



Articles:

- **After Decades of Decline, A Rise in Stay-at-Home Mothers.** Pew Research. 4/8/2014. “This report analyzes the prevalence and characteristics of U.S. mothers living with their children younger than age 18...The analysis looks at trends from 1970 to 2012, focusing most closely on patterns since 2000, including the years surrounding the Great Recession from 2007 to 2009. In addition, the report compares time use of mothers at home and mothers at work, using data from the 2003-2012 American Time Use Survey. It also explores public opinion findings about mothers at home and at work.” [Read more](#)
- **Can We Close the Pay Gap?** New York Times. 3/29/2014. “Business is not immune to the public debate about inequality and pay distribution. There is evidence that big pay gaps can undermine employee morale, leading to strikes, more sick days and higher staff turnover. And pressure on corporate leaders to address large pay disparities because it would help their business perform more effectively can be persuasive. Top chief executives worldwide often take home far more in one year than most people will earn in their entire lifetime. Yet the International Monetary Fund has recognized that reducing inequality leads to “faster and more durable growth.” It is important that we put pressure on businesses and policy makers to develop measures to stop pay gaps opening up even further, and to share the rewards of success more fairly — for everyone’s benefit.” [Read more](#)
- **Cancer Disparity Among Black Women Unresolved.** National Public Radio. 4/3/2014. “Why are African-American women so much more likely to die of cancer than white women? Former cancer surgeon Dr. Harold P. Freeman took on the issue for the New York Times. He shares his observations.” [Read more](#)
- **Capitalize Workers!** New York Times. 4/5/2014. “Raising the minimum wage has justifiably captured policy makers’ attention, but if the goal is to materially raise living standards for every American worker, we should also be calling for a minimum pension. There is a vast difference in the way the wealthy and the rest of Americans earn their money. In 2010, 60 cents of every dollar earned by those in the top 1 percent came from investments and businesses they owned. For the middle class, it was 6 cents. We are proposing a Savings Plan for Universal Retirement account, the centerpiece of which is a 50-cent-per-hour minimum retirement contribution from all employers to virtually all employees.” [Read more](#)
- **Equal Pay for Equal Work Seems Like a No-Brainer, Right?** Forbes. 4/10/2014. “It’s undeniable that women are losing ground...more mothers are staying at home to raise children, these women are younger, less likely to be white, more likely to be foreign-born, and less likely to be college educated. They’re staying at home in increasing numbers not by choice, but because they can’t find work—or the work they find isn’t well compensated enough to cover the necessary childcare. Perpetuating the cycle is the fact that women are more likely to experience family-related “career disruptions.” They fall behind when they take time out to raise kids. They return to the workplace at a disadvantage. Both parties want the same thing. So what’s the problem? The problem, of course, is politics. And unfortunately nothing will happen until

Democrats and Republicans agree to make Equal Pay a fairness issue rather than a political one. In the meantime, it's women who suffer." [Read more](#)

- **Growing up Poor is Bad for Your DNA.** Quartz. 4/5/2014. "The researchers found that the DNA from the children living in poverty and harsh conditions had telomeres that were 19% shorter than the more advantaged children. It was as if they had aged more. 'This is one of the first studies to tangibly show that certain people are innately more sensitive to stress than other people.' This worked both ways: At the bottom of the social ladder, the telomeres of children with high genetic sensitivity were dramatically shorter. At the top, the sensitive kids had more resilient end caps." [Read more](#)
- **How Children's Health Coverage is Changing, in 7 Charts.** Washington Post. 4/11/2014. "There's good news in the new Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report on children's health coverage: More and more of them have it. From 2008 to 2012, the uninsurance rate among children — the share of kids who lacked health coverage — fell from 9.7 percent to 7.5 percent, according to the report..." [See breakdown in charts here](#)
- **How to Improve the Health of Wisconsin Families.** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. 4/8/2014. "This is [National Public Health Week](#), and with it comes the question: What affects health? The data at all levels — local, state and federal — clearly show the cross-cutting nature of socioeconomic status on health and well-being. And the data have said this for years. Our efforts should be focused on changing the systems and policies that may not seem health-related but that improve the educational attainment — and, therefore, economic standing and health — of all Wisconsin citizens." [See more](#)
- **Inequality Kills.** Boston Review. 4/2/2014. The life-course perspective in particular is out of the public eye. Looking more deeply into research on the effects of early life, it is possible to estimate that roughly half of our health as adults is programmed from the time of conception to around two years of age...Countries with healthier populations structure this formative period by making it easier for parents to parent. In practical terms, this means that in modern societies where most people work outside the home, providing paid parental leave is the single most effective social intervention that can be undertaken for improving health...A political system that fosters inequality limits the attainment of health." [Read more](#)
- **Latinos Live Longer But Struggle to Save Enough for Retirement.** National Public Radio. 3/27/2014. "Many American workers find themselves financially unprepared for retirement. Among racial and ethnic groups, Latinos are the least prepared. They're one of the fastest-growing racial or ethnic groups, and they have a longer life expectancy than whites and blacks — at about 81 years old. But 4 out of 5 Hispanic households have less than \$10,000 in retirement savings, according to a recent report by the National Institute on Retirement Security." [Read more](#)
- **Lending Circles Help Latinas Pay Bills and Invest.** National Public Radio. 4/1/2014. "'In the United States there is such emphasis given to individuality and individuation and individual success...When you participate in rotating savings and credit associations, everybody already knows your name, everyone already knows what your social collateral is and whether you're trustworthy or not.' Lending circles are responsible for supporting entrepreneurs and job-creators...no matter what you call them — tandas, cundinas, lending circles, rotating savings and credit associations — they work, and it's time to bring them out of the shadows." [Read more](#)



- **More College Students Battle Hunger as Education and Living Costs Rise.** Washington Post. 4/9/2014. “A problem known as “food insecurity” — a lack of nutritional food — is not typically associated with U.S. college students. But it is increasingly on the radar of administrators, who report seeing more hungry students, especially at schools that enroll a high percentage of youths who are from low-income families or are the first generation to attend college.” [Read more](#)
- **Need for Food Banks is Caused by Welfare Cuts, Research Shows.** The Guardian. 4/8/2014. “The government's welfare reforms, including benefit sanctions and the bedroom tax, are a central factor in the explosion in the numbers of impoverished people turning to charity food banks, an academic study has said. The report warns that as social security safety nets become weaker, there is a danger that charity food could become an integral part of the state welfare provision, or even an replacement for formerly state-funded emergency welfare schemes.” [Read more](#)
- **No State Worse than Wisconsin For Black Children, Says New National Study.** Capital Times. 4/1/2014. “For African-American children seeking a better future, no state looks worse than Wisconsin. A new national report shows that children of color face enormous barriers to educational and financial achievement — with Wisconsin ranking last in the disparity between white children and their non-white peers.” [Read more](#)
- **Number of Mothers in US Who Stay at Home Rises.** New York Times. 4/8/2014. “Economic challenges may play a role in the growth of stay-at-home motherhood...in 2012, 6 percent of stay-at-home mothers said they stayed at home because they could not find a job, compared with just 1 percent who gave that answer in 2000. And it found that a third of stay-at-home mothers live in poverty, while 12 percent of working mothers live in poverty. The report found that less educated women were more likely to be stay-at-home mothers; 51 percent of mothers who had not completed high school did not work outside the home, while 21 percent of mothers who are college graduates stayed at home with their children.” [Read more](#)
- **Paying Off Student Loans Puts A Dent in Wallets, And the Economy.** National Public Radio. 4/11/2014. “too many young people are spending years on loan repayment instead of growing personal wealth through investments like real estate and retirement accounts. We need to create a system in which people, through effort and ability, can achieve similar types of outcomes if they have similar types of effort and ability. ... And when that starts to break down ... it has the potential of breaking down not only the economics of our society, but the drive that people have to succeed in life.” [Read more](#)
- **Project to Improve Poor Children’s Intellect Led to Better Health, Data Show.** New York Times. 3/27/2014. “In 1972, researchers in North Carolina started following two groups of babies from poor families. In the first group, the children were given full-time day care up to age 5 that included most of their daily meals, talking, games and other stimulating activities. The other group, aside from baby formula, got nothing. The scientists were testing whether the special

treatment would lead to better cognitive abilities in the long run. Forty-two years later, the researchers found something that they had not expected to see..." [Read more](#)

- **The Relationship Between Single Mothers and Poverty is Not as Simple as it Seems.** Washington Post. 4/10/2014. "Recent research by Raj Chetty, Nathaniel Hendron, Patrick Kline, Emmanuel Saez and Nicholas Turner also found that intergenerational income mobility was lower in metropolitan areas with a larger share of single mothers, a bold-faced finding that touched off a new round of public debate over what this relationship means." [Read more](#)
- **The Search for Affordable Housing is Pushing the Middle Class to the Exurbs.** The Atlantic. 4/8/2014. "Within metros, the locations of homes that are within reach for the median family vary substantially. The maps below track by zip code where the median family can and can't afford a mortgage. In green are the zip codes where more than 50 percent of the homes are affordable for the "typical" home buyer. In almost every case, housing is least affordable near the center and in close-in, walkable suburbs with access to transit." [See maps](#)
- **Wisconsin Worst in Nation for Well-Being of Black Children.** 4/2/2013. UW-Milwaukee Public Radio. "Wisconsin ranks dead last when it comes to certain disparities between white and minority children, according to a [report](#) the Annie E. Casey Foundation released Tuesday. The study looked at a dozen indicators, from birth weight to the number of kids enrolled in preschool to household poverty... 'It really shows how difficult it is for black children as a group to get off a good start in life compared to white children right from birth.'" [Read more](#)
- **Women and Social Mobility: Six Key Facts.** Brookings Institute. 4/3/2014. "Social mobility is moving up the political agenda, but in a fairly masculine fashion. Much of the intergenerational data relies on father-son comparisons; a disproportionate number of the "rags to riches" stories involve men. A useful corrective come this week in the form of a new report about women's mobility from Pew's Economic Mobility Project. The paper compares Baby Boomer women to their parents in terms of wages, hours worked, and where they end up in the income distribution. [Six findings stand out...](#)"
- **Yes, American Teacher's are Underpaid.** The Atlantic. 4/8/2014. "American teacher pay is always politicized, not the least of which is because teachers' unions are part of the bedrock of the Democratic party's political base. But America's chalk-dusted corps of educators doesn't look especially over-paid by international standards. In fact, according to this dataset from the OECD, U.S. teachers make less than a comparably educated peers in the private sector.." [See chart](#)
- **50 Years Later, Obama Salutes Effects of Civil Rights Act.** New York Times. 4/10/2014. "The president's speech marking the 50th anniversary of the law Johnson signed in July 1964 was one more moment for Mr. Obama to address his own role in history. Though Mr. Obama often seemed reluctant to be drawn into discussions of race relations in his first term, insistent on being the president of everyone, he has been more open in talking about it since winning re-election." [Read more](#)

Policy, Reports & Tools:

- **Attaining Equitable Distribution of Effective Teachers in Public Schools.** Center for American Progress. April 2014. "This report explores shifts in policy and practice at this juncture and explores a range of state policy levers that can be used to improve the overall quality of the



educator workforce as a larger strategy to ensure that all students have access to effective teachers. Furthermore, this report addresses federal oversight of teacher equity provisions in current education law and efforts to encourage states to build rigorous systems of educator evaluation and support.” [See report here](#)

- **Continuity and Change: Demographic, Socioeconomic, and Housing Conditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives.** US Department of Housing and Urban Development. January 2014. “The project’s overarching purpose is to document the housing needs and conditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIANs) and Native Hawaiians. As a component of this broader project, this specific report examines trends in the circumstances (social, economic, and housing) of the AIAN population using secondary sources, predominantly the products of the U.S. Census Bureau.” [Read more](#)
- **County Health Rankings 2014: Key Findings Report.** UW Population Health Institute and RWJF. “This County Health Rankings Key Findings Report explores national and regional trends and offers an in-depth review of how five featured measures—children in poverty, college attendance, preventable hospital stays, smoking, and physical inactivity—influence health.” [See report here](#)
- **EITC: Tax Policy for an Equitable Economy (INFOGRAPHIC).** PolicyLink. April 2014. “The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for low-wage workers is a highly effective way that the federal government lifts people out of poverty and increases employment. Workers who receive it see an average increase in income of \$2,200.” [See here](#)
- **Healthiest Wisconsin 2020: Health Disparities Profile.** Wisconsin Center for Health Equity. April 2014. “This Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 (HW2020) Profile is designed to provide background information leading to collective action and results on the HW2020 State Health Plan pillar objective: Health Disparities.” [See profile here](#)
- **Keeping Dreams Alive: The Lane-Changer Costs of Financial Disruptions.** Institute on Assets and Social Policy. April 2014. “This brief examines how families navigate potentially lane-changing life events like unemployment, and looks at the race and class implications of the unequal costs from such events. It explores how a family’s ability to limit the consequences of such an event is mitigated by its own access to resources.” [Read more](#)
- **Race for Results: Building a Path to Opportunity for All Children.** April 2014. Annie E. Casey Foundation. “In this policy report, the Annie E. Casey Foundation explores the intersection of kids, race and opportunity. The report features the new Race for Results index, which compares how children are progressing on key milestones across racial and ethnic groups at the national and state level. The index is based on 12 indicators that measure a child’s success in each stage of life, from birth to adulthood, in the areas of early childhood; education and early work; family supports; and neighborhood context. The report also makes four policy recommendations to help ensure that all children and their families achieve their full potential.” [See report here](#)

- **Social Progress Index 2014.** Social Progress Imperative. “A broader and more inclusive model of development requires new metrics with which policymakers and citizens can evaluate national performance. We must move beyond simply measuring Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita, and make social and environmental measurement integral to national performance measurement. Tracking social and environmental performance rigorously will inform and drive improvement in policy choices and investments by all stakeholders. Measuring social progress will also help to better translate economic gains into better social and environmental performance, which will unleash even greater economic success.” [See report here](#)
- **The Importance of Early Childhood Programs for Women on the Brink: 7 Things the Federal Government Can Do to Improve Them.** Center for American Progress. 4/2/2014. “Most families who live paycheck to paycheck do not have access to high-quality, affordable child care and are forced to choose between using low-quality child care that is affordable and leaving the paid workforce.” [See here](#)
- **The Working Poor Families Project: Policy Brief.** Annie E. Casey and Joyce and Kresge Foundations. Winter 2013-2014. “In this brief, we highlight the latest data from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey and recommend state government policies and actions that would facilitate the economic advancement of femaleheaded, low-income working families with children under age 18.” [See brief here](#)
- **Women’s Leadership Gap (FACTSHEET).** Center for American Progress. 3/7/2014. [See here](#)
- **Women Pay Gap (INFOGRAPHIC).** Intuit. 2/27/2014. “Click on the [infographic here](#) to get a closer look at our illustration of data from the latest U.S. Census on the subject.”
- **Women’s Work: The Economic Mobility of Women Across a Generation.** Pew Charitable Trusts. April 2014. “This study demonstrates that women’s increased labor force participation and earnings have enabled some families to maintain their places on the economic ladder or, particularly among families at the bottom, to move up. But, as was the case for many women in the previous generation, men’s earnings continue to matter most for families’ income and economic mobility.” [See report here](#)

Research & Papers:

- **Early Childhood Investments Substantially Boost Adult Health.** Science. 3/28/2014. “High-quality early childhood programs have been shown to have substantial benefits in reducing crime, raising earnings, and promoting education. Much less is known about their benefits for adult health. We report on the long-term health effects of one of the oldest and most heavily cited early childhood interventions with long-term follow-up evaluated by the method of randomization: the Carolina Abecedarian Project (ABC). Using recently collected biomedical data, we find that disadvantaged children randomly assigned to treatment have significantly lower prevalence of risk factors for cardiovascular and metabolic diseases in their mid-30s. The evidence is especially strong for males.” [Read more](#)
- **Is the United States Still a Land of Opportunity? Recent Trends in Intergenerational Mobility.** National Bureau of Economic Research Paper Series. January 2014. “We find that children entering the labor market today have the same chances of moving up in the income distribution (relative to their parents) as children born in the 1970s. However, because inequality



has risen, the consequences of the “birth lottery” – the parents to whom a child is born – are larger today than in the past.” [Read more](#)

Websites & Grants:

- **Community Commons.** (NEW DATA) Free and reduce lunch eligibility and race/ethnicity map. [See here](#)
- **Health Impact Assessment for Improved Community Design: FOA.** Centers for Disease Control. “The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to increase the capacity of public health departments to include health considerations in transportation and land use planning decisions, and to expand the scope of health impacts considered when making decisions that impact community design.” [See grant information here](#)
- **The Next America: America’s Demographic Transformation—An Interactive Essay.** Pew Research Center. 4/10/2014. “Demographic transformations are dramas in slow motion. America is in the midst of two right now. Our population is becoming majority non-white at the same time a record share is going gray. Each of these shifts would by itself be the defining demographic story of its era. The fact that both are unfolding simultaneously has generated big generation gaps that will put stress on our politics, families, pocketbooks, entitlement programs and social cohesion.” [Visit site for data, infographics, charts.](#)

Webinars, Recordings & Videos:

- **Obama Pays Tribute to Civil Rights Act.** New York Times. [Watch video here](#)
- **Social Progress Index: 2014 Results.** Social Progress Imperative. [Watch video here](#)

Conferences & Presentations:

- **Creating Positive Futures: The Secrets of Human Resilience.** Dr. Arnold Sameroff. Monday, April 21, 2014, 12:00-1:30pm. Madison WI. Plenary Hall—5th floor, Nancy Nicholars Hall, School of Human Ecology, 1300 Linden Drive.
- **Health Justice and Social Justice: Can We Lurch Towards Equity?** Friday, April 11th 4-5:30pm. Madison, WI. Health Sciences Learning Center (HSLC). Room 1345. Dr. Jack Geiger. Arthur C. Logan Professor Emeritus of Community Medicine, City University of New York Medical School. Director of the first community health centers in the U.S. Founding member & Past President, Physicians for Human Rights & Physicians for Social Responsibility.
- **In the Interest of Others: Organizations and Social Activism.** Institute for Research on Poverty, La Follette School of Public Affairs, and UW Madison Department of Political Science. April 11th, 2014. 12:00-1:30pm. UW Madison Campus Wisconsin Idea Room, 159 Education Building on Bascom Hall. Free. [More information here](#)

April 11, 2014

- **More Than Skin Deep: Uprooting White Privilege and White Supremacy One Cell at a Time—A Three Day Institute.** Aug 1-3, 2014. Minneapolis, MN. “This three-day institute is for White people who already have an understanding of Race, Racism and particularly Whiteness (RRW), and who want to learn more about how to dismantle Whiteness (White Privilege and White Supremacy) through embodiment work, education, visioning and practical action.” [Register here](#)
- **National Public Health Week**—April 7-13, 2014. [Information here](#)
- **National Minority Health Month**—April 2014. [Information here](#)
- **Safe Schools, Safe Communities: Wisconsin Statewide Conference on LGBT Youth.** April 11th 8:30-4:15 Kenosha, WI. GSAFE and Diverse and Resilient. “Anyone interested in developing the resiliency, safety, and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth should attend this conference. This year’s conference will focus on what adults and youth leaders can do to build school, family, and community support for LGBT youth in our state while nurturing the inner strength and resiliency of our youth.” [Register here](#)
- **Wisconsin Public Health Association Annual Meeting: Navigating Change Through Social Innovation.** May 13-15, 2014. Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee. [More here](#)
- **2nd Annual Minority Health Month Event: Celebrate Wisconsin’s Community Health Workers.** United Voices, CORE/EI Centro and WI Minority Health Program. Free. April 26th 9-3:30pm. Milwaukee WI, 540 S. First Street. Email: anapaulas@core-elcentro.org for more information.