

HPM HIGHLIGHTS

HPM IN ACTION

HPM faculty weigh in on the health care debate.

- ❖ Bob Blendon co-authored a special report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (October 10, 2012), based on comprehensive polling, that states likely voters rank health care as the second most important issue in their Presidential vote choice.
- ❖ In that same edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, John McDonough, co-wrote a Perspective piece on Health Care Policy under President Romney.
- ❖ Several HPM faculty members including Bob Blendon, Kate Baicker, Milt Weinstein and Meredith Rosenthal, contributed their perspectives on Public Health and the U.S. Economy in the Fall issue of *Harvard Public Health*.

Anne Occhipinti was selected to participate in Harvard's Administrative Fellowship Program (AFP). AFP offers program participants a rich administrative work experience complemented by an innovative leadership education and professional development program.

Nancy Kane was recently named Special Advisor to the Dean for Teaching and Learning.

Nancy Turnbull has taken on the role of Director of the Office for Educational Programs, HSPH.



**HPM Pumpkinfest:
A Delicious October 30th !**

HPM Faculty Recognized for Injury Prevention at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

The Injury center at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention paid tribute "[to 20 leaders and visionaries](#) who have had a transformative effect on the field on violence and injury prevention." Two current HPM faculty were recognized at APHA on October 29, 2012: David Hemenway, Professor of Health Policy and Director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, and Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Adjunct Professor of the Practice of Public Health.

HPM Comings and Goings

Welcome new HPM team members

- ❖ Robyn Chrchill, Research Associate, working with Atul Gawande's team
- ❖ Jean Costa-Font, Harkness Fellow, working with Kathy Swartz
- ❖ Gifty Kwakye, Safe Surgery Fellow, working with Atul Gawande
- ❖ Nandini Sarma, Research Assistant working with Ashish Jha

Bon Voyage and Best Wishes

- ❖ Petra Herzog, Staff Assistant, Academic Programs
- ❖ Mari Nakamura, Research Fellow with Ashish Jha's team

Upcoming Events

November 26: HPM Research Seminar, 12:30-1:30 PM, Kresge 439 - Nancy Kane will discuss the financial vulnerabilities of public safety net hospitals and implications of the ACA.

First Impressions by Claire Perkins, SM2 Class of 2014

Emilie Song is a first year SM2 student in the Health Policy Track of HPM. She is coming straight from San Francisco where she was working as a consultant for a large pharmaceutical company. Lucas Chartier (MPH track) is an Emergency Doctor, taking a break after his third year of residency at the University of Toronto and setting aside the scrubs and scalpel, to learn about the management side of health care. Marie-France McIntee is an Air Force physician, taking time from providing care to troops on the ground to solidify her knowledge in the classroom. These are just a few examples of the many new faces that have become a part of the HPM family with the incoming wave of students this fall. With the fun of orientation, the craze of moving to Boston, the rush of starting classes, and the recent first round of midterms (yikes), not to mention the many interesting lectures, film screenings, mixers, clubs, panels, and cultural events offered through Harvard and its many connections and affiliates, it is easy as a new student to feel both excited and overwhelmed. This is especially true because, compared to us newbies, the faculty and staff seem to have been here forever and know all the ropes. It is a bit like jumping on to a moving treadmill. You want to take advantage of the thousand awesome opportunities, yet time is limited. How do I choose among the seven speakers and clubs convening during lunch today? Should I watch the debates at Harvard Kennedy School, play intramural soccer, or go to the Women in Leadership happy hour? The good thing is, whatever we decide, it's likely to be something awesome. And once you become zen about missing some things, I can't imagine a better place to be a student!



HPM Students Lucas Chartier, Emilie Song, and Marie-France McIntee

Harkness Fellows: Nikola Biller-Adorno, Joan Costa-Font, Nadine Reibling, and Alexandra Norrish



HPM Hosts Harkness Fellows, 2012-2013

The Commonwealth Fund's Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice provide a unique opportunity for mid-career health services researchers and practitioners from Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom to spend up to 12 months in the United States, conducting original research and working with leading U.S. health policy experts.

- ❖ Nikola Biller-Adorno is a Professor at the Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Zurich, Switzerland. This year she will explore the ethical implications of health reform as accountable care organizations balance the tension between containing costs and ensuring access, high-quality patient-centered care, and equity.
- ❖ Joan Costa-Font is an associate professor in political economy at the London School of Economics, specialised in health and social policy. His research will focus on long term care financing.
- ❖ Alexandra Norrish most recently was Deputy Director of Financial Planning and Strategy in the UK Department of Health. Her research will focus on the implementation of value based care, particularly how patient engagement impacts the understanding and implementation of 'value'.
- ❖ Nadine Reibling is from Germany where she is a research associate at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES). During her year at HSPH, she will study the implications of the patient-centered medical home for racial and social disparities in healthcare utilization.