Welcome to Our New Faculty!
Since July of this year, we have added three new primary faculty members (from left to right, Gilbert Gonzales, Laura Keohane, and Michael Richards) to the Department. We invite you to read more about these outstanding scholars and their areas of expertise, below.

**Gilbert Gonzales**, PhD, completed his doctorate in Health Policy and Management at the University of Minnesota. He was a research assistant at the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) where he assisted with reporting state-level measures of population health and health care.

His research examines how state health reforms affect health and access to health care for vulnerable families and children. His dissertation, for instance, documents the impact of recent same-sex marriage laws on health insurance coverage in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) households.

Gilbert holds a Master of Health Administration from the University of North Texas Health Science Center and a BA from Baylor University.

**Laura M. Keohane**, PhD, completed her doctoral degree in Health Services Research at Brown University. She investigates health policy issues related to aging and disability. Her current projects focus on dual Medicare-Medicaid enrollment, long-term care, and benefit design for post-acute services. She is the recipient of a dissertation fellowship from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Laura holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University and an M.S. in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health. She previously worked in clinical research, disease management services, and legal advocacy for individuals with disabilities

**Michael R. Richards**, MD, PhD, MPH, was a University of Pennsylvania postdoctoral researcher within the Leonard Davis Institute (LDI) of Health Economics and Wharton School from 2013 – 2015.

During his postdoc time, he carried out a variety of empirical studies on health policy topics. His primary research area involves health care provider responses to public policies and market environments. He completed his PhD training at Yale University prior to joining LDI and was awarded his MD and MPH degrees from the University of Illinois immediately preceding his time at Yale.

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Recent Featured Publications

Health Services and Out-of-Pocket Spending for Mental Health Services

David Stevenson, et al: Health Affairs: Integrated Payment And Delivery Models Offer Opportunities And Challenges For Residential Care Facilities

Laura Keohane, et al: Health Affairs: High-Cost Patients Had Substantial Rates Of Leaving Medicare Advantage And Joining Traditional Medicare

Gilbert Gonzales, et al: Health Affairs: California’s Early ACA Expansion Increased Coverage And Reduced Out-Of-Pocket Spending For The State’s Low-Income Population

Grijalva, Griffin, et al: JAMA: Association Between Hospitalization With Community-Acquired Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Pneumonia and Prior Receipt of Influenza Vaccination

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Upcoming Events

November 9-10th (9am-5pm) Vanderbilt Master’s of Public Health SOPHAS Virtual Fair - For more info visit sophas.careereco.net

November 11th (12pm-1pm) Health Policy Grand Rounds featuring Derrick Griffith - RSVP to HPEvents@vanderbilt.edu

November 11th (5pm-6pm) Master's of Public Health Info Session - 411 Light Hall

November 15th Recommended date for MPH in Health Policy or Global Health application materials to be submitted (more information here)

Faculty Feature:

John Graves was recently awarded an RO1 grant to
explore Effects of Expanded Coverage on Access, Health Care and Health in the South.

**November 16th (4pm-5pm)** *Research into Policy and Practice Series* featuring David Blumenthal, President of the Commonwealth Fund, Nashville Mayor Megan Barry, and Nicole Comeaux, Deputy Executive Director at Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange - RSVP to HPEvents@vanderbilt.edu

**December 15th** *Deadline for scholarship consideration for MPH Health Policy and Global Health applications* *(more information here)*

See all events and pictures from past events on our website [here](#).

*Have an event we should include here? Email us at HPEvents@vanderbilt.edu*
Hot off the press...

*The Tennessean*: Bill Frist’s new mission: Making Nashville healthier - Melinda Buntin quoted

*The Reporter*: Vanderbilt’s MPH program adds health policy track

*Reuters Health*: Complex patients more likely to switch from Medicare Advantage - Laura Keohane featured

*New York Times*: Vaccine Issue Arises at Republican Debate, to Doctors’ Dismay - William Schaffner quoted

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