Grants, Awards and Appointments

**Jan Ligon**, associate professor and BSW program director (Social Work), was reappointed in July to the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by Gov. Nathan Deal.

Publications


Presentations

Angela Snyder, assistant research professor (Public Management and Policy and Georgia Health Policy Center) presented the following:

- “Cost-Effective Strategies in Public Health: The “Winnable Battles Initiative,” sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), in consultation with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in Atlanta on June 9, 2015.


Georgia Health Policy Center

The Georgia Health Policy Center sponsored and presented at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, June 12-16, 2015, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Photos left to right:
1. Evan Cole, associate project director, Carla Willis, senior research associate, and Bill Rencher, research associate
2. Kristi Fuller, senior research associate (left) speaking to a conference attendee.
3. Glenn Landers, associate project director (left) discussing his poster to a conference attendee.
Main Meeting Poster Presentations on June 15, 2015 included the following:

- **Karen Minyard**, director & research professor (GHPC), Patricia Ketsche (J. Mack Robinson College of Business), & Kathleen Adams (Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management) – “Insuring Children with their Parents: Lessons from Prior State Expansions Targeting Children or Parents.”

- **Sara Redd**, research associate I (GHPC) – “Assessing Out-of-Home Placements for Youth Participating in High Fidelity Wraparound in Georgia.”

- **Kristi Fuller**, senior research associate – “Frail and Waiting: A Qualitative Study to Understand How Some Older Adults in Georgia Maintain Community Living.” Fuller also presented at the LTSS Interest Group on June 13, 2015.

- **Evan Cole**, associate project director, **Carla Willis**, senior research associate, & **Bill Rencher**, research associate II – “Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals and Medicaid: Utilization, Outcomes, and Cost.”

- **Glenn Landers**, associate project director – “What Is a Reasonable Caseload for a Long-Term Services and Supports Options Counselor?” and “Should Health Departments Still Provide Clinical Services Post-ACA?”

- **Angie Snyder**, assistant research professor – “Determining Adherence to Quality Indicators in Sickle Cell Disease Using Multiple Data Sources” and “Defining the New Face of Sickle Cell Disease Mortality Across the Lifespan Using a Population-Based Surveillance System.”

- **Susan McLaren**, senior research associate – “Demographic Differences and Relationships with Child Functioning” and “Assessing Inter-Professional Medical-Legal Education of Medical Students on Addressing Socioeconomic Determinants of Health.”

- The **GHPC’s legislative video** was also featured during the Innovation Station’s session, “Using Simulations as Tools for Translating Research and Informing Policy.”

GHPC staff made several presentations and facilitated multiple sessions at the National Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Meeting, June 16-18, 2015, in Washington, DC.

- **Michelle Rushing**, research associate, presented “Findings from the HIA of the State of Georgia's 2015 Qualified Allocation Plan for Low Income Housing Tax Credits” on June 16, 2015.

- **James Dills**, research associate, presented “Lessons Learned from an HIA in Galveston, TX” on June 16, 2015, and participated as a panel member in the Thought Leaders Forum on Disaster Response and Recovery Planning and HIA on June 18, 2015.
Community Outreach and Events

The Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) has been selected to serve as the Pipeline Award Program Office to provide fiscal, programmatic, and operational support to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute’s Pipeline to Proposal awardees in the southern region of the United States, from Virginia to Texas. The GHPC will provide these technical assistance and project management services beginning with the next group of awardees this winter, as they enter the awards “pipeline” to develop the relationships, capacity and infrastructure necessary to support the envisioned comparative clinical effectiveness research.

According to the PCORI website (www.pcori.org), Pipeline to Proposal is an initiative designed to encourage the development of partnerships and health research project ideas among individuals and groups not usually involved in such efforts. This grant program was the result of suggestions made by patients and patient advocates.

Media

**Brian Bride**, director and professor (Social Work), had the following media placements:

- Was a guest on WABE-FM’s radio program, “A” and discussed his study about patient violence against those working with people involved in substance abuse, July 17, 2015.

**Scott Jacques**, associate professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), & **Richard Wright**, chair and professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology) had the following media hits about their book, “Code of the Suburb: Inside the World of Suburban Drug Dealing”:

Robbie Friedmann, Professor Emeritus (Criminal Justice and Criminology) and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange-GILEE), had the following media placements on GILEE’s 23rd annual peer-to-peer public safety training program between U.S. and Israeli police chiefs and heads of security:

- The Telegraph, “Law Enforcement Officers from Houston County, Forsyth Train in Israel,” July 12, 2015.
- Calhoun Times, “Georgia State Patrol Captain Returns from Counterterrorism Training in Israel,” July 8, 2015.
- Canton Sixes Patch, “Garrison Completes Counterterrorism Training in Israel: Cherokee County's sheriff was schooled in the latest techniques and technologies by Israel’s top police officers,” July 6, 2015.
- 13WMAZ.com, Macon, Georgia, “Central Georgia police chiefs travel to Israel,” July 7, 2015.
• Clayton News Daily, “Clayton County police Deputy Chief Gina Hawkins returns from counterterrorism training session in Israel,” July 8, 2015.

Grace O, clinical associate professor (Economics), was interviewed on Voice of America about North Korea’s new airport construction, “North Korea, Pyongyang New Airfield ... Propaganda Experts "Lack of Economic Cali," July 4, 2015.

Dennis Young, professor (Public Management and Policy), was quoted in the Chronicle of Philanthropy, “Doomsday Planning 101,” July 2015.


The Center for State and Local Finance had the following media hits:

• State Tax Notes, which shares news and analysis of current state and multistate taxation issues, published dynamic scoring research by Peter Bluestone, senior research associate and Carolyn Bourdeaux, director, in its July 6 edition. The full report is available from the Center for State and Local Finance.
• The Saporta Report published, “Georgia was a Magnet for Lower Income Folks Over the Past 20 Years,” on July 3, 2015, based on the center’s brief, “Changes in Georgia’s Migration Patterns, 1991-2011,” by Sherman A. Cooper, Ph.D. candidate (Public Management and Policy) and Laura Wheeler, senior research associate.
• Scienceline, a project of New York University’s Science, Health, and Environmental Reporting Program, referenced work by the center in an article, “New Law Curbs Georgia’s Electric Car Sales,” June 30, 2015.
A number of news sources published articles or mentions on the center’s new report, “Georgia’s Ranking Among the States: Taxes, Budget and Other Indicators,” which published in June.

- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s “Get Schooled” blog, “Georgia Spends Less on Students Than 39 Other States. Does it Show?”, published findings of the report, June 22, 2015.
- Georgia Insider “Stat of the Week” on June 24, 2015
- Ty Tagami, of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, wrote an article, “Georgia Trails Other States on Educational Spending,” June 19, 2015.

Alumni

Bee Nguyen, (M.P.A. ’12), was featured in the Ladies Home Journal magazine article, “Atlanta’s Own Athena,” Summer 2015.

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