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January 2014

[Why do people get fat? The answers aren't all that simple](#)

Yahoo! News - January 3, 2014

Professor **John Cawley** discusses workplace biases against overweight women that lead them to earn less, whereas heavy men see no such penalty.

[As cohabitation gains favor, shotgun weddings fade](#)

The Seattle Times - January 7, 2014

Dan Lichter, the Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, says, "The latest results seem to indicate that marriage, as a context for childbearing and childrearing, is increasingly reserved for America's middle- and upper-class populations." **More:** [The Buffalo News](#), [Chicago Sun-Times](#), [The Boston Globe](#).

[The open-office trap](#)

The New Yorker - January 7, 2014

Noisy office environments increase stress and physical strain, found a study by **Gary Evans**, the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor in the Departments of Design and Environmental Analysis and Human Development.

[There's an easy way to fight obesity, but conservatives will hate it](#)

The Huffington Post - January 7, 2014

Taxing food producers for sugar and other nutrients would help to improve consumer eating habits and lower obesity rates, found a paper by **Michael Lovenheim**, associate professor of policy analysis and management.

[Thirteen facts about the economics of obesity](#)

Bloomberg Businessweek - January 13, 2014

Professor **John Cawley** breaks down some of the key statistics and economic figures regarding obesity.

[10 money lessons from elderly Americans](#)

USA Today - January 14, 2014

Karl Pillemer, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, shared notable financial advice from his surveys of more than 10,000 older adults.

[The inequality problem](#)

The New York Times - January 16, 2014

Columnist David Brooks cites work by professor **Richard Burkhauser** on minimum wage hikes for his piece on poverty in America.

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[Financial reward for weight loss not effective, U.S. expert says](#)

The Irish Times - January 16, 2014

In a keynote address to National University of Ireland researchers, **John Cawley**, professor of policy analysis and management, presented his research on obesity economics.

[Census: Trend continues, as more people leave NY than move in](#)

Newsday - January 24, 2014

Jan Vink, research support specialist in the Program on Applied Demographics, says New York's ongoing population losses are part of a "long trend." **More:** [ABC News](#).

[Gap between rich and poor may be exaggerated](#)

McClatchy Newspapers - January 28, 2014

Findings by professor **Richard Burkhauser** have challenged the popular assumption of a widening income inequality gap in the United States. **More:** [Miami Herald](#), [Charlotte Observer](#), [Christian Science Monitor](#), [Forbes](#).

[The ironic adverse effects of expertise](#)

Psychology Today - January 28, 2014

Valerie Reyna, professor of human development, found that intelligence agents were more likely to be biased by the wording or framing of risky choice problems than college students or other adults.

[Support for raising minimum wage found in surprising places](#)

CBS News - January 28, 2014

Richard Burkhauser, Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, found scant evidence that minimum wage hikes help the poorest Americans. **More:** [The New York Post](#), [International Business Times](#).

[Standing up for good health](#)

The Philadelphia Inquirer - January 30, 2014

Excess sedentary time poses serious health risks for older women, according to a longitudinal study of 93,000 women led by **Rebecca Seguin**, assistant professor of nutritional sciences.

More: [Yahoo! Shine](#), [The Huffington Post](#), [Outside](#), [Prevention](#).

February 2014

[Wisdom from China's greatest natural resource](#)

China.org - February 2, 2014

A piece urging for tapping into the wisdom of China's elders cites work on the subject by professor **Karl Pillemer**.

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[Online shoppers help cut U.S. Postal Service first-quarter loss](#)

Reuters - February 7, 2014

Associate professor **Rick Geddes** argued that the USPS lacks the flexibility needed to compete in the marketplace. **More:** [CNBC](#), [TIME](#), [Yahoo! News](#), [FOX News](#).

[Subway's Bread Gives its Image Indigestion](#)

NBC News – February 7, 2014

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences colleague, Dyson School behavioral economist **David Just**, discusses Subway's needs to respond quickly to customer backlash over a chemical additive in its bread in order to preserve its image.

[How not to help the poor](#)

The Wall Street Journal - February 10, 2014

Research by professor **Richard Burkhauser** found "no evidence" that state minimum wage hikes lowered poverty rates.

[Kids may suffer in gap between haves and have-nots](#)

Reuters - February 11, 2014

In U.S. counties where personal incomes cluster on opposite sides of the rich and poor spectrum, children appear to endure more neglect and abuse, according to new research by **John Eckenrode**, **Elliot Smith**, Margaret McCarthy, and Michael Dineen, all at the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research. **More:** [The Christian Science Monitor](#), [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), [Yahoo! Health](#), [Chicago Tribune](#), [Orlando Sentinel](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), [Yahoo! Noticias](#), [Gannett](#), and [Medical News Today](#).

[UAW Vote at Volkswagen Confronts Union Aversion in South](#)

Bloomberg News - February 11, 2014

Lowell Turner, director of ILR's Worker Institute helped explain the importance of the potentially groundbreaking unionization effort underway at a Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tenn. **More:** [Al Jazeera America](#).

[Potholed U.S. roads are a creation of Washington](#)

Real Clear Markets - February 12, 2014

Associate professor **Rick Geddes** co-authored a piece blaming Congress's "outdated funding approach and political inaction" for America's crumbling roads.

[5 Valentine's Day love lessons from older couples](#)

The Huffington Post - February 13, 2014

Karl Pillemer, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, shared the top relationship wisdom from seniors interviewed for his Cornell Marriage Advice Project. **More:** [The Globe and Mail](#).

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[Outdoor learning: Education's next revolution?](#)

Salon - February 16, 2014

A story on the benefits of outdoor learning cited research by **Nancy Wells**, associate professor of design and environmental analysis.

[What's the right way to tax sugary drinks?](#)

Los Angeles Times - February 18, 2014

Michael Lovenheim, associate professor of policy analysis and management, found that taxing sugar, salt, and other nutrients rather than specific food items would lower obesity rates. **More:** [San Francisco Chronicle](#).

[Cuomo prison college plan: It's good dollars and sense](#)

WROC-TV - February 18, 2014

Mary Katzenstein, an expert on prisons and recidivism, Milman Professor of American Studies at Cornell University and former director of the Cornell Prison Education Program, hails New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's initiative to fund college education for prisoners. **More:** WXXI and WAER.

[Obscure law drives up building costs](#)

Crain's New York Business - February 19, 2014

A study co-authored by associate professor **Rick Geddes** found that New York's "Scaffold Law" significantly drives up construction accidents and costs.

[How a college roommate can affect your child](#)

The New York Times - February 24, 2014

Janis Whitlock, research scientist in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, discussed how college students can help a roommate coping with mental distress.

[Child abuse higher in areas of extreme income inequality](#)

Southern California Public Radio - February 25, 2014

Work by Human Development Professor **John Eckenrode** about the effect that income inequality has on children continued to earn coverage. **More:** by NPR affiliate [WAER](#).

[Immigration Groups Want Obama to Stop Deportations. Here's Why He Probably Won't](#)

US News & World Report - February 25, 2014

Law School Professor **Stephen Yale-Loehr** helped US News & World Report look at President Obama's aggressive efforts to deport illegal immigrants.

[Colorado not the only state struggling with public-private partnerships for roadways](#)

Colorado Public Radio - February 25, 2014

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Cornell Program in Infrastructure Policy, commented on a controversial plan for a major U.S. highway.

[Social change accelerates across generations](#)

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USA Today - February 26, 2014

Dan Lichter, Ferris Family Professor and director of the Cornell Population Center, said America is "entering a period of massive social change."

[10 states where income inequality has soared](#)

TIME - February 28, 2014

Richard Burkhauser, Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, argued that government taxes and transfer payments should be included in income inequality measures.

March 2014

[Book 'Em?](#)

Inside Higher Ed - March 3, 2014

An opinion piece in defense of college courses in prisons authored by American Studies professors Glenn Altschuler and **Mary Fainsod Katzenstein** was featured in Inside Higher Education.

[The magic number that could fix America's weight problem](#)

ABC/Yahoo! News - March 4, 2014

For the "What If?" video series, **John Cawley**, professor of policy analysis and management, estimated that America could save \$190 billion in health care costs if every adult lost 20 pounds.

[6 secrets you can learn from the happiest people on earth](#)

TIME - March 7, 2014

Professor **Karl Pillemer** shared what older adults had to say on maintaining strong relationships. **More:** [FOX News Magazine](#).

[Toll roads causing problems, but Colorado says it's immune](#)

The Denver Post - March 9, 2014

Professor **Rick Geddes** discussed a controversial move by Colorado to rely on public-private partnerships to oversee some of its highways.

[10 poverty myths, busted](#)

Mother Jones - March 9, 2014

Research by **Laura Tach**, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, dispels notions that single moms and absent fathers are driving poverty.

[Best predictor of divorce? Age when couples cohabit, study says](#)

The Christian Science Monitor - March 10, 2014

Professor **Sharon Sassler** found that the length of time a couple has been romantically involved before moving in together is crucial to whether they end up divorcing. **More:** [Yahoo! News](#), [FOX News](#), [TIME](#).

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[Family of alleged child sex assault victim doesn't want her to testify](#)

ABC News - March 11, 2014

Stephen Ceci, the Helen L. Carr Professor of Developmental Psychology, commented on whether stressful court testimony by children has long-term effects.

[Gain value from technology and private partnerships](#)

The New York Times - March 13, 2014

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Cornell Program on Infrastructure Policy, argued for public-private partnerships to shore up U.S. infrastructure.

[Pride of place: Where you meet your mate matters](#)

Canada.com - March 20, 2014

Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, found that where couples meet influences their perceived support of the relationship from friends and family. **More:** [The Vancouver Sun](#), [Ottawa Citizen](#).

[Why Constantly Switching Roles Stresses You Out](#)

Fast Company - March 27, 2014

Fast Company featured new research by Cornell Sociology Professor **Benjamin Cornwell** into why constantly switching roles in life increases stress.

[What's the most important life lesson older people feel you must know?](#)

TIME - March 27, 2014

Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, found that older adults advise people not to remain in jobs they dislike. **More:** [The Huffington Post](#).

[Modest population gains in Nassau, Suffolk from 2012 to 2013](#)

Newsday - March 27, 2014

Jan Vink, research support specialist in the Program on Applied Demographics, discussed Long Island population trends.

[Boomers pioneer new retirement housing trends](#)

Yahoo! Finance - March 27, 2014

Elaine Wethington, professor of human development, commented on the factors leading many baby boomers to retire close to home.

[Self injury information available online, but rarely accurate](#)

Reuters - March 27, 2014

Janis Whitlock, research scientist in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research and director of the Cornell Research Program on Self-Injury and Recovery, said "awareness is growing" about treating self-injury even as misinformation persists online. **More:** [FOX News](#).

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April 2014

[The old and mysterious practice of eating dirt, revealed](#)

National Public Radio - April 2, 2014

Sera Young, research scientist in nutritional sciences, talked about her research on pica, in which people crave things that aren't food, such as starch, charcoal, and ice.

[Uh-oh, maybe you do need to lie about meeting your boyfriend online after all](#)

Glamour - April 4, 2014

Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, found that couples who meet in "traditional" ways -- via friends or family -- receive more social support for their relationship than couples who meet in more anonymous settings.

[Price tag for childhood obesity: \\$19,000 per kid](#)

USA Today - April 7, 2014

John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, commented on a new study totaling the additional lifetime medical costs from childhood obesity.

[Why people won't brown-bag their lunch](#)

MSN - April 8, 2014

Behavioral economist **David Just** talks to MSN about the reasons why adults are hesitant to pack a lunch for work.

[How far back can you remember? Our earliest childhood memories may form before the age of three](#)

UK Daily Mail - April 11, 2014

Qi Wang, professor of human development, found that children recall incorrectly the date of their earliest memories.

[LaGuardia's \\$3.6B privately-invested transformation](#)

Bloomberg TV - April 14, 2014

In a live interview, professor **Rick Geddes** argued that public-private partnerships can help rebuild America's sagging infrastructure.

[Should Obama use the power of his pen to turn the tide on immigration reform?](#)

CNN - April 15, 2014

Law professor **Stephen Yale-Loehr** was quoted in this CNN article about immigration reform.

[Politics over people in minimum wage hike](#)

The Detroit News - April 16, 2014

An opinion piece opposed to minimum wage increases cited research by professor **Richard Burkhauser** showing that few low-wage earners live in poor households.

[Three centenarian sisters defy odds](#)

MarketWatch - April 16, 2014

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Karl Pillemer, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, commented on the rare occurrence of three sisters living past 100.

[Save money, and hardhats' lives](#)

New York Daily News - April 22, 2014

An opinion piece opposed to New York's Scaffold Law cited findings by professor **Rick Geddes** that job sites covered by the law incur an extra 5.5 accidents per 1,000 employees.

[Post office workers oppose mail services at Staples](#)

Detroit Free Press - April 24, 2014

To address its fiscal challenges, **Rick Geddes**, associate professor of policy analysis and management, said the Postal Service must experiment with new commercial models.

[Shotgun weddings becoming relics of another time](#)

USA Today - April 26, 2014

Dan Lichter, Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, found in a new study that unmarried pregnant women are three times more likely to cohabit than marry.

[Biden's partisan view of the nation's economic disparity](#)

The Washington Post - April 30, 2014

A piece examining the vice president's recent remarks on income inequality cited research by **Richard Burkhauser**, Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management. **More:** [Vox](#).

May 2014

[On demographers' minds: Minimum wage, millennials, Mexican migration, mates](#)

The Wall Street Journal - May 1, 2014

New research co-authored by professor **Richard Burkhauser** found scant evidence that minimum wage requirements support the most needy Americans.

[New pre-k seats could leave many 4-year-olds scrambling for afternoon care](#)

DNAinfo New York - May 5, 2014

In response to New York City mayor Bill de Blasio's new plan for pre-k programs, professor **Maria Fitzpatrick** called extended childcare hours through public or community programs "a necessity for working families."

[700,000 jobs are at stake if the highway trust fund goes broke](#)

National Public Radio - May 16, 2014

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, suggested that funding shortcomings from the federal gas tax could be solved by charging drivers by their mileage.

[Living together: Good for some, not so much for others](#)

The Huffington Post - May 16, 2014

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When young couples cohabit outside of marriage, pairs without 4-year degrees fare worse because they are likely to move in together sooner, according to policy analysis and management professor **Sharon Sassler**.

[Graying of Adirondacks presents future challenges](#)

Albany Times Union - May 19, 2014

The Program for Applied Demographics contributed to a report describing the aging and declining population of the Adirondacks, which highlighted the need to bring young families and workers to the area.

[Early retirement payoff](#)

Education Next - May 20, 2014

Maria Fitzpatrick and **Michael Lovenheim**, assistant and associate professors of policy analysis and management, respectively, described their research on Early Retirement Initiatives for public school teachers and how they may boost test scores and save school districts money.

[Van Alen hosts "How Does the Brain Respond to the City?"](#)

Archinect - May 20, 2014

Nancy Wells, associate professor of design and environmental analysis, presented at an environmental psychology event about the cognitive benefits of natural spaces in cities.

[Parties shrink from reality](#)

New York Daily News - May 22, 2014

Program on Applied Demographics researcher **Jan Vink** commented on the nature of New York's population growth, which comes mostly from New York City and shows the need for new residents elsewhere in the state.

[In Connecticut, some minimum-wage workers say raise hasn't helped much](#)

Los Angeles Times - May 26, 2014

According to a study co-authored by **Richard Burkhauser**, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, minimum wage increases between 2003 and 2007 had no effect on state poverty rates.

[Survey: Deportations Hurting Democrats Among Young Latino Voters](#)

NBC News - May 20, 2014

An NBC News feature on the impact federal deportation policy is having on the political views of young Latino voters began with the insight of Government Professor **Michael Jones-Correa**.

[Meat, Produce, Dairy Prices On The Rise While Processed Foods, Grain Prices Remain Stable](#)

International Business Times - May 29, 2014

Chris Barrett, a CALS-Dyson School expert on global food issues, spoke with the *International Business Times* about spikes and shifts on global food prices.

June 2014

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July 2014

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The Wall Street Journal - May 1, 2014

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[Couples who share housework don't actually have less sex](#)

Slate - July 30

Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, found that couples who split domestic duties had sex as often as other couples. **More:** [TIME](#), [The Huffington Post](#).

[Why do some people love 'earthy' flavours in food?](#)

The Guardian - July 29

Sera Young, a research scientist in the Division of Nutritional Sciences, said that people may crave earth as a way to ward off disease and toxins.

[The crisis in black home ownership](#)

Slate - July 24

Over the last 50 years, black homeowners have become more likely to switch to renting than white homeowners, found Matthew Hall, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, and co-authors. **More:** [Business Insider](#), [The Atlantic's CityLab](#).

[Many male U.S. soldiers had troubled childhoods, study finds](#)

MSN Health - July 23

Christopher Wildeman, associate professor of policy analysis and management, suggested that factors such as disadvantaged backgrounds may also contribute to servicemen being more likely to have experienced childhood trauma than civilians. **More:** [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), [U.S. News & World Report](#).

[Everything you want to know about living together before marriage \(but are too afraid to ask\)](#)

The Huffington Post - July 23

Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, found that fear of divorce is a common issue among cohabiting couples.

[The gas tax is running on empty](#)

Bloomberg Businessweek - July 17

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, supported a mileage tax for funding highway repairs rather than taxing gasoline consumption.

[The new rural-urban interface: Lessons for higher education](#)

Choices - July 16

Daniel Lichter, the Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, argued for new approaches to understand common issues facing cities and small towns.

[The true cost of a burger](#)

The New York Times - July 15

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A piece explaining the hidden costs to American society from cheeseburger consumption cites research by John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management, on obesity's influence on health care costs.

[Who really gets the minimum wage?](#)

The Wall Street Journal - July 6

A piece arguing that a U.S. federal minimum wage hike would only reach a small percentage of poor families cited findings by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management.

[Only big changes can save Social Security Disability Insurance](#)

July 25

Appearing before the Senate Finance Committee, Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, argued that SSDI will go broke by 2016 unless fundamental reforms are made.

August 2014

[Inequality exists. Ask the middle class.](#)

Bloomberg View - August 5, 2014

A study by Professor **Richard Burkhauser** found strong income growth for middle-class Americans from 1979 to 2007.

[Woman wins Fields Medal, the 'Nobel' of mathematics. Will she inspire others?](#)

The Christian Science Monitor - August 13, 2014

The Cornell Institute for Women in Science, directed by professors Wendy Williams and **Stephen Ceci**, found that the percentage of math PhDs awarded to women rose dramatically from 1960 to 2006.

[Young Migrants May Request Asylum, But It's Hard To Get](#)

National Public Radio – August 14, 2014

NPR's Morning Edition spoke with professor of American Studies, **Maria Cristina Garcia**, about the surge of young migrants from Central America.

[Couples who share housework have the most sex, study finds](#)

NBC Today - August 15, 2014

Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, found that, contrary to popular opinion, couples who split domestic duties had sex as regularly as other couples. More: [Philadelphia Magazine](#).

[Summer camp in state prison: A chance to bond with dad](#)

National Public Radio - August 16, 2014

Christopher Wildeman, associate professor of policy analysis and management, said more research is needed regarding incarcerated parents' relationships with their children.

[Among the Poor, Women Feel Inequality More Deeply](#)

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New York Times – August 18, 2014

The New York Times also turned to ILR economist **Francine Blau** to understand the unique challenges faced by poor women.

[Grocers Lead Kids To Produce Aisle With Junk Food-Style Marketing](#)

National Public Radio - August 25, 2014

David Just, Dyson School behavioral economist, spoke with NPR's Morning Edition this week about the addition of kid's snack sections in grocery store's produce aisles.

[Aid to disabled children now outstrips welfare](#)

The Boston Globe - August 28, 2014

Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, said that the federal Supplemental Security Income program requires reform.

September 2014

[When do-gooder taxes don't do good](#)

Forbes - September 3, 2014

John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, co-authored research finding that taxes on unhealthy foods may be ineffective in changing eating habits over the long term. More: [The Huffington Post](#).

[Why Don't More Men Go Into Teaching?](#)

New York Times – September 6, 2014

Maria Fitzpatrick, an economist and professor of Policy Analysis and Management, added her insights into a Sunday New York Times piece on why more men don't go into teaching.

[Gas tax woes: Roads may crumble as people go green](#)

Chicago Tribune - September 8, 2014

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, said that state officials are finding new ways to fund roadways in response to Congressional gridlock.

[Four ways to fix our retirement system](#)

Money - September 11, 2014

Richard Burkhauser, Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, said eliminating Social Security taxes for older workers would be a win-win.

[Are family dinners worth the effort?](#)

The Globe and Mail - September 12, 2014

Research by **Kelly Musick**, associate professor of policy analysis and management, casts doubt on conventional wisdom that family dinners make for happier, healthier children.

[Education officials flunk statistics 101](#)

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The Wall Street Journal - September 14, 2014

A piece calling on school leaders to make better use of performance data cited work by **Jordan Matsudaira**, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, who found that summer school students were less likely to drop out and performed better overall.

[Don't let your name determine financial actions](#)

The Dallas Morning News - September 14, 2014

Qi Wang, professor of human development, said "childhood memories have a long-lasting impact on how we behave," lending support to a new study finding that children who frequently wait in line are more likely to become impulsive spenders as adults.

[Mapping the spread of housing inequality over the Great Recession](#)

The Atlantic CityLab - September 17, 2014

Research co-authored by **Matthew Hall**, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, found that African-Americans are far more likely than whites to switch from owning homes to renting them.

[Generation stress? How anxiety rules the secret life of teens](#)

NBC Today - September 17, 2014

A piece on teen anxiety lists the Cornell Research Program on Self-Injury and Recovery, led by **Janis Whitlock**, research scientist in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, as a resource.

[Gun deaths in U.S. twice as high among African-Americans as Caucasians](#)

Newsweek - September 25, 2014

A story on firearm-related deaths cited prior research by **Christopher Wildeman**, associate professor of policy analysis and management, showing that gun violence occurs most in urban clusters.

October 2014

[Does living together before marriage increase the risk of divorce?](#)

FiveThirtyEight - October 9, 2014

Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, said that various factors, including social class and relationship length, influence whether cohabitators go on to divorce.

[Research may give potential homicide victims a heads up](#)

KQED - October 9, 2014

Christopher Wildeman, associate professor of policy analysis and management, contributed to a study analyzing urban homicide patterns.

[The myth of the midlife crisis](#)

The Wall Street Journal - October 12, 2014

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Elaine Wethington, professor of human development and associate director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, said that midlifers are generally "champion copers" with great resources to manage stress.

[Separating legitimate Ebola concerns from unnecessary fear](#)

PBS NewsHour - October 16, 2014

Professor **Valerie Reyna** was interviewed about the psychology of fear and risk perception for a segment on Ebola scares. More: [The Boston Globe](#), [The Huffington Post](#).

[State governments could escape crushing pension debts with this one weird trick](#)

The Washington Post - October 16, 2014

Findings by **Maria Fitzpatrick**, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, suggest that pension buy-back programs might help local governments to relieve debt. More: [Education Week](#).

[New study shows how teens can be taught to act more rationally](#)

Big Think - October 16, 2014

Valerie Reyna, professor of human development, found that teenagers are able to think more rationally when presented with the "gist" of a subject, not just given the tools to weigh pros and cons.

[U.S. Ebola Cases May Exceed Two Dozen by November, Researchers Say](#)

Bloomberg – October 16, 2014

Bloomberg asked American Studies professor **Maria Cristina Garcia** how the outbreak may affect treatment of immigrants in the U.S.

[Why overweight women are more likely to earn less than overweight men](#)

The Washington Post - October 22, 2014

A story on lower earnings of overweight women cited earlier research on the topic by **John Cawley**, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics.

[What will greater Rochester look like in 50 years?](#)

Rochester Democrat & Chronicle - October 22, 2014

Jan Vink, research support specialist in the Program on Applied Demographics, discussed how cities and counties may respond to changing demographics.

[No Good Options for GOP on Obama's Immigration Move](#)

Time – October 30, 2014

Law professor **Stephen Yale-Loehr** is quoted in this Time article about the GOP's stance on immigration in light of the upcoming midterm elections.

[Academic science isn't sexist](#)

The New York Times - October 31, 2014

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Wendy Williams and **Stephen Ceci**, professors of human development, state in an op-ed that their research reveals that, unlike earlier generations, women today enjoy a level playing field in the academic sciences.

[Are non-citizens following American election laws?](#)

The Washington Post – October 31, 2014

Government professor **Michael Jones-Correa** authored this piece on election laws for the Washington Post.

November 2014

[Mom's words matter most to newborns](#)

U.S. News & World Report - November 3, 2014

Marianella Casasola, associate professor of human development, said that more research is needed to understand why mothers seem to pay more attention to sounds made by their infant girls while fathers listen more to their boys.

[Seeking new tools to address a wage gap](#)

The New York Times - November 4, 2014

Professor **Richard Burkhauser** described how changes in tax and transfer policies worked to soften the blow of the Great Recession on poor and middle-class families.

[How to distort income inequality](#)

The Wall Street Journal - November 11, 2014

An opinion piece relied on findings by **Richard Burkhauser**, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, to counter the popular notion that American income inequality has sharply risen in recent decades.

[Private sector an oasis for thirsty San Antonio](#)

The Texas Tribune - November 12, 2014

Professor **Rick Geddes** discussed private investors' appetite for public infrastructure projects.

[No sexism in science? Not so fast, critics say](#)

Science - November 14, 2014

Wendy Williams, professor of human development, and **Stephen Ceci**, the Helen L. Carr Professor of Developmental Psychology, argued that there has never been a better time for American women to enter academic careers in math-intensive fields, leading some to question their results. **More:** [The Guardian](#), [Slate](#), [The Scientist](#).

[Why you should only date feminist guys](#)

Cosmopolitan - November 15, 2014

A study by **Sharon Sassler**, professor of policy analysis and management, found that couples who share domestic duties have stronger, more intimate relationships.

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[The real roots of midlife crisis](#)

The Atlantic - November 17, 2014

Elaine Wethington, professor of human development and of sociology, explained her research finding that people tend to become more satisfied and optimistic later in life.

[Food safety and socioeconomic status: Is there a link?](#)

Food Safety News - November 18, 2014

Pilar Parra, research associate and senior lecturer in nutritional sciences, discussed her study finding that many Mexican-Americans living in the United States did not follow recommended food safety procedures.

[How Amazon could save the Post Office's holidays](#)

TIME - November 18, 2014

Professor **Rick Geddes** said an uptick in holiday deliveries will help the Post Office, but won't be enough for long-term viability.

[Obama's Immigration Plan Could Shield Five Million](#)

New York Times – November 19, 2014

Law professor **Stephen Yale-Loehr** is quoted in this New York Times article about Obama's immigration plan.

[Powell: Retiree stats, etc., to be thankful for](#)

USA Today - November 22, 2014

At Thanksgiving, Professor **Karl Pillemer** shared that the elders he has surveyed suggested that small pleasures are more satisfying than big-ticket items.

[New Postmaster's goal: Act like private sector](#)

The Wall Street Journal - November 23

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, said, "The Postal Service is caught in this pincer between declining revenues and this high-cost structure."

[Aggressive neighbors in nursing homes](#)

The New York Times - November 25, 2014

Professor **Karl Pillemer** discussed his study finding that as many as 1 in 5 nursing home occupants were involved in resident-to-resident mistreatment. **More:** [NPR Boston](#).

[Have a cold? Don't ask your doctor for antibiotics](#)

The Washington Post - November 29, 2014

Valerie Reyna, professor of human development, and co-authors found that patient misconceptions about risk can drive them to prod doctors for unnecessary and harmful antibiotics.

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[Elder care, a community health forum](#)

WRVO Public Media - November 30, 2014

Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, contributed to a panel discussion about preparing for one's senior years.