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APPOINTMENTS

2022-present	Washington University in St. Louis 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	St. Louis, MO
2024-present	Co-Director, Advocacy / Global Health EXPLORE Pathway, School of Medicine Faculty Affiliate, Center for Advancing Health Services, Policy and Economics Research	

EDUCATION

2016-2022	Harvard University Ph.D. in Health Policy Dissertation: <i>Pressing Challenges in U.S. Health Policy: Polarization, Gun Violence & Discrimination</i> Committee: Drs. Robert Blendon (chair), Jessica Cohen, and David Cutler	Cambridge, MA
2013-2015	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health S.M. in Health Policy & Management	Boston, MA
2005-2009	Carleton College B.A. in Sociology & Anthropology, <i>cum laude</i> Thesis: "The Relationship of Housing Type, Hopelessness, and Isolation to Involvement in Risk Behaviors among Adolescents from Low-Income Neighborhoods."	Northfield, MN

AWARDS & HONORS

2025	Adrienne Davis Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, MO
2024	Brown School Teaching Excellence Award for Full-Time Faculty Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
2020	Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2020	Distinction in Student Teaching Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2019	Distinction in Teaching Harvard College, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

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PUBLICATIONS & ASSOCIATED MEDIA COVERAGE

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles & Commentaries

(*publications with students or mentees, †senior author)

15. *Sauermaun, A. & †McMurtry, C. L. Armed Against the State: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of the Relationship Between Household Gun Ownership and Trust in Government, 1973-2024. Accepted, *American Journal of Public Health*.
14. * Wang, Y., McMurtry, C. L., & Han, H. S. (2026). [Investigating the impact of Kansas City's tenant right to counsel program on eviction court outcomes](#). *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2026.2658609>
13. *Siamof, C. M., *Youssef, M., †McMurtry, C. L. (2026) [Health Policy on the Ballot: Predictors of Successful Measures, 2010-2024](#). Forthcoming, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. <https://doi.org/10.1215/03616878-12461755>
12. McMurtry, C. L., *Cheu, R. (2025) [Political Polarization During Disease Outbreaks: A Meta-Analysis of Archival Survey Data From Polio to COVID-19](#). *American Journal of Public Health*, 116(1), 124–136. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2025.308226>
 - Selected by the journal as a Continuing (Medical) Education (CME/CE) offering
11. McMurtry, C. L., Givens, M. L., Bailey, Z. D., Graetz, N., Fleming, P. J., Petteway, R. J., Pacheco, J., Gollust, S. E., Heller, J. C., Lee, H. E., Porter, K. M. P., Johnson, S., Michener, J. D., LeBrón, A. M. W., Bailey, A. K., Bloyd, J., Creary, M., & Ornelas, I. J. (2025). [Why Building Power Is Key to Protecting Academic Public Health and Advancing Health Equity](#). *American Journal of Public Health*, 115(11), 1783–1788. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2025.308210>
10. McMurtry C. L. (2025) [The Changing Politics of Guns in America](#). *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, 50(6), 971-993. <https://doi.org/10.1215/03616878-11995176>
 - Schmelzer, P. (2026, Spring) [Four Ways to Reduce Gun Violence](#). *Carleton College Voice*.
 - Meinzer, M. (2025, December 16) [In This Politically Polarized Moment, More Queers are Reaching for Guns](#). *Out In STL*.
 - Brown, S. (2025, December 4) [One man's story of survival meets new ideas on preventing gun violence](#). *The St. Louis American*.
9. *Kalulu, P., *Fisher, A., *Whitter, G., *Sener, I., Doering, M., Carter, D. B., Gabel, M., Ding, J., Esposito, M., McMurtry, C. L., Sopory, P., & Huffman, M. D. (2025). [Trust, trust repair, and public health: a scoping review](#). *Frontiers in Public Health*, 13, 1560089. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2025.1560089>
8. *Strombom, N. A., †McMurtry, C. L. (2025) The Trials of Performing Firearm Legal and Legislative Research. Accepted, *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics*.
7. SteelFisher, G. K., McMurtry, C. L., Caporello, H., Lubell, K. M., Koonin, L. M., Neri, A. J., Ben-Porath, E. N., Mehrotra, A., McGowan, E., Espino, L. C., & Barnett, M. L. (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. <https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2022.01027>
6. SteelFisher, G. K., McMurtry, C. L., Caporello, H. L., McGowan, E., Schafer, T. J., Lubell, K. M., Friedman, A. L., Allen, J., Shockey, C., Grady, A., & Ben-Porath, E. N. (2021). [Experiences and](#)

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[Views of Domestic Summer Travelers During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Findings from a National Survey](#). *Health Security*, 19(3), 338–348. <https://doi.org/10.1089/hs.2020.0212>

5. **McMurtry, C. L.**, Findling, M. G., Casey, L. S., Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., Sayde, J. M., & Miller, C. (2019). [Discrimination in the United States: Experiences of Asian Americans](#). *Health Services Research*, 54(Suppl 2), 1419–1430. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.13225>
4. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., & **McMurtry, C. L.** (2019). [The Upcoming U.S. Health Care Cost Debate - The Public's Views](#). *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 380(26), 2487–2492. <https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMp1905710>
3. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., & **McMurtry, C. L.** (2018). [Health Care in the 2018 Election](#). *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 379(18), e32. <https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMs1813425>
2. Sommers, B. D., **McMurtry, C. L.**, Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. (2017). [Beyond Health Insurance: Remaining Disparities in US Health Care in the Post-ACA Era](#). *The Milbank Quarterly*, 95(1), 43–69. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0009.12245>
1. Hero, J. O., **McMurtry, C. L.**, Benson, J., & Blendon, R. (2016). [Discussing Opioid Risks with Patients to Reduce Misuse and Abuse: Evidence from Two Surveys](#). *The Annals of Family Medicine*, 14(6), 575–577. <https://doi.org/10.1370/afm.1994>

Other Publications (non-peer-reviewed)

1. Blendon, R. J., **McMurtry, C. L.**, Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. (2016, September 12). [The Opioid Abuse Crisis is a Rare Area of Bipartisan Consensus](#). *Health Affairs Forefront*. <https://doi.org/10.1377/forefront.20160912.056470>

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Blendon, R. J., **McMurtry, C. L.**, Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. (2017) [Consumers' Experiences with and Attitudes about Their Health Care](#). In W. D. Nelson (Ed.), *Advances in Business and Management, Volume 11* (pp. 63-90). Nova Science Publishers, Inc.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

(publications with students or post-doctoral mentees, +senior author)

- **McMurtry, C. L.**, *Anders, V., & *Boyd, R. News Media Analysis of Provider Advocacy on Abortion Initiatives in Battleground States after *Dobbs*. Under review.
- Martin-Giacalone, B. A., *Agrawal, A., Ghosh, S., Kim, B., Gu, X. J., *Nguyen, K. A., Lin, S. C., & †**McMurtry, C. L.** Examining Race and Place to Advance Health Equity: Perspectives from Asian Americans in 'Flyover Country.' Under review.
- Kaser, T. M., Lew, D., Lappin, J., Rubsamen, M., Kranker, L. M., Szoko, N., Eguchi Inaba, M., Santucci, N. M., Miller, Z., Cooper, B., **McMurtry, C. L.**, Fleckman, J., & Mueller, K. A Cross-Sectional Study Evaluating the Accuracy of ICD-10 Codes for Classifying Firearm Injury Intent. Under review.

WORKING PAPERS & RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

(* publications with students or post-doctoral mentees, +senior author)

- **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*."

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- **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**, *Pavrides C. “Teaching the Patchwork Quilt of Health Insurance Coverage in the US: A Visual Pedagogical Tool.”

TECHNICAL REPORTS & ASSOCIATED MEDIA COVERAGE

20. SteelFisher, G.K., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Caporello, H. (2021, May) [Telemedicine as a Public Health Strategy: Perspectives of Patients](#). 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).
19. SteelFisher, G.K., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Caporello, H. (2021, May). [Telemedicine as a Public Health Strategy: Perspectives of Physicians](#). 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. (2021, May) [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).
 - ASTHO (2021). [Travel in the Summer of 2021: Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Perspectives](#).
17. SteelFisher, G.K., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Caporello, H. (2021, April) [Mask-Wearing and Vaccination in the Evolving COVID-19 Context: 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).
 - ASTHO (2021). [Mask-Wearing and Vaccination: Wave II](#).
16. SteelFisher, G.K., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Caporello, H. (2021, February) [Mask-Wearing and Vaccination in the Evolving COVID-19 Context: 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).
15. SteelFisher, G.K., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Caporello, H. (2020, July) [Contact Tracing During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). 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. SteelFisher, G.K., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Caporello, H. (2020, July) [Domestic Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). 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).

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13. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2019, November) [Americans' Views on CBD Products and Marijuana for Recreational Use](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
 - Fertig, N. (2019, November 5) [POLITICO-Harvard poll: Despite vaping crisis, Americans view e-cigarettes as far more dangerous than marijuana](#). *Politico*.
12. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2019, August) [Americans' Views on Data Privacy and E-Cigarettes](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
 - Allen, A. (2019, August 26) [POLITICO-Harvard poll: Americans worried about data hacks, want higher taxes on e-cigs](#). *Politico*.
11. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2019, March) [The Public and High U.S. Health Care Costs](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
 - Kenen, J. (2019, April 3). [Obamacare fight obscures America's real health care crisis: Money](#). *Politico*.
 - Rayasam, R. (2019, March 29) [Poll: Americans blame pharma, insurers and providers for high health costs](#). *Politico*.
10. Blendon, R. J., **McMurtry, C. L.**, Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. (2018, October) [Voters and Health Care in the 2018 Congressional Election](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
 - Cancryn, A. (2018, October 12) [POLITICO-Harvard poll: Most Democratic voters driven by desire to ice GOP health agenda](#). *Politico*.
9. Blendon, R. J., **McMurtry, C. L.**, Benson, J. M., & Sayde, J. M. (2018, July) [Americans' Views on Policies to Address Prescription Drug Prices, the Opioid Crisis, and Other Current Domestic Issues](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *Politico*.
 - Lauinger, J. (2018, July 30) [Poll indicates some support for farm subsidies](#). *Politico*.
 - Karlin-Smith, S. & Ehley, B. (2018, July 23) [Americans skeptical of Trump's drug plan — if they've even heard of it](#). *Politico*.
8. Blendon, R. J., Casey, L. S., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2017, December) [Discrimination in America: Experiences and Views of Asian Americans](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for NPR and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
 - NPR Special Series: [You, Me and Them: Experiencing Discrimination in America](#).
7. Blendon, R. J., Casey, L. S., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2017, December) [Discrimination in America: Experiences and Views of Native Americans](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for NPR and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
6. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2016, May) [Americans' Attitudes about Changing Current Prescription Drug and Medical Device Regulation](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *STAT News*.
 - Nather, D. & Kaplan, S. (2016, May 11). [Public wary of faster approvals of new drugs, STAT-Harvard poll finds](#). *STAT News*.
5. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2016, March) [Americans' Attitudes about Cancer](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *STAT News*.
 - Nather, D. (2016, March 25). [Cancer research 'moonshot' wins enthusiastic support in STAT-Harvard poll](#). *STAT News*.
4. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2016, March) [Americans' Attitudes about Prescription Painkiller Abuse](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *STAT News*.
 - Scott, D. (2016, March 17). [1 in 3 Americans blame doctors for national opioid epidemic, STAT-Harvard poll finds](#). *STAT News*.

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3. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2016, February) [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.
 - National News Coverage
 - NPR Special Series: [Perceptions Of Health](#).
 - State News Coverage
 - Aboraya, A. (2016, March 31). [In Florida, the Doctor Will See You – Eventually](#). WMFE / Central Florida Public Media.
 - Petrie, B. (2016, February 29). [Wisconsin Leads the Nation in Post-ACA Non-Emergency ER Visits](#). WUWM.
 - Thompson, B. (2016, February 29). [Poll: Health Reform, Costs Of Care Concern Kansans](#). KCUR.
 - Thompson, B. (2016, February 19). [Poll Measures Kansans' Attitudes Toward ACA Health Care](#). KMUW.
 - Watts, L. (2016, March 10). [1 in 4 Floridians Give Low Marks to ER Care](#). WUSF.
 - Watts, L. (2016, March 8). [Poll Shows Health Care Divide In Florida](#). WUSF.
2. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2015, December) [The Controversy of Rising Drug Prices: The Public's Views](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *STAT News*.
 - Nather, D. (2015, December 1). [STAT-Harvard poll: Dismayed by drug process, public supports Democrats' ideas](#). *STAT News*.
 - Scott, D. (2015, December 1). [As outrage over prices grows, public sours on the drug industry](#). *STAT News*.
1. Blendon, R. J., Benson, J. M., **McMurtry, C. L.**, & Sayde, J. M. (2015, November) [Americans' Perspectives on E-Cigarettes](#). Harvard Opinion Research Program report for *STAT News*.
 - Nather, D. & Kaplan, S. (2015, November 9). [E-cigarettes widely seen as harmful in STAT-Harvard poll](#). *STAT News*.
 - Skerrett, P. (2015, November 9). Experts debate: [How tightly should e-cigarettes be regulated?](#) *STAT News*.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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|--------------|---|
| 2025-2026 | <p><i>State Violence and the Structural Origins of Vaccine Hesitancy</i></p> <p>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</p> <p>\$40,000 small grant with Dr. Matthew Gabel, Political Science</p> <p><i>Bullet Related Injury and Policy in St. Louis and the United States</i></p> <p>Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis</p> <p>\$5,000 Graduate Course Innovation Grant with Dr. LJ Punch, Power4STL</p> |
| 2024-2025 | <p><i>State Violence and the Structural Origins of Vaccine Hesitancy</i></p> <p>Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis</p> <p>Faculty Fellowship</p> |
| 2022-present | <p><i>The Relationship between State Violence, Trust in Government, and Vaccine Uptake</i></p> <p>Transdisciplinary Institute in Applied Data Sciences (TRIADS) and the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Gov't, and Public Policy, Washington Univ. in St. Louis</p> <p>\$27,295 seed grant</p> <p>Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis</p> |

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\$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

2023-present *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

2012-2013 Healthy Communities Wyandotte Learning Laboratory Grant (\$100,000)
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Co-Principal Investigator with Joe Connor of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

TEACHING

Washington University in St. Louis

Brown School (graduate level)

SWFN-5003: Social, Economic, and Political Environment, Instructor

Spring 2026; one section

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

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S55-5910: Public Health Seminar I, Discussion Leader

Fall 2024; two sections

S40-5742: Health Administration and Policy, Instructor

Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024; four sections

Guest speaker: Governor Jay Nixon (D-MO)

School of Public Health (graduate level)

PHL-6014: Bullet Related Injury and Policy in St. Louis and the United States, co-taught with community-based trauma surgeon and founder of the Bullet Related Injury Clinic, Dr. LJ Punch

Spring 2026; one section

Medical School (graduate level)

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

Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026; 3 sections

Advocacy and Global Health EXPLORE Pathway, Co-Lead

Summer 2025, Summer 2026; 2 sections

Guest speakers: Governors Jay Nixon (D-MO) and Mike Parson (R-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

MENTORING & ADVISING

(*indicates a manuscript coauthor)

Dissertation Committee and Qualifying Exam Member: Hannah Kinzer. Washington University in St. Louis, Bursky School of Public Health, Public Health Sciences Ph.D. (2026), Placement: CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service.

Dissertation Committee and Qualifying Exam Member: *Ri'enna Boyd. Washington University in St. Louis, Bursky School of Public Health, Public Health Sciences Ph.D. (expected 2028).

Dissertation Committee and Qualifying Exam Member: *Izzy Howerton. Washington University in St. Louis, Bursky School of Public Health, Public Health Sciences Ph.D. (expected 2028).

Current

*Annika Agrawal (MD)

*Ri'enna Boyd (PhD)

*Anwesha Chatterjee (PhD)

*Nathalia Gutiérrez Sacasa (MPH)

*Izzy Howerton (PhD)

*Han Koehle (PhD)

*Lauren Nacke (PhD)

*Claire Pavlides (MPH)

*Cinthia Romo Alba (PhD)

*Armin Sauermann (PhD)

*Cerise Siamof (MD)

*Yi Wang (postdoc)

Regina Xu (MPH)

*Michael Youssef (MD)

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Past	*Victoria Anders (MPH)	*Jayda Moss (MPH)
	*Rachana Cheu (MPH)	Lorna Pineda (MPH)
	Shannon Chiu (MD/MPH)	Shri Sendilkumar (MPH)
	Cassandra Ezike (MPH)	Al Setili (MPH)
	Raul Gierbolini (PhD)	Kush Sharma (MPH)
	Maddie Hayes (MPH)	Nichole Stonich (MPH)
	Brynn Lau (MPH)	*Nicole Strombom (PhD)
	*Bailey Martin-Giacalone (postdoc)	

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

2026	Guest Lecture: "U.S. Health Insurance Primer."
	Global Health Residency Scholars Pathway, WashU School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
	Guest Lecture: "State Politics and Policymaking."
	M.A. Politics Seminar, Columbia Journalism School, New York City, NY
	Invited speaker: "Op-Ed Workshop."
	Health Advocacy Case Conference, Washington Univ. Sch. of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
2025	Invited speaker: "Ballot Initiatives, Healthcare, and Health Equity."
	Gephardt Institute, Civic Action Week, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
	(presented with MD student and co-author, Cerise Siamof)
	Invited speaker: "Polarization, Trust, and Vaccines: Trends and Lessons Learned."
	University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Vaccine ECHO Series, virtual
	Podium presentation: "Radicalized by <i>Dobbs</i> ? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Women's Abortion Opinions Before and After the End of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> ."
	Health Politics and Policy Conference, Dartmouth College, Lebanon, New Hampshire
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada (presented by PhD student and co-author, Ri'enna Boyd)
	Podium presentation: "Armed Against the State: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of the Relationship Between Household Gun Ownership and Trust in Government Over Time." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada (presented by PhD student and co-author, Armin Sauermann)

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- Podium presentation: “Trusted Voices: Physician Perspectives in Media on Abortion Ballot Initiatives.” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
(presented by MPH student and co-author, Victoria Anders)
- Guest Lecture: “Primer on the US Health Insurance System.”
Introduction to Global Health, WashU School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
- 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 Permittless Carry on Violent Crime and Injury”
American Society of Health Economists annual meeting, St. Louis, MO
- 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
- 2021-2023
- Invited speaker / podium presentation: “Political Polarization during Disease Outbreaks: A 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
- 2019
- Guest lecture: “The Politics of U.S. Health Policy”

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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, San Francisco, CA.
“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, 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, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)
Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

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

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SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional:

- 2026-present At-Large Member, Executive Council, Health Politics and Policy Section, American Political Science Association
- 2025-present Member, Leonard S. Robins Award for Best Paper on Health Politics and Policy, Health Politics and Policy Section, American Political Science Association
- 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:

- 2026-present 314 Oasis, St. Louis, MO
- 2025-2026 Bullet Related Injury Clinic (BRIC), St. Louis, MO
- Revitalization of Baden Association (ROBA), St. Louis, MO