

## Informing Policy at the Federal and State Level



**Karen Minyard**, executive director (Georgia Health Policy Center) and associate research professor (Public Management and Policy) presented at the Congressional Briefing “The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: 15 Years of Transforming Care and Improving Health” hosted by AcademyHealth on January 29, 2014, in Washington, D.C. <http://goo.gl/H42PkH>. While in D.C., Minyard also presented “One Size Does Not Fit All: Models to Inform Evidence-Based Policymaking” at AcademyHealth’s Translation & Dissemination Institute on February 5, 2014.



At the invitation of Georgia Sen. Virgil Flood, **Peter Bluestone** (pictured), senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center) and **John Matthews**, principal associate (Fiscal Research Center), gave a brief summary of the FRC report on the fiscal feasibility of the proposed City of South Fulton to the Governmental Affairs Committee on February 10, 2014.

## Publications



**William A. Pridemore**, Distinguished University Professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology). (2014). The Social Epidemiology of Alcohol and Suicide: The Struggle to Formulate, Debate, and Test Social Theory in the Context of Epidemiology and Public Health Journals. *Addiction*, 109, 191-192. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/add.12426/pdf>.

Pridemore also published an article with the following co-authors:

- Mitchell B. Chamlin (Texas State University); Maria T. Kaylen (Indiana University-Bloomington), and Evgeny M. Andreev (New Economic School, Moscow, Russia). (2014). The Effects of the 2006 Russian Alcohol Policy on Alcohol-related Mortality: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 38, 257-266. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/acer.12256/pdf>.



**Josh Hinkle**, assistant professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology); David Weisburd (Hebrew University and George Mason University); Christine Famega (California State University-San Bernardino); and Justin Ready (Arizona State University). (2014). The Problem is Not Just Sample Size: The consequences of Low Base Rates in Policing Experiments in Smaller Cities. *Evaluation Review*.

<http://erx.sagepub.com/content/early/2014/02/06/0193841X13519799.full.pdf+html>.



**Michael B. Shapiro**, clinical instructor and Alpharetta Center coordinator (Criminal Justice and Criminology) and **M. Lee Brooks** (M.S. Criminology and Criminal Justice, '89). (2013). Protection through Corporate Marketing in Professional Sports. *Peace & Policy: Dialog of Civilizations for Global Citizenship*, 18, 95.



**Glenn Landers**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center) (2014). The Impact of Smoke-Free Laws on Asthma Discharges: A Multistate Analysis. *American Journal of Public Health*, February 2014, 104(2), e74-e79. <http://goo.gl/bjye0Q>.



**Karen Minyard**, executive director (Georgia Health Policy Center) and associate research professor (Public Management and Policy), **Rachel Ferencik**, (pictured), senior research associate and **Mary Ann Phillips**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center); and Chris Soderquist (Pontifex Consulting). (2014). Using Systems Thinking in State Health Policymaking: An Educational Initiative." *Health Systems* advance online publication 17 January 2014. <http://goo.gl/qJ5jj6>.



**Robert Buschman** (pictured), senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), **David L. Sjoquist**, professor (Economics) and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, and James Alm (Tulane University). Foreclosures and Local Government Revenues from the Property Tax: The Case of Georgia School Districts. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, (forthcoming).



**Barry Hirsch** (pictured), professor (Economics) and W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace; **Bruce Kaufman**, professor (Economics); and **Tetyana Zelenska** (Ph.D. Economics '11). Minimum Wage Channels of Adjustment. *Industrial Relations* (Berkeley). (forthcoming).

## Fiscal Research Center Reports/Briefs

The Fiscal Research Center has released a report that finds the proposed City of South Fulton financially feasible. The report provides a series of revenue and expenditure estimates for the new municipality of the City of South Fulton. <http://goo.gl/r5XWXm>.



**Nicholas Warner**, research associate, examines the changes in teacher and administrator education, experience and compensation over the last 10 years with a focus on the possible effect of the “Great Recession in Trends in Georgia School Staffing 2001-2012”. [FRC Brief 266](#) (January 2014).



**Carolyn Bordeaux**, associate professor (Public Management and Policy) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center) and **Nicholas Warner** produced the report, “School District Education Expenditures in Response to the Great Recession.” This report examines the structure of school district expenditures between 2001 and 2012 with a particular focus on changes in instructional expenditures during the recession. [FRC Rpt 265](#) (2014-01) <http://goo.gl/rU6WEY>.

The [2015 Tax Expenditure Report](#) produced by the Fiscal Research Center at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies is now available online. Funded by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, this annual report estimates the reduction in state revenue caused by a variety of tax deductions, exemptions, and credits. <http://goo.gl/dJGVE8>.

## Presentations



**Glenn Landers**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center) presented on the panel “Setting the Foundation” at the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2014 Health Day at the Morehouse School of Medicine on January 16, 2014, in Atlanta, Ga.

## Media Hits

**Nicholas Warner**, research associate (Fiscal Research Center) was featured in the Get Schooled with Maureen Downey column in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* titled “New report: Fewer teachers in Georgia schools, but they have more experience, higher degrees. Steepest declines in rural Georgia.” It ran on February 6, 2014. <http://goo.gl/qJSjzx>.

**Carolyn Bourdeaux**, associate professor (Public Management and Policy) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), commented on recent improvements in states’ revenue outlook on cable television’s *Real Money with Ali Velshi* on February 6, 2014. [http://neighbornewspapers.com/view/full\\_story/24505399/article-South-Fulton-cityhood-feasible--economists-say?instance=all](http://neighbornewspapers.com/view/full_story/24505399/article-South-Fulton-cityhood-feasible--economists-say?instance=all).

**Peter Bluestone**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center) and John Matthews, principal associate (Fiscal Research Center) were featured in a *Google Alert NeighborNewspapers.com* article discussing the feasibility of South Fulton becoming an incorporated city on February 4, 2014. <http://goo.gl/G0uN4U>.

**The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program (GILEE)** was mentioned in an article that was posted on the American Military University site and on Police One titled “Protecting the Games: Law Enforcement’s Olympic Legacy of Information Sharing” on January 30, 2014. <http://goo.gl/roGnaJ>. GILEE was also featured in *The Paper’s* article, “Israel Police Officer Visits Braselton,” on February 20, 2014. <http://goo.gl/UK0tHW>.

## Community Activities and Outreach

The **Andrew Young School of Policy Studies**, along with all colleges at Georgia State University, participated in "GSU Day at the Capitol" on February 5, 2014. Staff from the **Georgia Health Policy and Fiscal Research Centers** attended.

The **Georgia Health Policy Center** (GHPC) was a gold sponsor and participant at the Georgia Rural Health Association annual conference held in Savannah, Ga., on January 13-15, 2014. GHPC was also a bronze level sponsor and participant at the AcademyHealth's National Health Policy Conference and the inaugural National Child Health Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., on February 3-5, 2014.

**Michael Shapiro**, clinical instructor and Alpharetta Center coordinator (Criminal Justice and Criminology), served on a State Bar of Georgia Fee Arbitration panel on February 7, 2014.

## Congratulations!



**Jane Branscomb** was promoted to Senior Research Associate at the Georgia Health Policy Center.



**Lisa M. Shepard**, administrative specialist (Public Management and Policy), received her M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from Georgia Southern University in December 2013.

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