
DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

The following list of doctoral dissertations completed by Ph.D. students at the John F. Kennedy School of Government spans the 2006–2007 academic year. Comprehensive Ph.D. listings are available from the resources listed below.

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

Hard copies of complete dissertations are available for review during library hours and author/title/keyword searches may be done via the Harvard Online Library Information System (HOLLIS) catalog at any time.

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

Harvard Ph.D. in Health Policy

Bleich, Sara N. “Obesity Policy and the Public.”

Seiguer, Erica. “Innovation and Incentives in Pharmaceutical Research and Development.”

Block, Adam E. “The Diffusion of Medical Information in Hospitals, Patients and Physicians.”

Singer, Sara J. “Safety Climate in U.S. Hospitals: Its Measurement, Variation, and Relationship to Organizational Safety Performance.”

Inamdar, Syeda Noorein. “Examining the Scope of Multibusiness Health Care Firms: Implications for Corporate Strategy, Management Control Systems and Performance.”

Stewart, Kate A. “Disability and Physical Functioning in the Elderly.”

Jakab, Melitta. “An Empirical Evaluation of the Kyrgyz Health Reform: Does it Work for the Poor?”

Strumpf, Erin C. “Employment, Health Insurance, and Health Care for Vulnerable Populations: Early Retirees, Low-Income Adults, and Racial/Ethnic Minorities.”

Nembhard, Ingrid M. “Organizational Learning in Health Care: A Multi-Method Study of Quality Improvement Collaboratives.”

Timbie, Justin W. “New Frameworks for Hospital Quality and Value Profiling.”

Pierce, Khadija Robin. “Setting Margins for Genetic Privacy.”

Yeh, Jennifer M. “Gastric Cancer Prevention Policy: The Economic and Population Impacts of Helicobacter pylori Screening.”

Resch, Stephen C. "Policy Modeling and Economic Evaluation of Tuberculosis Control."

Zhang, Yuting. "Do Newer Prescription Drugs Pay for Themselves? Searching for Appropriate Empirical Methodologies."

Rodriguez, Hector P. "Continuity and Team Approaches to Care: Effects on Physician-Patient Relationship Quality, Patients' Experiences, and the Technical Quality of Care."

Harvard Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy*

Harvard Ph.D. in Public Policy

Burch, Traci R., Government & Social Policy. "Punishment and Participation: How Criminal Convictions Threaten American Democracy."

Calvo, Naomi. "How Parents Choose Schools: A Mixed-Methods Study of Public School Choice in Seattle."

Fox, Cybelle, Sociology & Social Policy. "The Boundaries of Social Citizenship: Race, Immigration, and the American Welfare State, 1900–1950."

Cao, Jing. "Essays on Environmental Tax Policy Analysis: Dynamic Computable General Equilibrium Approaches Applied to China."

Marrow, Helen B., Sociology & Social Policy. "Southern Becoming: Immigrant Incorporation and Race Relations in the Rural U.S. South."

Feldman, Andrew. "What Works in Work-First Welfare?"

Sharkey, Patrick, Sociology & Social Policy. "The Enduring Inequality of Race and Place: Racial Inequality in the Neighborhood Environment over the Life Course and across Generations."

Greig, Fiona. "Barriers to Advancement: Perspectives from Behavioral Economics, Negotiation and Gender Analysis."

Weaver, Vesla M., Government & Social Policy. "Frontlash: Race and the Politics of Punishment."

Ha, Wei. "Essays on Education Production in China and the U.S."

Wimer, Christopher, Sociology & Social Policy. "Successful Childrearing in Diverse Neighborhood Environments: Understanding the Role of Secure, Stable Employment."

Kilmer, Beau. "Essays on the Consequences of Drug Use and Drug Testing."

Harvard Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government

Santos, Indhira. "Essays on Natural Disasters and Household Income."

Wagner, Gernot. "Essays on Environmental and Natural Resource Economics."

Williams, Blair S. "Essays in Legislative Behavior."

* 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.