



# HEALTH AND AGING POLICY FELLOWS

## Spring 2024 Updates

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### Professional Accomplishments, Awards, and Publications

#### ◆ Dawn Alley (2011-2012 Fellow)

- Recent publications:
  - [I worked for CMS. Even I struggle to help family navigate dual eligibility](#) (STAT, November 2023)
  - Darshak Sanghavi and **Dawn Alley**. [Transforming Population Health – ARPA-H’s New Program Targeting Broken Incentives](#). NEJM, January 2024.

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

- Recently awarded the [2024 Distinguished Diversity Award](#) by UNCW’s Alumni Association for her work related to ageism.
- Officially launched AgeWiseU, a hub of digital curated resources, content, and courses - PLUS an interactive community for caregivers of people living with dementia, adult children caring for aging parents, anyone wanting to learn more about brain health, and people who want to learn more about staying healthy as they age. Inside the hub, you will find over 100 hours of video content related to Healthy Aging, Brain Health and Alzheimer’s Disease organized by sub-topics - for a 100% curated information experience! [Sign up here](#).

#### ◆ Chad Boulton (2009-2010 Fellow)

- Forthcoming publication in April 2024 issue of JAGS: Boulton C. Reinvigorating geriatrics: an urgent call for prompt action. 72. doi:10.1111/jgs.18782.

#### ◆ Julie Bynum (2011-2012 Fellow)

- Recent publication: Lisa M. Kern, **Julie P. W. Bynum**, and **Harold Alan Pincus (HAPF Program Director)**. [Care Fragmentation, Care Continuity, and Care Coordination—How They Differ and Why It Matters](#). *JAMA Internal Medicine*, January 2024.

- ◆ **Pamela Cacchione (2016-2017 Fellow)** was the 2024 recipient of Penn Nursing’s prestigious Norma M. Lang Award for Scholarly Practice and Policy. [Read the press release here.](#)
  
- ◆ **Maria Carney (2022-2023 Fellow)**
  - Recent publication: **Maria Torroella Carney**, et. al. [Transforming health care: A large health organizations' journey to become an age-friendly health system \(AFHS\) and beyond.](#) *JAGS*, November 2023.
  
- ◆ **Steffany Chamut (2021-2022 Fellow)**
  - Awarded an NIDCR R21-Oral diseases and quality of life in older adults on anti-retroviral therapy in Uganda (ODQoL-UG) [Project Number: 1R21DE031981-01A1.](#)
  - Recent presentations:
    - ADEA 2024 International Women’s Leadership Conference VII (IWLC) Poster Presentation March 12, 2024: “Effects of Dental Insurance and Access to Dental Care on Daily life activities among HRSA-Funded Health Center Patients in the US” (Tejasvita Chandel, Muath Aldosari, and Steffany Chamut)
    - ADEA 2024 International Women’s Leadership Conference VII (IWLC) Podium Presentation March 13, 2024: “Inquiry and Intervention Through Scholarship & Research- Advancing Translatable Research- titled “Measuring oral health impact on quality of life, dental access and coverage” (Tejasvita Chandel, Muath Aldosari, and Steffany Chamut) (Selected to present: Tejasvita Chandel and Steffany Chamut)
    - 2024 RI Dentistry Mini-Residency: Evidence-Based Dentistry “Evidence-Based Appropriate Care for Older Adults”. March 15. (Steffany Chamut)
    - National Oral Health Conference (NOHC): “Veteran Status and Oral Health Indicators in Older Adults” (Research: Victoria Tian; Steffany Chamut; Monina Klevens).
  
- ◆ **Keith Chan**
  - Grant: Began serving in August 2024 as Co-Investigator on NIA-funded RCASIA (Resource Center on Alzheimer's and Dementia Research on Asian and Pacific Americans), Community Liaison and Recruitment and Core
  - Peer-reviewed article: Marsack-Topolewski, C. & Chan, K. (2024). The relationship of opioid misuse and suicidality among adolescents with disabilities. *Families in Society*. In press.

- Peer-reviewed book: Liu, M., & Chan, K. (2024). *Addressing Anti-Asian Racism with Social Work Advocacy and Action*. Oxford University Press. In press.
  - Peer-reviewed papers/posters: Chan, K., Marsack-Topolewski, C., Ratnayake, M. (2024). The impact of an intergenerational service learning program on depressive symptoms for homebound older adults with chronic illness. Paper Presentation at the Society for Social Work Research's 27th Annual Conference.
  - Congressional reports
    - U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic Staff. (2023). [\*Health Care and the Climate Crisis: Preparing America's Health Care Infrastructure. Part VI. Impact of the Health Sector Supply Chain on the Climate Crisis.\*](#)
    - U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic Staff. (2023). [\*Health Care and the Climate Crisis: Preparing America's Health Care Infrastructure. Part VII. The Role of Group Purchasing Organizations in Driving Environmental and Social Change in the Health Care Supply Chain.\*](#)
    - U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic Staff. (2023). [\*Health Care and the Climate Crisis: Preparing America's Health Care Infrastructure. Part VIII. Discussion, Methodology, and Limitations.\*](#)
    - U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic Staff. (2023). [\*Health Care and the Climate Crisis: Preparing America's Health Care Infrastructure. Inhalers and the environment.\*](#)
  - Invited presentations/roundtables: [Optimizing Health and Function as We Age Roundtable Report](#). (April 14, 2023). Roundtable expert participant.
- ◆ **Kate Clark (2013-2014 Fellow)** started a new position as Chief of Staff & Partnerships at The Kennedy Forum in December 2023. 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.
- ◆ **Jonathan Cohen (2022-2023 Fellow)**
- Became a member of the HelpAge USA Board of Directors in November. [Read the press release here.](#)

- Recent publications:
  - [How Can US Global Health Assistance Adapt to Population Aging?](#) (Just Security, November 2023)
  - [Rethinking HIV in an Aging Society](#), by Caroline Diamond and Jonathan Cohen. Think Global Health, December 2023.
  
- ◆ **Tara Cortes (2013-2014 Fellow)**, Taylor McMahon, Amy Stewart and Marianne Shaughnessy co-authored a book chapter entitled [Staff Development and Training in the book Practice & Leadership in Nursing Homes](#).
  
- ◆ **Gary Epstein-Lubow (2016-2017 Fellow)** was recently awarded a grant to support providers within CMS's new evidence-based dementia care model. [Read the press release here](#).
  
- ◆ **Anne Fabiny (2017-2018 Fellow)**, despite her retirement in July 2022, is currently a consultant to the Veterans Health Administration for its national dissemination of the HUD-VASH (Housing and Urban Development - VA Supportive Housing) Program entitled Project Based Vouchers - Enhanced Services (PBV-ES), a model of housing+health care that was Dr. Fabiny's HAPF project. The original project was implemented in Colma, CA under the auspices of the San Francisco VA Health Care System and the national HUD-VASH Program Office. It created permanent supportive housing with primary care and mental health care provided in their apartments to the most complex, frail, chronically homeless older Veterans. The project was deemed so successful that a national program was created with funds provided to sites that chose to create and implement the model. Dr Fabiny is providing virtual and on-site consultation to approximately 24 sites around the country. Dr. Fabiny is extremely grateful to HAPF for helping her get the original project off the ground as well as delighted and surprised that the project turned into a national model of care!
  
- ◆ **Karen Fortuna (2023-2024)**
  - Recent publications:
    - **Karen Fortuna**, et. al. [Supporting Older Adults Unmet Needs, Social Determinants of Health, and Depression Care Within the Strained Landscape of Primary Care: The Care Partners Initiative](#). *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, January 2024.
    - Julia Hill, Gajanan Revankar...**Karen Fortuna**. [Predicting Onset of Visual Hallucinations Using Pareidolias: A Qualitative Exploration of the Ethics of a Digital App to Detect](#)

[a Possible Biomarker](#). *Journal of Technology in Behavioral Science*, January 2024.

- [Advancing Measurement-informed Care in Community Behavioral Health](#). National Council for Mental Wellbeing, February 2024.
- **Karen Fortuna**, et. al. [Examining the Feasibility, Acceptability, and Effectiveness of Remote Training on Community-Based Participatory Research: Single-Arm Pre-Post Pilot Study](#). *Journal of Participatory Medicine*, March 2024.

◆ **Lori Frank (2017-2018 Fellow)** started as the inaugural President of Women's Health Access Matters (WHAM) in January 2024. WHAM is a non-profit organization focused on transforming health and healthcare by accelerating funding for women's health research. Health equity and better health decisions depend on better data. WHAM connects, convenes, and supports the research needed to improve women's health.

◆ **Aaron Greenstein (2020-2021 Fellow)** was appointed to BrainCheck's Clinical Advisory Board in January 2024. [Learn more here](#).

◆ **Maria Gualtieri (2019-2020 Fellow)** began a new position in January 2024 as Advocacy Manager at the National WIC Association. In this role, Marie works with states and communities to help people effectively amplify their voices and stories to be an external pressure on Congress. In addition to mothers and children, Marie also works with grandparents raising their grandchildren who face specific challenges in providing nutrition support in their caregiving role.

◆ **Tracie Harrison (2011-2012 Fellow)**

○ Recent publications:

- Walker, V. G., & **Harrison, T. C.** [Life Course Perspectives of Aging with Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders in Psychiatric and Long-Term Care Facilities](#). *The Gerontologist*, October 2023.
- **Harrison, T. C.**, et. al. (July 2023). [The Life-Course Perspectives of Mexican American Men with Mobility Limitation](#). *Qualitative Health Research*, July 2023.

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

- Featured on Australia's [Big Idea show](#), joining a panel with the Australia Broadcast Corporation journalist Natasha Mitchell. Jarrott was honored as the 2023 Gary Andrews International Fellow

of the [Australian Association of Gerontology](#) (AAG) due to her contributions studying intergenerational program development and impact.

- Recently started a podcast with Jane Leder on intergenerational relationships for Older Women & Friends. [Listen here](#).
- ◆ **Dr. Jason Johanning (2014-2015 Fellow)** and Dr. Daniel Hall have been recognized for their contributions to improving surgical outcomes for older adults utilizing frailty screening, a topic for which Dr. Johanning focused on during his fellowship and continues to work diligently with his HAPF mentors Dr. Shari Ling and Dr. Thomas Edes. [Click here to read the award press release](#).
- ◆ **LaCinda Jones (2021-2022 Fellow)** is the recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Individual in Government award from the Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy (CRISP).
- ◆ **Brystana Kaufman (2022-2023 Fellow)**
  - Recent publications:
    - Jones, Kelly A.; Clark, Amy G.; ... **Kaufman, Brystana**. [Linking Medicare-Medicaid Claims for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Among Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries](#). *Medical Care*, December 2023.
    - **Brystana Kaufman** and Marian Grant. [GUIDE dementia model: Opportunities for serious illness care](#). *JAGS*, February 2024.
- ◆ **Fazal Khan (2016-2017 Fellow)**
  - Recently joined the faculty of the School of Global Health, Meharry Medical College, as Professor of Health Law, Policy & Management, and Chair of Department of Population Health.
  - Recent publications:
    - From Pixels to Prescriptions: The Case for National Telehealth Licensing & AI-Enhanced Care, *Indiana Law Review*, (2024).
    - Regulating the Revolution: The Legal Roadmap to Optimizing AI in Healthcare, *Minnesota Journal Law, Science & Technology*, (2024).
- ◆ **Nancy Kusmaul (2019-2020 Fellow)** is the recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Social Worker in Academia award from the Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy (CRISP).

- ◆ **Terri Lewinson (2017-2018 Fellow)**
  - Recent publication: Tiffany Washington and **Terri D. Lewinson**. [Healthcare Social Workers' Scope of Practice during COVID-19](#). *MDPI*, January 2024.
  
- ◆ **Jane Lowers (2023-2024 Fellow)**
  - Recent publications:
    - **Jane Lowers**, et. al. [Proactive care-seeking strategies among adults aging solo with early dementia: A qualitative study](#). *The Journals of Gerontology Series B*, February 2024.
    - Emily A. Largent, **Jane Lowers**, et. al. [When People Facing Dementia Choose to Hasten Death: The Landscape of Current Ethical, Legal, Medical, and Social Considerations in the United States](#). *Hastings Cent Rep*, January 2024.
  
- ◆ **Hillary Lum (2015-2016 Fellow)**
  - Are you a family caregiver for someone with Dementia? Join the Caregiver VOICE study. Share your thoughts on Dementia care and your caregiving journey navigating the health system. Visit [bit.ly/CaregiverVOICE](http://bit.ly/CaregiverVOICE) for details.
  - Recent publication: Rebecca A. Mullen, Sebastian T. Tong, **Hillary D. Lum**, et. al. [The Role of Primary Care in the Social Isolation and Loneliness Epidemic](#). *Annals of Family Medicine*, March 2024.
  
- ◆ **Jennifer Olsen (2021-2022 Fellow)**
  - Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter's caregiving journey inspired a legacy of advocacy. Today, 53 million Americans navigate being a caregiver to someone who is aging, ill, or disabled. Dr. Jennifer Olsen, CEO, [shares the work RCI is doing to make sure caregivers are seen and supported nationwide](#).
  
- ◆ **Anne Ordway (2016-2017 Fellow)** recently started a new position as Disability Program Specialist at the US Government Accountability Office.
  
- ◆ **Nicholas Reed (2023-2024 Fellow)**
  - Listen to [The Disability Equity Podcast](#) hosted by Dr. Bonnielin Swenor and Dr. Nicholas Reed. The Included Podcast delves deep into issues of disability equity and looks at disability issues like voting and healthcare, from personal, advocacy, and research perspectives.
  - Danielle Powell, Emmanuel Garcia Morales, Esther Oh, Jennifer Deal, Quincy Samus, **Jennifer Wolff (2013-2014 Fellow)**, and **Nicholas Reed** published [a study in the American Journal of](#)

[Audiology](#) that suggests older adults with (vs without) dementia are more likely to cease hearing aid use over time, most notably during the first year after adoption. Strategies to support hearing ability, such as self-management or care partner education, may improve communication for those living with co-occurring hearing loss and dementia.

- ◆ **Lynn Reinke (2016-2017 Fellow)** is serving as President of the Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association for 2024. This is a national professional organization with the mission to advance nursing expertise in hospice and palliative care through education, advocacy, leadership and research.
- ◆ **Rachel Roiland (2014-2015 Fellow)** was recently promoted to Acting Deputy Division Director, Division of Specialty Payment Models, Patient Care Models Group at the CMS Innovation Center. In this role, Rachel is helping implement the Center's [Specialty Care Strategy](#).
- ◆ **Jamie Teuteberg (2021-2022 Fellow)** started a new position as Director of Healthy Aging Initiatives at [Washington State Health Care Authority](#) in February 2024.
- ◆ **Mary Tinetti (2010-2011 Fellow)**
  - Recent publication: **Mary E. Tinetti**, et. al. [One Size Fits All—An Underappreciated Health Inequity](#). *JAMA Internal Medicine*, November 2023.
- ◆ **Lieke van Heumen (2019-2020 Fellow)**
  - New member of the editorial board of the Gerontological Society of America's policy journal, [Public Policy & Aging Report \(PPAR\)](#). This is a four year term. *Public Policy & Aging Report*, published quarterly, explores policy issues generated by the aging of American society. Edited by University of Massachusetts Amherst's Michael J. Lepore, each thematic issue is designed to stimulate debate, highlight emerging concerns, and propose alternative policy options. Recent issues have addressed: legal and policy issues associated with end-of-life care; technology and aging; income security among older populations of color; Medicare reform; and elder abuse and neglect.
  - Recent publications:
    - Wanjagua, R., van Heumen, L. & Parker Harris, S. (2024). [“Will I be celebrated at the end of this training?” Inclusive Research in Kenya](#). *Social Sciences*.



- van Heumen, L., & Heller, T. (2024). [Life story research with people aging with intellectual disabilities: an adaptation of the lifeline interview method](#). *Social Sciences*.
- van Heumen, L., Krueger, C. & Mihaila, I., (2024). [The Development of a Co-Researcher Training with and for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#). *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities*.
- Krueger, C., van Heumen, L., & van den Helder, C. (2024). [Self-Advocacy in Inclusive Research](#). *Social Sciences*.
- Simmons University professor Michelle Putnam and [Lieke van Heumen](#) published an opinion piece “[Why We Need to Stop Otherring People Aging with Disability](#)” in the issue [Mindful Aging: Let’s Start the Conversation](#) of the [Positive Approaches Journal](#), a publication of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Developmental Programs and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Harrisburg, PA.

◆ **Melissa Wachterman (2021-2022 Fellow)**

- Recent publication: **Melissa W. Wachterman**, et. al. [A comparison of end-of-life care quality for Veterans receiving hospice in VA nursing homes and community nursing homes](#). *JAGS*, November 2023.

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

- Recent publications:
  - Julia Burgdorf, Chanee Fabius, Mingche (MJ) Wu, Kelly Gleason, and Jennifer Wolff published [a study in JAMDA](#) characterizing patient portal use among older adults receiving skilled home health care. The study concluded that home health patients use the patient portal to perform care management tasks and access clinical information.
  - Chanee Fabius, Jennifer Wolff, and Vicki Freedman published [an invited commentary in JAMA Internal Medicine](#) about family and unpaid caregivers being the primary source of assistance to older adults with care needs who are living in the community, as well as paid services and supports, which may augment help from family and unpaid caregivers.
  - Lisa Reider, Jason Falvey, Safiyyah Okoye, Jennifer Wolff, and Joseph Levy published [a study in Injury](#) which found that more than 3 million older adults in the U.S. seek hospital care for fall injuries annually. The \$20 billion in annual acute

treatment costs attributed to fall injury indicate an urgent need to implement evidence-based fall prevention interventions and underscores the importance of newly-launched ED-based fall prevention efforts and investments in geriatric emergency departments.

- Cynthia Boyd, Susan Shetterly, John Powers, Linda Weffald, Ariel Green, Orla Sheehan, Emily Reeve, Melanie Drace, Jonathan Norton, Mahesh Maiyani, Kathy Gleason, Jennifer Sawyer, Matthew Maciejewski, Jennifer Wolff, Courtney Kraus, and Elizabeth Bayliss published [a study in \*Drugs & Aging\*](#) suggesting that population-based deprescribing education is safe in the older adult population with cognitive impairment, and that pragmatic methods for safety monitoring are needed to further inform deprescribing interventions.
- Chanee Fabius, Safiyyah Okoye, Mingche (MJ) Wu, Andrew Jopson, Linda Chyr, Julia Burgdorf, Jeromie Ballreich, Danny Scerpella, and Jennifer Wolff published [a study in the \*Milbank Quarterly\*](#) which found that environmental characteristics relevant to long-term services and supports are differentially relevant to the care experiences of older adults with disabilities, and that greater attention should be devoted to strengthening state- and community-based policies and practices that support aging in place.

◆ **Margaret Wallhagen (2009-2010 Fellow)**

- Assumed a new position (as a component of her normal work) as the Inaugural Interim Director of Clinical Scholarship at UCSF School of Nursing. This is to develop a proposal to expand the School of Nursing's Office of Research to include a focus on Clinical Scholarship in addition to its on-going focus on the broader research area. If other HAP Fellows have ideas they'd like to share about clinical scholarship, please contact Meg at [meg.wallhagen@ucsf.edu](mailto:meg.wallhagen@ucsf.edu).
- Forthcoming publication: Wallhagen, MI, Strawbridge, WJ. Positive Impact of an Educational Brochure on Follow-up for a Formal Hearing Evaluation. *Innovation in Aging*, In Press, 2024.

◆ **Jennifer Wong (2018-2019 Fellow)** is the founder and principal of [JLW Consulting & Advisory](#) – a strategic engagement and fractional operations consulting firm. Using her decade-plus of aging and disability research and policy, program development and implementation, and executive leadership, she is excited to work with organizations to better

reach, engage with, and support older adults and their families. Open to all referrals and grateful for the HAPF network!