Welcome to Our Newest Faculty Member!

Marie Martin, PhD is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department and she is currently the Co-Director of the Global Health track of the MPH Program and Co-Chair of the VUMC Global Health Education Committee. Dr. Martin serves as a course director for MPH Project Development, Global Health Politics and Policy, and the Global Health Integrated Science Course (ISC). Read more about Dr. Martin's experience and expertise on our website.
Gonzales honored with the inaugural Chancellor’s Research Award in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos presented seven faculty research awards, including two new awards for efforts that advance understanding of diversity, at the fall faculty assembly on Aug. 25. One of the awards went to Gilbert Gonzalez, PhD,
Assistant Professor of Health Policy, for his body of LGBT health research including recent work documenting LGBT couples and their children were less likely to have private health care insurance due to historic barriers associated with adding same-sex partners to employer-sponsored plans.

"His work sheds a much-needed light on the chronic stress associated with being a member of a marginalized minority population," Zeppos said. "I applaud the potential his work holds for bettering our society."

The newly established Chancellor's Research Awards for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion recognize excellence in research, scholarship or creative expression that advance understanding of equity, diversity and inclusion.

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**Featured Recent Publications**


- **Medical Care: A Race to the Top? Competitive Pressure and Magnet Adoption Among US Hospitals 1997-2012** (Richards, et al.) September, 2016


- Health Affairs: Medical Underwriting In Long-Term Care Insurance: Market Conditions Limit Options For Higher-Risk Consumers (Stevenson, et al.) August, 2016

- Clinical Infectious Diseases: Case-Control Study of Vaccine Effectiveness in Preventing Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations in Older Adults, United States, 2010-2011 (Schaffner, et al.) August, 2016

- Tropical Medicine and International Health: Occupational hazards of traditional healers: repeated unprotected blood exposures risk infectious disease transmission (Audet, Vermund, et al.) August, 2016

- Medical Care: The Growing Integration of Physician Practices: With a Medicaid Side
• Health Affairs: Implementation Of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Associated With Reductions In Opioid-Related Death Rates (Patrick, Buntin, et al.) June, 2016

• JAMA Internal Medicine: Comparison of Health and Health Risk Factors Between Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Adults and Heterosexual Adults in the United States Results From the National Health Interview Survey (Gonzales, et al.) June, 2016


• JAMA Internal Medicine: Quality of Care for White and Hispanic Medicare Advantage Enrollees in the United States and Puerto Rico (Keohane, et al.) May, 2016

See all Publications
Welcome Erika!

Erika Leslie MSPH, PhD joins us as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Health Policy. Her primary research interests center around international migration, social stratification, social determinants of health, racial identity, and ethnic heterogeneity. Welcome Erika!

Hot off the press...

Department and Health officials tackle high infant mortality rate in Tennessee - WKRN News 2

Reuters: GSK shingles vaccine remains effective after four years: study (Griffin)

The Hill: Quality over quantity: making the case for vaccines (Schaffner)
Students Learn from Community Health Experts

Undergraduate students in Professor Gilbert Gonzales’ introductory health care course recently learned about community health promotion, disease prevention, and public health. Two expert practitioners not only shared their real world experience, but provided some helpful career advice. Elisa Friedman of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance discussed the importance of community health needs assessments, and Dr. Bill Paul of the Metro Public Health
Department (pictured) shared the highlights of treating his “patient,” Nashville & Davidson County. Both speakers emphasized social determinants of health as factors for addressing health disparities and spoke on the importance of having leadership and communication skills for careers in public health.

The Vanderbilt Master of Public Health (MPH) Program is now accepting applications for fall 2017!

With tracks in Health Policy, Epidemiology, and Global Health, the Vanderbilt MPH Program is a two-year interdisciplinary program offered through the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. We train future research scientists and public health professionals to be leaders and innovators dedicated to improving public health in a program environment rich in learning, discovery, and service.

All tracks are open to applicants with bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degrees, from all academic backgrounds. For information about application deadlines, dual degree programs, and scholarships, please
Upcoming Department Events

*September 29th, 1-2pm - Health Policy Webinar* - Join us online for “Health Care Needs in the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Population: Results from the National Health Interview Survey” - Featuring Gilbert Gonzales, PhD presenting his most recent *JAMA* publication findings. **Click here to register - space is limited**

**October 13-14th, All Day - 2016 Annual Health Economics Conference** The conference is supported by ARC and jointly co-sponsored by the Owen Graduate School of Management, the Vanderbilt Law School, the Department of Health Policy, the Department of Economics, and the College of Arts & Sciences at Vanderbilt.

**October 20-22nd, All Day - MPH 20th Anniversary** - 2016 marks the 20th anniversary of the Master of Public Health Program at Vanderbilt University. Vanderbilt MPH alumni, faculty members, students, and friends are invited to celebrate during Vanderbilt Reunion Weekend 2016. Over the weekend, the Vanderbilt MPH Program and the Vanderbilt Medical Alumni Association will host a series of special events. We hope you will join us to celebrate 20 outstanding
years of public health. Alumni’s may register here.

October 27-28, All Day - **2nd Annual Value Based Health Care Delivery Seminar** - This dynamic Value-based Health Care Delivery Seminar is geared towards executives (new), residents, and fellows with an interest in health policy, executive leadership, and quality improvement. All web-based applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm on October 6th, 2016 and decisions will be returned by October 11th, along with reading materials and more details about participation. Visit the link above for more details or to apply.

**Upcoming Research into Policy and Practice Lecture:**

**November 10th, 4-5pm** - “Election 2016: Implications for Health Policy” - Light Hall 214 featuring **Chip Kahn**, President and CEO of the Federation of American Hospitals and **Ceci Connolly**, President and CEO at Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP). This event will also feature **Melinda Buntin**, Department of Health Policy Chair, as moderator. **Reception will follow for those who RSVP to hpevents@vanderbilt.edu.**

**Upcoming HEP/HP Seminars:**

**Tuesday, September 20th, 4-5:20pm** featuring **Dr. Monica Deza**, Asst. Prof of Economics at UT Dallas. Dr. Deza will present "*The Effects of Income on Crime: Evidence from Oil Price Shocks in Texas*" (joint with Rodney Andrews) in Calhoun 109.
Tuesday, October 25th, 12noon-1pm - HEP/HP Seminar Series - Ellen Meara, PhD of Dartmouth College will present in the Grand conference room @ 2525 West End Avenue (A light lunch will be provided at this seminar for the first 20 guests).

Monday, November 7th, 12noon-1pm - HEP/HP Seminar Series - Aaron Gamino will present: "New Evidence on the Effects of Dependent Coverage Mandates" Grand conference room @ 2525 West End Avenue (A light lunch will be provided at this seminar for the first 20 guests).

Tuesday, November 29th, 4-5:20pm - HEP/HP Seminar Series - John Cawley of Cornell University will present in Calhoun 109

Upcoming Health Policy Grand Rounds:

*October 4th, 12-1pm - “Cancer Survivorship Among Sexual Minority People: Health, Interventions, and Next Steps” featuring Jennifer M. Jabson, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, University of Tennessee - 6th Floor, Suite 6000, Grand Conference Room, Medical Center East. Lunch provided for first 30 attendees to RSVP to: hpevents@vanderbilt.edu

*December 1st, 12-1pm - 6th floor Board Room, 2525 WEA, featuring Carolyn Audet topic TBD

*Please RSVP for Grand Rounds events with the date in the subject line to hpevents@vanderbilt.edu

See all events and pictures from past events on our website here.
Please direct any event related questions to HPevents@vanderbilt.edu

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