

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

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Harvard Kennedy School Library: <http://www.hks.harvard.edu/library/>

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HKS Doctoral Programs: <http://www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/phd>

Harvard Ph.D. in Health Policy

Garfield, Rachel Lynn. “Political and Fiscal Forces in State Health Policy.”

Goldhaber-Fiebert, Jeremy David. “Decision-Analytic Approaches to Evaluating Prevention Policy Alternatives.”

King, Jaime Staples. “The Regulation of Individual Autonomy in Medical Decision-Making.”

Ladapo, Joseph Abiodun. “Cost-Effectiveness of 64-Slice Computed Tomography in Cardiac Care and An Analysis of the Adoption and Diffusion of a New Technology.”

Law, Michael Robert. “Longitudinal Methods for Investigating Pharmaceutical Advertising, Adherence and Prior Authorization Policies.”

McWilliams, Jr., John Michael. “Effects of Insurance Coverage on Health Services, Outcomes, and Disparities among Adults with Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes.”

Mittler, Jessica Nichole. “Medicare Beneficiaries and Market Variations in Service Use, Quality of Care, and Plan Choice.”

Rosenbaum, Janet Elise. “Reborn a Virgin: The Validity of Adolescent Self-Report of Risk Behaviors and the Efficacy of Abstinence Pledges as a Marker of Subsequent Sexual Activity.”

Sandberg, Eileen Ann. “The Health-Related Quality of Life of Children Ages 7–10 Years with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and the Cost-Effectiveness of Treating ADHD in These Children.”

Shortridge, Emily Felice. “Gender and Health: The Influence of Psychosocial Factors on Health.”

Steel, Gillian Knight. “From the Iraq War to Quality of Care: Public Response to Health Policy and Politics.”

Steffenson, Anne Elizabeth. “Toward a Better Understanding of HIV Risk among Young South Africans: Risk Perceptions and the Risk of Concurrent Sexual Partnerships.”

Williams, Malcolm Vernon. “Individual, Clinical, and Contextual Factors Affecting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care Quality.”

Harvard Ph.D. in Public Policy

Fotini, Christia. "The Closest of Enemies: Alliance Formation in the Afghan and Bosnian Civil Wars."

Hong, Kessely. "Group Differences in Preferences, Beliefs, and Perceptions."

James, Sebastian. "Essays on Tax Policy and Tax Compliance."

Klinger, Bailey W. "Discovering New Export Activities in Developing Countries."

Kousky, Carolyn. "Responding to Risk: Information and Decision Making in the Floodplains of St. Louis County, Missouri."

Smith, Elta Christina. "Governing Rice: The Politics of Experimentation in Global Agriculture."

Szlezak, Nicole A. B. "Global Health in the Making: China, HIV/AIDS and the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria."

Thomas, Adam. "Forgotten Fathers: A Collection of Essays on Low-Skilled Men and Marriage."

Wang, Rui. "Autos, Transit and Bicycles: Transport Choices in Chinese Cities."

Yu, Fei. "Three Essays in Environmental Economics, Public Policy."

Harvard Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government

Diamond, Alexis J. "Essays in Causal Inference in Observational Studies."

Petrova, Maria. "Political Economy of Media Capture."

Schnabl, Philipp. "Essays on Banking and Corporate Finance."

Serra, Gilles. "Why and When Do Political Parties Adopt Primary Elections? A Theoretical and Comparative Study."

Sims, Katharine Emans. "Balancing Land Conservation and Economic Development: Three Essays."

Harvard Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy*

Brueggemann, Elias, Economics. "Essays in Labor Economics."

Chiang, Hanley, Economics. "Essays on the Impacts of Educational Policies."

Jacobs, Elisabeth, Sociology. "Family Economic Insecurity in the U.S."

Kirson, Noam, Economics. "Topics in the Economics of Health and Aging."

Lakin, Jason M., Government and Social Policy. "The Possibilities and Limitations of Insurgent Technocratic Reform: Mexico's Popular Health Insurance Program, 2001–2006."

Leung, Therese S., Sociology. "Building Assets for Women: A Guide to Designing Individual Development Accounts for Low-Income Women in Boston."

Moore, Ryan T., Government and Social Policy. "Political Analysis and Statistical Applications for Social Policy Research."

Shen, Francis X., Government and Social Policy. "Essays in Political Science, Psychology, and Law."

Vang, Zoua M., Sociology. "Irish and American Ghettos: Race and Residential Segregation in Ireland and the United States."

* The Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy is a National Science Foundation graduate training program that selects students from various Harvard Ph.D. programs and provides an extra interdisciplinary program of study in social policy.