Old* – [Nurse Innovation: Robotics](#).
- ◆ **Maria Carney (2022-2023 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: [Hospice Care Is Not Giving Up, It Is Leaning In](#). MedPage Today, March 2023.
- ◆ **Steffany Chamut (2021-2022 Fellow)**
 - [Click here to read Steffany Chamut's recent updates](#).
- ◆ **Keith Chan (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - Received a unanimous vote from the CUNY Board of Trustees for early tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.
 - Recent publication: Keith T. Chan and Christina N. Marsack-Topolewski. [The Association of Opioid Misuse and Suicidality among People with Disabilities](#). *Substance Use & Misuse*, December 2022.
- ◆ **Kate Clark (2013-2014 Fellow)** began a new position as Senior Director of Strategic Alliances at The Kennedy Forum. Founded by former congressman Patrick Kennedy in 2013, the organization unites advocates, business leaders, health plans and government agencies to transform the way mental health and substance use are treated in our health care system.
- ◆ **Gary Epstein-Lubow (2016-2017 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: Nora Super, Gary Epstein-Lubow, et. al. [Payment For Comprehensive Dementia Care: Five Key Recommendations](#). *Health Affairs Forefront*, February 2023.
- ◆ **Anne Fabiny (2017-2018 Fellow)** retired from her professional role in August 2022. She is now a Board member of Nation's Finest (a Veterans service organization), On Lok Senior Health Services and A Beautiful Heart Ministries, a non-profit organization that supports women and girls returning to their communities after incarceration. She is beginning to turn her attention to helping address the many needs of older adults leaving the carceral system. Anne continues in her role as the Chair of the ABIM Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment Approval Committee.
- ◆ **Robert Ferguson's (2015-2016 Fellow)** session at the 2022 American College of Medical Quality (ACMQ) conference highlighted the need for a National Patient Safety Board. [Read more here](#).

- ◆ **Lori Frank (2017-2018 Fellow)**
 - Lori and her colleagues from RAND completed the RAND Report on governance in long-term care using the pandemic as a case study. The final report can be found on the RAND website: [Policy Decisionmaking in Long-Term Care: Lessons from Infection Control During the COVID-19 Pandemic | RAND](#). A brief distillation of the key points is available here (and attached): [Infection Control in Long-Term Care: Decisionmaking Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic | RAND](#).

- ◆ **Carrie Graham (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - Presented at a January 2023 ASA and Future Proof Live event, [Multisector Plan for Aging](#)
 - Recent publication: Kim McCoy Wade and Carrie Graham. [Developing a Multisector Plan for Aging in Your State? Advice from Someone Who's Been There](#). Center for Health Care Strategies, February 2023.

- ◆ **Aaron Greenstein (2020-2021 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: Aaron Greenstein and Haley Solomon. [How Cannabis Can Help the Elderly](#). *WSJ*, February 2023.

- ◆ **Melinda Gruber (2018-2019 Fellow)** was recently promoted to Vice President, Medical Group and Continued Care Services at Corewell Health - South Region, where she is responsible for primary and specialty medical practices; inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services; home care; long-term care; palliative and hospice care; and chaplaincy and bereavement services. Additionally, Melinda now serves as Board President of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).

- ◆ **Tracie Harrison (2011-2012 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: Yasmine L. Kayali, Alisha H. Johnson, and Tracie Culp Harrison. [A Policy Analysis of State Plans for Independent Living in the U.S.](#) *Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice*, November 2022.

- ◆ **William Hung (2014-2015 Fellow)**
 - Recent publications:
 - The *Health Services Research* special issue on Age-Friendly Health Systems, sponsored by The John A. Hartford Foundation, features an article co-authored by William Hung— [Perceived Benefits of Geriatric Specialty Telemedicine](#)

[among Rural Patients and Caregivers](#) . *HSR*, August 2022.
*[Click here to for more highlights from this special issue](#).

- Timothy W. Farrell, William W. Hung, **Kathleen T. Unroe (2009-2010 Fellow)**, et. al. [Exploring the intersection of structural racism and ageism in healthcare](#). *JAGS*, December 2022.

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

- [Named Editor in Chief of JAMA Internal Medicine](#), effective July 1, 2023. She previously served as an Associate Editor at *JAMA Network Open*. Dr. Inouye succeeds Rita F. Redberg, MD, MSc, who has been Editor in Chief of *JAMA Internal Medicine* since 2009.
- Received the American College of Physicians John Phillips Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Clinical Medicine 2022-2023.
- Election to Mastership level, American College of Physicians 2022-2023.
- Web of Science (Clarivate) Highly Cited Researcher 2022
- Research.com Best Female Scientists in the World 2022 Ranking
- Appointment to the National Advisory Council on Aging (NACA, or NIA Council) 2023-2027
- Recent publications:
 - Chan Mi Park, Sharon K. Inouye, et. al. [Perioperative Gabapentin Use and In-Hospital Adverse Clinical Events Among Older Adults After Major Surgery](#). *JAMA Internal Medicine*, September 2022.

◆ **LaCinda Jones (2021-2022 Fellow)**

- LaCinda and fellow Fellows **Deborah Freeland** and **Sarguni Singh (2021-2022)** presented at the [2023 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine \(AAHPM\) conference](#) (March 2023)
- In March 2023, LaCinda launched [Care Beyond the Clinic](#), a podcast (4 episodes), platform and conversation dedicated to improving access to social work services through intentional and transparent conversations about our system of services and healthcare. LaCinda created this platform to 1) Clarify the role of the healthcare social worker and the critical role they play and 2) Bring awareness to policy barriers that are limiting access to care.
- Featured speaker for Rush Social Work Grand Rounds on March 22, 2023 – [Social Workers Break Barriers in Health Care](#).
- Recent publication: LaCinda A. Jones, et. al. [To Confront Elder Mistreatment, Look To The VA's Social Work Response](#). *Health Affairs Forefront*, December 2022.

◆ **Sarah Khasawinah (2015-2016 Fellow)**

- Now serving as Deputy Staff Director and Oversight Lead for the new Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, Senator Mike Braun (R-IN)
- Earned the Manager Certification from the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment (SCCE).
- Last year, directed a policy team that advanced a suite of legislation, including new bipartisan laws to [stop senior scams](#), reduce barriers to saving for [part-time workers](#), and enable [auto-portability](#) of retirement plans.
- Last Congress, led the oversight agenda leading to the [successful reopening of Social Security Agency's field offices](#) for services, which had been closed for two years during COVID. Also directed the Ranking Member's team in bipartisan [oversight](#) and [letters](#) to make the federal government's websites accessible for people with disabilities, as required by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- Supervised teams in the development of reports on issues that are pressing for older Americans including [senior housing](#), [home and community based services](#), [retirement security](#), [senior nutrition](#), and [frauds](#).

◆ **Brian Kaskie (2016-2017 Fellow)**

- Recent publication: Brian Kaskie, Editor in Chief. [Public Policy and Aging: The Time for Training the Next Generation is Now](#). *Public Policy & Aging Report*, February 2023.
*[Click here for the full February 2023 PPAR issue](#).

◆ **Teri Kennedy (2015-2016 Fellow)**

- Joint Appointment as Professor with the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare, Lawrence, KS effective January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025
- Non-Federal Stakeholder, Geriatrics listening session. Health and Human Services initiative to strengthen primary health care. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2022, October 26, invited by HHS, virtual)
- Recent publication: National Academies of Practice. (2023, February 7). [National Academies of Practice position statement on health and reproductive health care](#). NAP, Lexington, KY. [Chair, Reproductive Health Work Group, NAP Public Policy Committee]
- Presentations:

- Kennedy, T. (2023, April 1). *Vision 2023: Advocating with foresight and 2020 hindsight*[Invited keynote]. Vision 2023: Focus on the future, National Academies of Practice Forum, Washington, DC
- Kennedy, T., Warren, M. B., & Stouffer, L. (2023, February 8). *Our journey toward interprofessional lifelong learning: Leading by and for – learning with, from, and about*. Emerging, Overcoming, Leading. 2023 Alliance Annual Conference. National Harbor, MD
- Zarn, M., Nishimoto, J., Hamm, C., Swenty, C. F., & Kennedy, T. (2023, April 14). *Mentoring, development and making your mark: Roles and responsibilities*. Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (virtual)

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

- Nancy was a speaker at [“New Frontiers in Healthcare Management”](#), a recent seminar by UMBC and the government of Japan’s prefecture, which examined innovative approaches to an aging society.
- Recent research highlighted in UMBC News – [CIDER program supports new approach to measuring nursing home quality, plus more research collaborations](#)
- Recent publication: Nancy Kusmaul, et. al. [Social Workers Critical to Honoring Commitments to Residents and Families in Long-Term Care](#). *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, February 2023.

◆ **Bruce Leff (2010-2011 Fellow)**

- Virtual National Advanced Healthcare at Home Summit Features Keynote Address by Hospital at Home Pioneer Bruce Leff, MD – July 11-14, 2023. [Click here to learn more and register](#).
- Quoted in [What if You Could Go to the Hospital ... at Home?](#) (*The New York Times*, November 2022)
- Recent publication: Liane Wardlow, Bruce Leff, et. al. [Development of telehealth principles and guidelines for older adults: A modified Delphi approach](#). *JAGS*, February 2023.

◆ **Luming Li (2019-2020 Fellow)**

- Recent publications:
 - Luming Li, et. al. [A Novel Approach to Delivering Evidence-based, High-quality Care in Psychiatry Through an Electronic Integrated Care Pathway \(eICP\) Pilot](#). *Psychiatry Quarterly*, February 2023.

- Luming Li and Janet Gates. [Addressing Critical Pandemic Psychiatric Staffing Shortages Through Advanced Practice Provider Training and Resources](#). *Psychiatry Online*, February 2023.
- Yaara Zisman-Ilani, Luming Li, and Marvin S. Swartz. [A Collaborative Approach in Prescribing Psychotropics for Persons Experiencing Homelessness](#). *Psychiatry Online*, March 2023.

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

- Re-Elected to [AcademyHealth Policy Committee](#).
- Media:
 - Interviewed by Channel 3 for its October 6, 2022 story, [“Yale New Haven Health Acquiring Connecticut Health Systems.”](#)
 - Interviewed by Channel 3 on March 2, 2023, for “The shortage of Ozempic and Trulicity”. [Here’s the clip.](#)
 - Guest on Connecticut Public Radio’s “Where We Live” on March 20, 2023 to discuss [“Taxing E-Cigarettes Curbs Usage Among 18 to 25-Year Olds; Yale Study Finds.”](#)
- Recent presentation: Mattie, A., Tai, T., (2022) "Criminally Negligent or Chilling Effect on Patient Safety: The Case of RaDonda Vaught." The American Public Health Association Annual International Conference, Boston, MA (Nov. 6-9, 2022).
- Recent publication: Tai, TWC, Mattie, A, et, al. [An examination of Leapfrog safety measures and Magnet designation](#). *J Healthc Risk Manag*, February 2023.

◆ **Ann McLaughlin (2020-2021 Fellow)** is now the Population Health Program Development Manager for Winona Health – a role that focuses on innovative internal improvements and collaborative efforts with other local organizations to address rising mental health needs in the community.

◆ **Toni Miles (2008-2009 Fellow)**

- Started a new position as Medical Director at Georgia Trulieve, whose mission is to provide compassionate care patients can trust when traditional medicine is not enough.
- Recent publication: Toni Miles and Robert Espinoza. [The Caregiving System We Want Begins with Supporting Caregivers](#). *Next Avenue*, February 2023.

- ◆ **Rajeane Moone (2012-2013 Fellow)**
 - Named one of [Next Avenue's 2022 Influencers in Aging](#).
 - Developed an online, free toolkit with University of Minnesota colleagues – [The Importance of Learning to Care for Older LGBTQ Adults](#).

- ◆ **Emily Nicklett (2012-2013 Fellow)** was [featured in the Member Spotlight](#) of the February 2023 issue of the APHA Aging & Public Health Newsletter.

- ◆ **Ann O'Hare (2017-2018 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: Ann M. O'Hare, et. al. [Complexity and Challenges of the Clinical Diagnosis and Management of Long COVID](#). *JAMA Network Open*, November 2022.

- ◆ **Adriana Perez (2011-2012 Fellow)**
 - Presented “Alzheimer’s and Latinos: An Update on the Status” at the National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA) in November 2022.

- ◆ **Nicole Ruggiano (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: Jenna M Norton, Alex Ip, Nicole Ruggiano, Tolulope Abidogun, Djibril Souleymane, Helen Fu, Bat-Zion Hose, Saadia Miran, Chun-Ju Hsiao, **Jing Wang (2020-2021 Fellow)**, and **Arlene S Bierman (2012-2013 Fellow)**. [Improving Health And Well-Being Through Community Care Hubs](#). *Health Affairs Forefront*, November 2022.

- ◆ **Hiral Shah (2015-2016 Fellow)** co-authored the Parkinson’s Disease Storybook, a collection of narratives that sheds light on the challenges and opportunities someone from the Black and African American community faces when diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. [Read more here](#).

- ◆ **Steven Starks (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: Poll-Hunter, Norma I.; Brown, Zackary; Smith, André; Starks, Steven M.; et. al. [Increasing the Representation of Black Men in Medicine by Addressing Systems Factors](#). *Academic Medicine*, March 2023.

- ◆ **Sally Stearns (2011-2012 Fellow)** has been appointed to a two-year term on MEDCAC. See the [roster here](#), and [more information about MEDCAC here](#).

- ◆ **Lieke van Heumen (2019-2020 Fellow)** was named [a fellow of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#).
- ◆ **Melissa Wachterman (2021-2022 Fellow)**
 - Recent publication: Kai Romero, Eric Widera, and Melissa W. Wachterman. [Breaking the Link Between Enrollment in Hospice and Discontinuation of Dialysis](#). *JAMA Internal Medicine*, January 2023.
- ◆ **Jing Wang (2020-2021 Fellow)** led a fireside chat on [building a culture of health](#) with Richard Besser, President and CEO of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, at the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurses Association 2023 Health Policy Summit on March 13, 2023.
- ◆ **Jennifer Wolff (2013-2014 Fellow)** will give the 2023 Robert L. Kane Memorial Lecture, "Supporting Care Partners in Real-World Care Delivery", on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. [Click here to learn more and register](#).
- ◆ **Jennifer Wong (2018-2019 Fellow)**
 - In January 2023, Wallis Annenberg GenSpace hosted [Rewriting the Playbook: 80 For Brady](#) featuring a panel discussion with stars Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Sally Field, and Billy Porter, and producer Donna Gigliotti.
 - Recently moderated a conversation on [Harnessing the Power of Human Connection](#) for the Milken Institute Future of Health Summit delving into the intersectionality of public policy, social services, clinical care, and community efforts in combating social isolation in older adults.
 - Wallis Annenberg GenSpace hosted the [Social Innovation Summit #givingtuesday Salon](#) to amplify a discussion about Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging, with an emphasis on building an inclusive multigenerational workforce – including older adults - and diversity representation in media and entertainment. Jennifer hosted a timely panel with Fran Drescher on the status of Aging in Hollywood.