

Health Equity Resources

Week of: 11.29.2013



Articles:

- **Affordable Care Act Outreach: Targeted Communication Strategies for LGBT Communities.** Center for American Progress. 11/22/2013. "Closing the awareness gap and engaging LGBT people in the insurance enrollment process will require significant outreach efforts using evidence-based tools and strategies. Moreover, these efforts must reflect the fact that the LGBT population is diverse...To this end, the following snapshots present tailored facts, motivators, and trusted messengers to inform enrollment outreach with different groups of LGBT people." [Read more](#)
- **Climb Higher: How Do you Get Poor Kids to Apply to Great Colleges?** The Smithsonian. Dec 2013 issue. "Caroline Hoxby and her team of researchers are revolutionizing the way the best colleges reach out to talented low-income students." [Read more](#)
- **How Can we Jump Start the Struggle for Gender Equality?** New York Times. 11/23/2013. "Family leave, reduced work hours and public child care won't directly reduce occupational segregation, producing more male nurses, teachers and day care workers. But pushing on these policy fronts offers the potential to alter the gender logic of both family and workplace. If you want a society in which men are welcome and willing to be day care workers, you may need a workplace culture that accepts — or encourages — fathers' spending more time at home with their children. To unblock the path toward gender equality, these policies may be the best ideas we have." [Read more](#)
- **How Courts Bus Ruling Sealed Difference in Detroit Schools.** National Public Radio. 11/19/2013. "Every time I hear about education and the need that we have to do things to make sure the young people get developed in a way that makes them able to be successful, happy, knowledgeable, the one word that gets left out is desegregation." [Read more](#)
- **Japanese Man Born to Wealthy Parents is Accidentally Switched at Birth and Endures Life of Poverty.** The Telegraph (UK). 11/28/2013. "A Japanese man born to wealthy parents grew up in poverty after being given to another couple in a hospital six decades ago, while the infant who took his place went to live a privileged life of private tutoring, university and is today head of a property firm." [Read more](#)
- **New York Airport Workers Organize to End Two-Tier Way System.** The Nation. 11/26/2013. "Many workers at the three airports serving the New York metropolitan region—JFK, LaGuardia and Newark...are subcontracted workers (there are over 14,000 at the three New York–New Jersey airports) and have no benefits or employer-provided healthcare and earn significantly lower wages than the largely unionized airline employees alongside whom they work." [Read more](#)

- **Pope Francis Denounces Trickle Down Economic Theories in Critique of Inequality.** Washington Post. 11/26/2013. "On Tuesday, he showed a willingness to use tough language in attacking what he views as the excesses of capitalism. Using a phrase with special resonance in the United States, he strongly criticized an economic theory — often affiliated with conservatives — that discourages taxation and regulation... The pope's statements — especially if they continue — could impact U.S. politics. Several potential contenders for the presidency in 2016 are economic conservatives who are also Catholic, and liberal Catholic groups have in the past taken aim at what they view as the overly stingy policies of Republicans who have little regard for the role of government in redistributing income." [Read more](#)
- **Push for Minimum Wage Hike Led by Localities, Democrats.** Washington Post. 11/28/2013. "States and municipalities across the country are leading a localized push to raise the minimum wage, driven largely by Democrats, who see an opening to appeal to working-class Americans at a time of growing inequity." [Read more](#)
- **Sequestering Opportunity for American Indians and Alaska Natives.** The Center for American Progress. 11/26/2013. "This month, our country celebrates both Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Month. It's a time to reflect on the important role that American Indians and Alaska Natives have played in our country's history. We spend too little time, however, examining the policies that affect tribal governments and the communities they support today." [Read more](#)
- **Social Inequality: A Blind Spot for Health Reporters.** Association of Health Care Journalists. 11/25/2013. "For years, it turns out, media coverage has pretty consistently framed the issue of health inequality in a way that downplays the role of social inequality as a root cause and that emphasizes the importance of individual behavior." [Read more](#)
- **The Workers Who Bring you Black Friday.** The Nation. 11/26/2013. "It's a small but important lesson in what it means to be a "flexible" worker. We are not in control here. Shifts may last four hours, eight hours or twelve; start times will bounce around as well. I'm originally hired for a shift that begins at 7 am, but that later moves up an hour, to 8, and then, in a rush to move goods out the door, to four o'clock in the morning. In the online world of holiday shopping, where demand can surge and retreat with the click of (many) buttons, workers must respond in real time, shoving other commitments aside." [Read more](#)
- **Where's the Love?** New York Times. 11/27/2013. "Let's acknowledge one point made by these modern social Darwinists: It's true that some people in poverty do suffer in part because of irresponsible behavior, from abuse of narcotics to criminality to laziness at school or jobs. But remember also that many of today's poor are small children who have done nothing wrong...As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember that the difference between being surrounded by a loving family or being homeless on the street is determined not just by our own level of virtue or self-discipline, but also by an inextricable mix of luck, biography, brain chemistry and genetics." [Read more](#)
- **Work Characteristics and Personal Social Support as Determinants of Subjective Well-Being.** PLOS Publications (UK). 11.19.2013. "Well-being is an important health outcome and a potential

national indicator of policy success. There is a need for longitudinal epidemiological surveys to understand determinants of well-being. This study examines the role of personal social support and psychosocial work environment as predictors of well-being in an occupational cohort study.” [Read more](#)

- **Your Brain on Poverty; Why Poor People Seem to Make Bad Decisions.** The Atlantic. 11/25/2013. “Research might suggest something even deeper than the idea that poverty's stress interferes with our ability to make good decisions. The inescapability of poverty weighs so heavily on the author that s/he abandons long-term planning entirely, because the short term needs are so great and the long-term gains so implausible. "All the data shows it isn't about poor people, it's about people who *happen to be in poverty*. All the data suggests it is not the person, it's the context they're inhabiting.” [Read more](#)

Policy, Reports & Tools:

- **Achieving Better Results for Families: A Customer-Oriented Approach to Meeting Child Support Enforcement Goals.** Center for American Progress. Nov 2013. “Over the past couple of decades, there has been tremendous growth in divorce rates and in the number of unwed births; currently, 35 percent of families with children are headed by a single parent. The trend is even more pronounced in poor families—69 percent—and in African American families—63 percent. These circumstances equate to an elevated need for child support and visitation help—a need that is unlikely to subside anytime soon, even if gains are realized in the areas of family formation, marriage, and keeping families together.” [Read more](#)
- **Approaches Towards Inequality and Inequity: Concepts, Measures and Policies.** UNICEF. Oct 2013. “In the Discussion Papers sub-titled “Perspectives on Equity”, the UNICEF Office of Research has invited renowned researchers to share their insights and viewpoints on equity from different angles. The aim is to encourage reflection, discussion and to inspire, rather than to establish or to reinforce any corporate positions on the matter.”
- **Dignity Denied: LGBT Immigrants in US Immigration Detention.** Center for American Progress. Nov 2013. “This report will examine the mistreatment LGBT immigrants face in immigration detention; the steps that Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, has taken in an attempt to address these issues; the impact that legislation pending before Congress would have on immigration enforcement; and recommendations for how to ensure enforcement of immigration laws is conducted in a manner that is effective and humane.” [Read more](#)
- **A Practitioners Guide for Advancing Health Equity: Community Strategies for Preventing Chronic Disease.** CDC. 2013. “A Practitioner’s Guide to Advancing Health Equity provides lessons learned and practices from the field, as well as from the existing evidence-base. This resource offers ideas on how to maximize the effects of several policy, systems, and environmental improvement strategies with a goal to reduce health inequities and advance health equity.” [Read more](#)
- **Grow the Economy (INFOGRAPHIC)** Policy Link. November 2013. “Here's a simple way to grow an equitable economy and lift 700,000 people out of poverty: pay a decent wage to restaurant servers and other tipped workers. If Congress raised the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour for all workers, tipped workers – all 6 million of them – would see their paychecks grow by nearly

\$13 billion. That boosts consumer spending and creates jobs. Momentum is building to push for a higher, fairer minimum wage.” [See here](#)

- **Minimum Wage by State (INFOGRAPHIC).** Washington Post. [See here](#)

Websites:

Webinars & Videos:

- **Family Structure, Stability and Child Wellbeing.** Self Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse. Dec. 11th, 2013. 1pm. “Dr. Terry-Ann Craigie, the current Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse (SSRC) Emerging Scholar, will host a Webinar titled Family Structure, Stability and Child Wellbeing. Dr. Craigie will discuss the determinants and effects of family structure and instability, as well as the pathways through which child wellbeing is affected. Topics to be covered during Dr. Craigie’s Webinar include key determinants of family structure and stability, whether child outcomes vary by family structure, the advantages and disadvantages of formal versus informal child support, and implications for policy and future research.” [Register here](#)
- **The Raising of America Documentary Series** (Coming soon!) California Newsreel & PBS. Available 2014. “This ambitious documentary series and multimedia initiative by the producers of ‘*UNNATURAL CAUSES: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?*’ explores how a strong start for all our kids leads not only to better individual life course outcomes (learning, earning and physical and mental health) but also to a healthier, safer, better educated and more prosperous and equitable America.” [Learn more here](#)

Conferences, Presentations & Talks:

- **Michigan Conference on Complex Systems, Health Disparities and Population Health.** Feb 24-25, 2014. The National Institutes of Health Natcher Conference Center in Bethesda, MD, join scholars and practitioners from the United States and abroad to learn about and see examples of how complex systems science can help guide our research and policy efforts to eliminate health disparities and improve the health of our population. [Registration is free.](#)
- **This American Life: House Rules.** 11/22/2013. “Where you live is important. It can dictate quality of schools and hospitals, as well as things like cancer rates, unemployment, or whether the city repairs roads in your neighborhood. On this week's show, stories about destiny by address.” [Listen here](#)
- **Understanding Immigrant Families: Reframing the Way We Work with Immigrants.** Increase your capacity to provide culturally competent care to diverse communities. UW Madison Continuing Studies. Madison. Pyle Center—Dec 3rd, 9-4pm. Call 608-262-1122 to register.