Brown School
Washington University in St. Louis

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APPOINTMENTS

2022- Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, MO

present Assistant Professor, Brown School

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Advancing Health Services, Policy and Economics Research

Faculty Member, Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences

2024- Co-Director, Advocacy / Global Health EXPLORE Pathway, School of Medicine

present Faculty Affiliate, Center for Advancing Health Services, Policy and Economics Research

EDUCATION

2016-2022 Harvard University Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Health Policy

Dissertation: Pressing Challenges in U.S. Health Policy: Polarization, Gun Violence & Discrimination

Committee: Drs. Robert Blendon (chair), Jessica Cohen and David Cutler

2013-2015 Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Boston, MA

S.M. in Health Policy & Management

2005-2009 Carleton College Northfield, MN

B.A. in Sociology & Anthropology, cum laude

Thesis: "The Relationship of Housing Type, Hopelessness, and Isolation to Involvement in Risk Behaviors among Adolescents from Low-Income Neighborhoods."

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2025-2026 State Violence and the Structural Origins of Vaccine Hesitancy

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity (CRE²) and the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Gov't, and Public Policy, Washington Univ. in St. Louis \$40,000 small grant with Dr. Matthew Gabel, Political Science

Bullet Related Injury and Policy in St. Louis and the United States

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis \$5,000 Graduate Course Innovation Grant with Dr. LJ Punch, Power4STL

2024-2025 State Violence and the Structural Origins of Vaccine Hesitancy

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis

Faculty Fellowship

2022- The Relationship between State Violence, Trust in Government, and Vaccine Uptake

present

Transdisciplinary Institute in Applied Data Sciences (TRIADS) and the Weidenbaum

Center on the Economy, Gov't, and Public Policy, Washington Univ. in St. Louis

\$27,295 seed grant

Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis

\$50,000 grant from the COVID-19 and Health Disparities Research Pilot Funds

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis \$1,000 small grant

Co-Principal Investigators:

Caitlin L. McMurtry

Dr. Michael Esposito, University of Minnesota, Sociology

Dr. Darrell Hudson, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Dr. Matthew Gabel, Washington University in St. Louis, Political Science

2023present

Building community capacity for the study of health equity among Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander populations in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis \$4,000 Research Working Group

Principal Investigator: Dr. Bailey Martin-Giacalone, postdoctoral fellow

Co-Investigators: Caitlin L. McMurtry

Dr. Sunny Lin, Washington Univ. School of Medicine

Dr. Bomin Kim, Washington Univ. Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts

Dr. Sabnam Ghosh, Washington Univ. Arts and Sciences

2021-2022 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$32,090)

Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2018-2019 T32 Training Fellowship (\$24,324)

U.S Dep't of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

2018 Summer Predissertation Fellowship (\$3,000)

Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2014 Summer Internship Grant (\$5,000)

Dep't of Health Policy and Management, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

2013-2015 George Gund Fellowship (\$30,000)

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Healthy Communities Wyandotte Learning Laboratory Grant (\$100,000) 2012-2013

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Co-Principal Investigator with Joe Connor of the Unified Government of Wyandotte

County and Kansas City, KS

AWARDS & HONORS

2024	Brown School Teaching Excellence Award for Full-Time Faculty
2020 2020	Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School Distinction in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School
2019	Distinction in Teaching, Harvard College

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

(* publications with students, +senior author)

- 12. **McMurtry CL**, *Cheu, R. 2025. "Political Polarization during Disease Outbreaks: A Meta-Analysis of Historical Survey Data from Polio to COVID-19." *American Journal of Public Health*, published online ahead of print, e1-e13.
- 11. **McMurtry CL**. 2025. "The Changing Politics of Guns in America." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, published online ahead of print, 11995176.
- 10. McMurtry CL, Givens ML, Bailey ZD, Graetz N, Fleming PJ, Petteway RJ, Pacheco J, Gollust SE, Heller JC, Lee HE, Pollack Porter KM, Johnson S, Michener JD, LeBrón AMW, Bailey AK, Bloyd J, Creary M, Ornelas IJ. "Why Building Power is Key to Protecting Academic Public Health and Advancing Health Equity." Forthcoming, American Journal of Public Health.
- 9. *Kalulu P, *Fisher A, *Whitter G, *Sener IE, Doering M, Carter DB, Gabel M, Ding J, Esposito M, **McMurtry CL**, Sopory P, Huffman MD. 2025. "Trust, Trust Repair, and Public Health: A Scoping Review." *Frontiers in Public Health*, 35:1560089.
- 8. *Strombom NA, **McMurtry CL**. "The Trials of Performing Firearm Legal and Legislative Research." Accepted, *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics*.
- 7. SteelFisher GK, **McMurtry CL**, Caporello H, Lubell KM, Koonin LM, Neri AJ, Ben-Porath EN, Mehotra A, McGowan E, Espino LC, Barnett ML. 2023. "Video Telemedicine Experiences In COVID-19 Were Positive, but Physicians and Patients Prefer In-Person Care for the Future." *Health Affairs*, 42(4):575-584.
- SteelFisher GK, McMurtry CL, Caporello HL, McGowan E, Schafer TJ, Lubell K, Friedman AL, Allen J, Shockey C, Grady A, Ben-Porath EN. 2021. "Experiences and Views of Domestic Summer Travelers During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Findings from a National Survey." Health Security, 19(3):338-348.
- 5. **McMurtry CL**, Findling MG, Casey LS, Blendon RJ, Benson JM, Sayde JM, Miller C. 2019. "Discrimination in the United States: Experiences of Asian Americans." *Health Services Research*, 54(6): 1419-1430.
- 4. Blendon RJ, Benson JM, **McMurtry CL**. 2019. "The Upcoming U.S. Health Care Cost Debate The Public's Views." New England Journal of Medicine, 380(26):2487-2492.
- 3. Blendon RJ, Benson JM, **McMurtry CL**. 2018. "Health Care in the 2018 Election." New England Journal of Medicine, 379(18):e32.
- 2. Sommers BD, **McMurtry CL**, Blendon RJ, Benson JM, Sayde JM. 2017. "Beyond Health Insurance: Remaining Disparities in U.S. Health Care in the Post-ACA Era." *Milbank Quarterly*, 95(1):43-69.
- 1. Hero JO, **McMurtry CL**, Benson JM., Blendon RJ. 2016. "Discussing Opioid Risks with Patients to Reduce Misuse and Abuse: Evidence from Two Surveys." *Annals of Family Medicine*, 14(6):575-577.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

(* publications with students, +senior author)

 Wang Y, McMurtry CL, Han HS. "Investigating the Impact of Kansas City's Tenant Right to Counsel Law on Eviction Outcomes."

• *Siamof C, *Youssef M, *McMurtry CL. "Health Policy on the Ballot: Predictors of Successful Measures, 2010-2024." Revise and resubmit.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Blendon RJ, **McMurtry CL**, Benson JM, Sayde JM. 2017. "Consumers' Experiences with and Attitudes about Their Health Care," William D. Nelson, ed., *Advances in Business and Management*, Volume 11, chapter 3. New York: Nova Science Publishers.

WORKING PAPERS & RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

(* publications with students, +senior author)

- **McMurtry CL**, *Anders V, *Boyd R. "The Role of Physicians in Abortion Ballot Initiative Debates: Analysis of News Media Coverage in Five States."
- **McMurtry CL**, *Boyd, R. "Radicalized by *Dobbs*? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Women's Abortion Opinions Before and After the End of *Roe v. Wade.*"
- McMurtry CL, Esposito M, *Clark S, *Koehle H, *Romo Alba C, *Moss J. "Distrust Just Trickles All the Way Down': Narratives of Police Contact, Trust, and Vaccine Hesitancy among Black and White Adults."
- McMurtry CL, *Gutierrez Sacasa N. "Trust in Police Before and After BLM: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Survey Data."
- **McMurtry CL,** *Howerton I. "A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Public Opinion on Access to Care for Transgender Americans."
- **McMurtry CL**, *Pavlides C. "Teaching the Patchwork Quilt of Health Insurance Coverage in the US: A Visual Pedagogical Tool."
- *Sauermann A, *McMurtry CL. "Association of Trust in Government and Firearm Ownership Trends: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Survey Data."
- McMurtry CL, Aaron MB, Esposito MH. "Analysis of Permitless Carry Laws and Rates of Firearm Deaths in the United States."

TECHNICAL REPORTS & BLOG POSTS

- 19. SteelFisher, G.K., McMurtry, C. L., & Caporello, H. May 2021. "Travel in the Summer of 2021: Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Perspectives." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC).
- 18. SteelFisher, G.K., McMurtry, C. L., & Caporello, H. April 2021. "Mask-Wearing and Vaccination in the Evolving COVID-19 Context: A Tracking Survey for Communication Strategy, Wave II." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC).

- 17. SteelFisher, G.K., McMurtry, C. L., & Caporello, H. February 2021. "Mask-Wearing and Vaccination in the Evolving COVID-19 Context: A Tracking Survey for Communication Strategy, Wave I." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC).
- 16. SteelFisher, G.K., McMurtry, C. L., & Caporello, H. July 2020. "Contact Tracing During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Survey to Support Technical Assistance for State, Local, Territorial, and Federal Communications." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC).
- 15. SteelFisher, G.K., McMurtry, C. L., & Caporello, H. July 2020. "Domestic Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Survey to Support Technical Assistance for State, Local, Territorial, and Federal Communications." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC).
- 14. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. November 2019. "Americans' Views on CBD Products and Marijuana for Recreational Use." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
- 13. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. August 2019. "Americans' Views on Data Privacy and E-Cigarettes." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
- 12. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. March 2019. "The Public and High U.S. Health Care Costs." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
- 11. Blendon, R. J., McMurtry, C. L., Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. October 2018. "Voters and Health Care in the 2018 Congressional Election." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
- 10. Blendon, R. J., McMurtry, C. L., Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. July 2018. "Americans' Views on Policies to Address Prescription Drug Prices, the Opioid Crisis, and Other Current Domestic Issues." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
- Blendon, R. J., Casey, L. S., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. December 2017.
 "Discrimination in America: Experiences and Views of Asian Americans." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for NPR and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- 8. Blendon, R. J., Casey, L. S., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. December 2017. "Discrimination in America: Experiences and Views of Native Americans." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for NPR and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- 7. Blendon, R. J., McMurtry, C. L., Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. September 2016. "The Opioid Abuse Crisis is a Rare Area of Bipartisan Consensus." *Health Affairs Forefront*.
- 6. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. May 2016. "Americans' Attitudes about Changing Current Prescription Drug and Medical Device Regulation." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *STAT News*.
- 5. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. March 2016. "Americans' Attitudes about Cancer." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *STAT News*.

- 4. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. March 2016. "Americans' Attitudes about Prescription Painkiller Abuse." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for STAT News.
- 3. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. February 2016. "Patients' Perspectives on Health Care in the United States: A Look at Seven States and the Nation." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for NPR and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- 2. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. November 2015. "The Controversy of Rising Drug Prices: The Public's Views." Harvard Opinion Research Program report for STAT News.
- 1. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., McMurtry, C. L., & Sayde, J. M. October 2015. "Americans' Perspectives on E-Cigarettes" Harvard Opinion Research Program report for STAT News.

TEACHING

Washington University in St. Louis

Brown School (graduate level)

S55-6107: Skill Lab: Gun Violence Epidemiology and Policy in the United States, Instructor Fall 2024, one section

S55-6108: Skill Lab: Political Strategy for Gun Policy in the United States, Instructor Fall 2024, one section

S55-5910: Public Health Seminar I, Discussion Leader

Fall 2024, two sections

S40-5742: Health Administration and Policy, Instructor

Spring 2024, one section; Fall 2023, one section; Spring 2023, two sections Guest speaker: Governor Jay Nixon (D-MO)

Medical School (graduate level)

M81-725: Infectious Diseases and Health Equity (KISC), Co-Instructor

Fall 2024 and Fall 2025, one section

Advocacy and Global Health EXPLORE Pathway, Co-Lead

Summer 2025

Guest speaker: Governors Jay Nixon (D-MO)

Harvard University

Harvard Kennedy School (graduate level)

API 201: Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods; Fall 2019 teaching fellow

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (graduate level)

HPM 552: Health Policy and Leadership with Gov. Peter Shumlin; Fall 2019 teaching fellow

HPM 552: Health Policy and Leadership with Gov. Ted Strickland; Spring 2018 teaching fellow

HPM 247: Political Analysis and Strategy for U.S. Health Policy; Spring 2017, 2019 teaching fellow Course crosslisted with Harvard Kennedy School

Harvard College (undergraduate level)

USW 11: American Health Care Policy; Spring 2019 teaching fellow (two sections)

Harvard X (massive open online course)

U.S. Health Policy; Winter 2014 teaching assistant

ADVISING

(*indicates a manuscript coauthor)

Dissertation Advisees

Hannah Kinzer (Washington University in St. Louis, Public Health Sciences PhD), current [§]Izzy Howerton (Washington University in St. Louis, Public Health Sciences PhD), current

Current

*Victoria Anders (MPH)

*Armin Sauermann (PhD)

*Ri'enna Boyd (PhD)

Maddie Hayes (MPH)

Brynn Lau (MPH)

*Han Koehle (PhD)

*Jayda Moss (MPH)

*Cinthia Romo Alba (PhD)

Al Setili (MPH)

*Cerise Siamof (MD)

Nichole Stonich (MPH)

*Yi Wang (postdoc)

Regina Xu (MPH)

*Michael Youssef (MD)

Past *Rachana Cheu (MPH) *Bailey Martin-Giacalone (postdoc)

Shannon Chiu (MD/MPH)

Cassandra Ezike (MPH)

Raul Gierbolini (PhD)

Lorna Pineda (MPH)

Shri Sendilkumar (MPH)

Kush Sharma (MPH)

*Nicole Strombom (PhD)

EMPLOYMENT

Harvard Opinion Research Program Boston, MA

2016-2022 Research Fellow 2015-2016 Research Assistant

United States Senate Washington, DC

2014 Health Policy Intern

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

Kansas City, KS

2012-2013 Program Coordinator for Health Communities Wyandotte

Kansas Health Institute Topeka, KS

2010-2012 Analyst

2009-2010 Research Assistant

University of Alabama at Birmingham Mobile, AL

2007 Research Intern

PRESENTATIONS

2025 Invited speaker: "Polarization, Trust, and Vaccines: National Trends and Lessons Learned."

University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Vaccine ECHO Series, virtual

Podium presentation: "Radicalized by Dobbs? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of

Women's Abortion Opinions Before and After the End of Roe v. Wade."

Health Politics and Policy Conference, Dartmouth College, Lebanon, New Hampshire

2024 Invited speaker: "Election 2024: Health Policy Platform Comparison." Washington Univ. School of Medicine, Health Economics and Policy Interest Group Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis Invited panelist: "Navigating Charged Topics in the Classroom" Center for Teaching and Learning, Washington University in St. Louis Podium presentation: "Differences in Policy Contact, Trust, and Accountability by Race: Findings from Focus Groups in Milwaukee." Interdisciplinary Assn. for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Annual Meeting Guest Lecture: "Health Equity and Advocacy." Introduction to Global Health, WashU School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO Invited speaker / podium presentation: "Association of Lead Exposure and COVID-19 Mortality at the County Level: Environmental Racism and Pandemic Preparedness" Washington Univ. in St. Louis, Ctr for Adv. Health Serv., Policy, & Econ. Research Washington University in St. Louis, GlobeMed Hilltop Conference 2023 Discussant: "Effects of Permitless Carry on Violent Crime and Injury" American Society of Health Economists Invited speaker: "Discrimination in the United States: Experiences of Asian Americans." Univ. of Michigan, School of Public Health, Dep't of Health Management and Policy 2022 Guest lecture: "The Politics of U.S. Health Policy" Influencing Policy Implementation, Washington University in St. Louis Health Administration and Policy, Washington University in St. Louis Invited speaker / podium presentation: "Political Polarization during Disease Outbreaks: A 2021-2023 Historical Analysis of Survey Data from Polio to COVID-19" AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (poster) AHRQ NRSA Trainees Research Conference American Political Science Association Annual Meeting American Public Health Association Annual Meeting SUNY-Buffalo, School of Public Health and Health Professions Tulane School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Public Health UCLA, Fielding School of Public Health, Health Policy and Management (declined) UCSD, Wertheim School of Public Health, Division of Health Policy University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Department of Public Health University of Texas at Austin, Department of Political Science Univ. of Michigan, School of Public Health, Dep't of Health Management and Policy Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School Washington University in St. Louis, Transdisciplinary Inst. in Applied Data Science Washington University in St. Louis, Digital Transformation Symposium 2020 Invited panelist: "Confronting Xenophobia and Supporting our Asian Community During COVID-19," Massachusetts General Hospital Guest lecture: "The Politics of U.S. Health Policy" 2019 American Health Care Policy, Harvard College Guest lecture: "The Fundamentals of American Government" Political Analysis and Strategy for U.S. Health Policy, Harvard Kennedy School & Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

2017	Invited speaker: "Integrating Social Services into Mental Health Care for Minority Populations," National Academy for State Health Policy and Massachusetts General Hospital
	Guest lecture: "The U.S. Political System," Political Analysis and Strategy for U.S. Health Policy, Harvard Kennedy School & Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
2013, 2012	Guest lecture: "Kansas Health Impact Assessment Project: Examining Casino Development Legislation and Its Effects on Health," University of Kansas
2012	"Mobilizing Multi-Sectoral Partners to Transition from Community Health Data into Action" with Joe Reardon and Joe Connor, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
	"Kansas: Assessing State Gaming Legislation and Engaging Diverse Stakeholders," National Health Impact Assessment Meeting
	Invited speaker: "Healthy Communities Wyandotte: Implementing Community Health Improvement Plans through Multi-Sectoral Collaboration," Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds, University of Kansas Medical Center
	Invited speaker: "Take Action: Evaluating Actions In-Depth," County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, webinar
	Invited speaker: "Home Visiting: Identifying Communities at Risk in Kansas," Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program presentation series, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, webinar
2011	"Multisectoral Perspectives on Using County Health Rankings to Mobilize Community Action" with Joe Reardon and Joe Connor, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
2010	"Personal Responsibility for Health: Implications for Policymakers" with Tatiana Lin, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting Invited speaker: "KATCH Evaluation: Project Overview and Relationship to PRAMS," Kansas Blue Ribbon Panel on Infant Mortality

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Associations:

Member, AcademyHealth

Member, American Political Science Association (APSA), Health Policy and Politics (HPP) Section

Member, American Public Health Association (APHA)

Member, American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)

Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

Member, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)

Ad Hoc Scientific Journal Reviews: Ethnicity & Health; Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law; Social Currents

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional:

2023-present Founding Member, Health and Power Organizing Project (HPOP), University

of Wisconsin-Madison and W.K. Kellogg Foundation

University:

Brown School

2025-present Member, Connecting at Brown Committee

Washington University in St. Louis

2023-2024 Geospatial Public Health Interest Group Co-Lead, Transdisciplinary Institute in

Applied Data Science (TRIADS)

2023 Member, Undergraduate Public Health Major Committee

Community:

2025-present Power4STL, St. Louis, MO

Revitalization of Baden Association, St. Louis, MO