



## Articles:

- **A Key to College Success: Involved Dads.** The Atlantic. 4/22/2014. “Family scholars have long observed that fathers typically play an important role in advancing the welfare of their children. Focusing on the impact of family structure, compared to children from single-parent homes, children who live with their fathers in an intact family have significantly lower rates of incarceration and teenage pregnancy and higher rates of high school and college graduation.” [Read more](#)
- **A Manifest for the Liberal Wing of the Gay-Equality Movement.** The Atlantic. 4/23/2014. “Sustaining a liberal society demands a culture that welcomes robust debate, vigorous political advocacy, and a decent respect for differing opinions. People must be allowed to be wrong in order to continually test what is right. We should criticize opposing views, not punish or suppress them....A culture of free speech created the social space for us to criticize and demolish the arguments against gay marriage and LGBT equality...” [Read more](#)
- **Boys with Incarcerated Fathers are Screwed Before They Even Get to School.** Vox. 4/23/2014. “A new study in the journal *Sociological Science* has found that boys whose fathers have gone to prison are less likely to have the behavioral skills they need to succeed at school by the age of five, and are more likely to have been placed in special ed by the age of nine. The paper fills an important gap in the debate over mass incarceration and its impact on black men...and raises the depressing possibility that what's called the "school-to-prison pipeline," is actually more like a vicious generational cycle: prison to school to prison” [Read more](#)
- **Education May Help Insulate the Brain Against Traumatic Injury.** National Public Radio. 4/23/2014. “A little education goes a long way toward ensuring you'll recover from a serious traumatic brain injury. In fact, people with lots of education are seven times more likely than high school dropouts to have no measurable disability a year later.” [Read more](#)
- **From Rags to Riches.** NY Times. 4/20/2014. “Ultimately, [this data] casts serious doubt on the notion of a rigid class structure in the United States based upon income...rather than being a place of static, income-based social tiers, America is a place where a large majority of people will experience either wealth or poverty — or both — during their lifetimes. Rather than talking about the 1 percent and the 99 percent as if they were forever fixed, it would make much more sense to talk about the fact that Americans are likely to be exposed to both prosperity and poverty during their lives, and to shape our policies accordingly. As such, we have much more in common with one another than we dare to realize.” [Read more](#)
- **Get Rich, Live Longer: The Ultimate Consequence of Income Inequality.** The Atlantic. 4/18/2014. “Brookings economist Barry Bosworth crunches the data on income and lifespans for the *Wall Street Journal* and the numbers tell three clear stories: Rich people live longer, richer people's lifespans are growing at a faster rate, the problem is worse for women than for men.” [Read more](#)

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- **How did Canada's Middle Class Get So Rich?** The Atlantic. 4/22/2014. "The authors blame three broad factors: (1) Canada's education attainment is outpacing the U.S. and most of the world; (2) American middle-class market wages aren't keeping up with overall economic growth; and (3) Other governments are doing more to redistribute income to poorer families in other countries, particularly in western and northern Europe." [Read more](#)
- **How Higher Ed Contributes to Inequality.** The Atlantic. 4/14/2014. "Over the past 60 years, American higher-education policy has gone from being visible and effective...to being invisible and inefficient...About half of the Americans receiving federal assistance in paying college tuition or medical bills believe they have never benefited from a government social program. The results are evidence of what is termed "the submerged state"—a series of policies, like tuition tax credits or federally-guaranteed student loans, that are practically invisible to citizens. That invisibility erodes public support for the very idea of government playing an active role in people's lives." [Read more](#)
- **It's not Just Frozen: Most Disney Movies Are Pro-Gay.** The Atlantic. 4/23/2014. Disney films have been both traditional and subversive, serving wholesome princess stories to a largely hetero-normative global audience while also subtly appealing to queer children. Through conventional happy endings for outcasts and oddballs, Disney films let every child know that it's ok to be different." [Read more](#)
- **Millenials are Undercutting Their Own Influence on Social Policy.** Washington Post. 4/24/2014. "To the extent that younger would-be voters have very different views than their parents and grandparents on these questions, they're currently not translating those views in the voting booth as loudly as they could." [Read more](#)
- **More than a Fifth of America's Children Are Going Hungry.** Think Progress. 4/22/2014. "More than one in five American kids lived in a "food insecure" household in 2012, according to the newest annual Map the Meal Gap report from anti-hunger charity Feeding America." [Read more](#)
- **Out of Work, Out of Benefits, and Running Out of Options.** New York Times. 4/3/2014. "Abe Gorelick has decades of marketing experience, an extensive contact list, an Ivy League undergraduate degree, a master's in business from the University of Chicago, ideas about how to reach consumers young and old, experience working with businesses from start-ups to huge financial firms and an upbeat, effervescent way about him. What he does not have — and has not had for the last year — is a full-time job... programs to aid financially distressed families — like food stamps and job training — are not aimed at the long-term unemployed." [Read more](#)
- **Restaurants in Poor Areas Tend to Offer Unhealthy Food.** Think Progress. 4/22/2014. "The restaurants located in areas with high concentrations of poverty are less likely to offer healthy options, according to a new study conducted by Kansas State University researchers. The data indicates that it's more difficult for low-income Americans to make healthy choices because there are fewer options available to them...It's one of the multiple ways that economic inequality takes a toll on Americans' health — and contributes to the fact that poor Americans' life expectancy is declining." [Read more](#)
- **Rowing Together: How Public Health Supports the 'Upstream' Doctor.** Huffington Post. 4/23/2014. "The Upstream Doctors presents a vision for clinical medicine that recognizes that treating disease is not enough. Dr. Manchanda's perspective on upstream health issues is a



step forward in transforming how we see and respond to issues of health and disease in our communities, but the local health department should be included as a partner that is skilled in addressing the social determinants of disease and capable of community-level action.” [Read more](#)

- **Taking on Adam Smith (and Karl Marx).** NY Times. 4/20/2014. “Piketty’s work is a challenge both to Marxism and laissez-faire economics...Like the Columbia University economist Joseph E. Stiglitz, he argues that extreme inequality “threatens our democratic institutions.” Democracy is not just one citizen, one vote, but a promise of equal opportunity...It’s very difficult to make a democratic system work when you have such extreme inequality and such extreme inequality in terms of political influence and the production of knowledge and information.” [Read more](#)
- **The Piketty Panic.** NY Times. 4/25/2014. “Mr. Piketty—a French Economist—is hardly the first to point out that we are experiencing a sharp rise in inequality, or even to emphasize the contrast between slow income growth for most of the population and soaring incomes at the top...what’s really new about “Capital” is the way it demolishes that most cherished of conservative myths, the insistence that we’re living in a meritocracy in which great wealth is earned and deserved. What Mr. Piketty shows is that...Western societies before World War I were indeed dominated by an oligarchy of inherited wealth — and his book makes a compelling case that we’re well on our way back toward that state.” [Read more](#)
- **The Rich Live Longer: So How Much Money ‘Buys’ 1 More Year of Life?** The Atlantic. 4/23/2014. “If today’s prime-age workers have the same lifespan-by-income distribution as their parents, each additional \$15,000 of total household income “buys” an extra year of life. Ultimately, the precise number matters less than the message. Economic inequality wouldn’t matter if it had nothing to do with well-being inequality. But it does. Climbing America’s income ladder today is truly a game of life and delayed death—and there are many thousands of dollars separating the rungs.” [Read more](#)
- **This Doctor Treats Poverty Like a Disease.** Huffington Post. 4/13/2014. “[In Canada]...We’ve created an advocacy or interventional initiative aimed at changing the conversation about poverty and how doctors think about poverty as a health issue...It’s one of those cultural shift things. [They have] a clinical tool used by primary care practices in Ontario that is based on strong evidence linking poverty to bad health outcomes.” [Read more](#)
- **To Reduce Inequality, Start with Families.** New York Times. 4/20/2014. “If we want to strike at the roots of inequality in America, we’ve got to start at its source, in the family, at the very beginning of children’s lives. We have to make it possible for mothers to stay in the work force without the sort of family-related job interruptions that can greatly limit their lifetime earnings and even push some families into bankruptcy. We need to make it possible for all parents to give their kids the kind of head start that is increasingly becoming an exclusive birthright of the well-off.” [Read more](#)
- **Top 5 Reasons Why Immigration Reform Means More Tax Revenues.** Center for American Progress. 4/15/2014. “Last year, the Senate passed the bipartisan Border Security, Economic

Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, or S. 744, which the Congressional Budget Office, or CBO, found would have significant fiscal and economic benefits for the nation. Yet since its passage, the House of Representatives has dragged its feet and failed to act on meaningful reform. This inaction means that the United States has already missed out on billions of dollars in potential tax revenues.” [Read reasons here](#)

- **Trying to Close a Language Gap, Word by Word.** 3/26/2014. “Recent research shows that brain development is buoyed by continuous interaction with parents and caregivers from birth, and that even before age 2, the children of the wealthy know more words than do those of the poor. Educators say that many parents, especially among the poor and immigrants, do not know that talking, as well as reading, singing and playing with their young children, is important.” [Read more](#)
- **What Happens to Low-Income Students on the Way to College?** Vox. 4/24/2014. “Every year, tens of thousands of disadvantaged students start high school with high eighth-grade test scores. Yet by the end of high school, they’ve slipped far behind their wealthier classmates. Many never end up going to college at all, and just 16 percent end up at highly selective colleges...[read here](#) about what happens to them along the way.”
- **What Stay-at-Home Moms Need: Dad to Do the Dishes.** Time. 4/11/2014. “Stay-at-home mothers don’t need to be objects of our collective, envious projected fantasies about lifestyles of the rich and unsalaried — but a lot of them do need our help. They need ESL classes and job training; access to work that pays a livable wage, and, among other forms of parenting support, access to affordable, high-quality child care.” [Read more](#)
- **What You’d Need to Make in Every County in America to Afford a Decent One-Bedroom.** Washington Post. 4/22/2014. “The National Low Income Housing Coalition took fair market rents and calculated how much a worker would have to earn per hour to cover such modest housing, if we assume a 40-hour work week and a 52-week year. They call this rate a “housing wage,” and it is, unsurprisingly, much higher than the minimum wage in much of the country.” [Read more](#)
- **Where the GOP Gets it Right.** New York Times. 4/9/2014. “Republicans may seem like ultimate Scrooges. Many want to slash food stamps, unemployment benefits and just about any program that helps the needy...Actually, conservatives have been proved right about three big ideas of social policy. Liberals may grimace, but hear me out on these points...” [See here](#)
- **10 Facts About America’s EITC-Eligible Tax Filers.** Brookings Institute. 4/17/2014. “Researchers from the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program have released new Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) data from the IRS on federal individual income tax filers. The interactive data are available for all ZIP codes, cities, counties, metropolitan areas, states, state legislative districts, and congressional districts in the U.S. Users can also find new MetroTax model estimates of the EITC-eligible population in 2012 based on the latest American Community Survey data.” [Read facts here](#)
- **50 Years Into the War on Poverty, Hardship Hits Back.** NY Times. 4/21/2014. “Of the 353 most persistently poor counties in the United States 85 percent are rural. They are clustered in distinct regions: Indian reservations in the West; Hispanic communities in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas; a band across the Deep South and along the Mississippi Delta with a majority black



population; and Appalachia, largely white, which has supplied some of America's iconic imagery of rural poverty since the Depression-era photos of Walker Evans." [Read more](#)

## **Policy, Reports & Tools:**

- **A Clinician's Guide to Food Security.** HealthBegins. "How to screen for and help patients with food insecurity." [See tools here](#)
- **Earn to Learn: How States Can Reimagine and Reinvest in Work-Study to Help Low-Income Adults Pay for College, Enhance their Academic Studies and Prepare for Post College Careers.** The Working Poor Families Project. Spring 2014. "States have a range of policy tools to help address the costs of college and the effects of school-year employment. Establishing a state-sponsored work-study program could be one such tool. This policy brief explores ways that states can reimagine and reinvest in their work-study programs, especially to benefit low-income adult students with families." [See brief here](#)
- **Falling Out of the Lead: Following High Achievers Through High School and Beyond.** The Education Trust. April 2014. "[This report] drills down to understand how initially high-achieving students of color and low-socioeconomic status (SES) students are getting off track in high school. By better understanding such patterns, we hope educators can look at their practices with a fresh eye and think anew about how to provide truly rigorous opportunities that will best support students of color and low-SES students who are already high-achieving." [Read more](#)
- **Family and Medical Leave Insurance: A Basic Standard for Today's Workforce.** Center for American Progress. 4/15/2014. "The Family and Medical Leave Insurance, or FAMILY, Act of 2013, would establish a national family and medical leave insurance program, expanding access to paid leave. This paper outlines how the workforce has changed since the passage of the FLSA and what kinds of basic labor standards we now need and explain how we can learn from state experiences, as well as the experiences of other countries, to implement a national family and medical leave insurance program such as the one that the FAMILY Act proposes." [Read more](#)
- **Financing Prevention: How States are Balancing Delivery System and Public Health Roles.** ChangeLab Solutions & partners. April 2014. "The report looks at how eight leading states – California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, and Vermont – have combined many of the new policy levers and resources offered through the Affordable Care Act with existing state authority to create a new balance between the health care delivery and public health systems with the ultimate goal of the Triple Aim: improving care and health outcomes, and reducing costs." [Read more](#)
- **Good for Business? Connecticut's Paid Sick Leave Law.** Center for Economic and Policy Research. 2/2014. "On July 1, 2011, Connecticut became the first state in the nation to pass legislation requiring many employers to allow workers to earn paid sick leave; the law took effect six months later. This report examines the experiences of Connecticut employers with the state's paid sick leave law." [Read results here](#)

- **HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities.** April 2014. US Dept of Health and Human Services. “Health disparities — differences in health outcomes that are closely linked with social, economic, and environmental disadvantage — are often driven by the social conditions in which individuals live, learn, work and play. This document provides a brief overview of racial and ethnic health disparities and unveils a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities.” [Read more](#)
- **New Data Illustrate Local Impact of Tax Credits for Working Families.** Brookings Institute. 4/15/2014. “This Tax Day we want to draw your attention to newly-released resources that demonstrate the widespread impact of federal tax policies targeted to low- and moderate-income working families, particularly the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC).” [See maps here](#)
- **Poverty: A Clinical Tool for Primary Care in Ontario.** Ontario College of Family Physicians. Poverty Intervention Resources for in clinic and patient resource handouts. [See tools here](#)
- **Primary Care Interventions into Poverty (CANADA).** Poverty intervention resources clinical, patient and community based. Found [here](#).
- **Raising the Minimum Wage Will Benefit People of Color (INFOGRAPHIC).** Center for American Progress. 4/21/2014. [See here](#)
- **The Business Case for Paid Leave and Paid Sick Days.** Center for American Progress. 4/17/2014. “Most opponents of paid sick days and paid family leave legislation claim that businesses cannot afford to cover their employees. But cities and states with paid family leave and paid sick days are proof that these policies are working. Growing support from many businesses—both big and small—as well as private-sector leaders, indicates that these policies are not only good for individuals and businesses but also for our economy as a whole.” [Read more](#)
- **The Economic Importance of Women’s Rising Hours of Work: Time to Update Employment Standards.** Center for American Progress. 4/15/2014. “The importance of mothers’ additional hours of work and their earnings to our economy lend a new urgency to rethinking U.S. labor standards for the 21st century. Even as mothers and women are making significant contributions to the U.S. economy, they continue to do so within a set of institutions that too often do not provide them with the kind of support that they need to do this successfully both at work and at home. Read recommendations.” [Read more](#)
- **The Importance of Tax Policy on the Fight Against Poverty.** Spotlight on Poverty. 4/14/2014. “The effectiveness of [tax] programs is remarkable. The EITC alone does more to reduce poverty than any other form of cash or near-cash assistance. And when the EITC is coupled with other anti-poverty tax code provisions, such as the Child Tax Credit (CTC), the benefit is even greater. Together, these two programs decreased the overall poverty rate by close to 3 percentage points and lowered the child poverty rate by more than 6 percentage points in 2011.” [Read more](#)
- **The Increasing Diversity of America’s Youth: Children Lead the Way to a New Era.** Carsey Institute. Spring 2014. [See brief here](#)



- **The President’s Proposed EITC Expansion Would Benefit 6.1 Million Working Women at All Stages of Their Lives.** April 2014. National Women’s Law Center. [See brief here](#)
- **Work-Family Supports for Low-Income Families: Key Research Findings and Policy Trends.** US Dept of Health and Human Services. March 2014. “This paper explores four areas of work-family policy with particular relevance for the wellbeing of low-income working parents and their families: (1) unpaid family and medical leave, (2) paid parental or family leave (extended leave), (3) paid sick leave (short-term leave), and (4) workplace flexibility or initiatives to expand employees’ control over work shifts, hours, and other circumstances of their jobs.” [Read more](#)
- **4 Reasons to Use the Equity Frame in Your Campaign.** Bolder Advocacy and PolicyLink. 4/15/2014. [See here](#)

## Research & Papers:

- **Capturing Social and Behavior Domains in Electronic Health Records.** Institute of Medicine. April 2014. [See report.](#)
- **Social Disadvantage, Genetic Sensitivity and Children’s Telomere Length.** Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. 3/10/2014. “This paper makes two contributions to research on the link between the social environment and health. Using data from a birth cohort study, we show that, among African American boys, those who grow up in highly disadvantaged environments have shorter telomeres (at age 9) than boys who grow up in highly advantaged environments...Boys with the highest genetic sensitivity scores had the shortest TL when exposed to disadvantaged environments and the longest TL when exposed to advantaged environments.” [Read more](#)

## Websites & Grants:

- **Health First Wisconsin**—Launches is “Health for All” webpage. [See page here.](#)
- **Maps, Tax Indicators in Your County (INTERACTIVE TOOL).** Brookings Tax Policy Center. “How does your county stack up with the rest of the nation on various tax indicators? Use our interactive maps on EITC, Income Tax, Itemized Tax Deductions, and Property Taxes to find out.” [See maps](#)
- **NEW MAP: Male to Female Worker Income Ratio.** Community Commons. [See here](#)
- **NEW MAP: On-Time Graduation Rates by School District.** Community Commons. [See here.](#)
- **Quickstats: Percent of Men and Women who had Insomnia by Family Income.** Centers for Disease Control. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. 4/11/2014. [See here](#)

## Webinars, Recordings & Videos:

- **A Gadget to Close the Language Gap.** New York Times. 3/26/2014. “An intervention program in Providence, R.I., uses a digital word counter to track language use in families, in an effort to close the “word gap” between children from low-income and affluent families.” [Watch here](#)
- **An Intelligent Consumer’s Guide to Poverty Measurement.** UW Madison Institute for Research on Poverty. “In this webinar, two distinguished experts in the field will explain the various types of poverty measures and will contrast the “official” U.S. poverty measure with the newer Supplemental Poverty Measure or SPM. Finally, Dr. Short and Dr. Smeeding will touch on recent research on poverty measurement and take questions from the online audience.” May 14, 1-2pm CST. [Register here.](#)
- **Aspen Institute Ascend Network to Launch.** Aspen Institute. April 29, 11-12pm CST. “The Ascend Network is a new network of leading organizations applying two-generation approaches to disrupt poverty and create economic mobility for families. Over the next two years, the Aspen Institute will invest \$1.2 million in a portfolio of practice, policy, and community solutions to increase families’ educational success and economic security. We identified these initial 50+ organizations, from more than 24 states and the District of Columbia, through a highly selective national competition. Join the webinar to find out who they are and more about the work they do.” [Register here](#)
- **Boost Your Campaigns with the Economics Case for Equity.** PolicyLink and the Equal Voice Network. 3/14/2014. “Telling a compelling story – one that is backed by the facts – is the key to gaining support and winning advocacy campaigns for low-income families. Over the last several years, PolicyLink and its partners have developed a new narrative about why equity – the just and fair inclusion of all – matters for everyone, not just those who are being left behind.” [Watch here](#)
- **Food Justice, Obesity and the Social Determinants of Health.** APHA & Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy. April 10, 2014. “Healthy communities depend on food environments that allow for access to healthy food. Where you live should not dictate how well you eat, or how that food is grown, but it often does. APHA President Elect, Shiriki Kumanyika, PhD, discusses food environments as drivers of obesity and related diseases, as well as critical elements in achieving health equity. Respondent Dr. Cecelia Martinez of the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy (CEED) will discuss community indicators for food justice.” [Watch here](#)
- **Generation Public Health (VIDEO).** American Public Health Association. “You might think we’re one of the healthiest nations, but we’re not. Compared to other developed nations, we’re lagging far behind. The thing is: It doesn’t have to be this way. We can make this the healthiest nation in one generation. Committing to a healthier America is something we can all do.” [Watch here](#)
- **Health Justice and Social Justice: Can We Lurch Towards Equity?** 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. [Recording here](#)
- **Justice and Health: Missing Ingredients in the U.S. Food System.** Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. “We need a food system that protects people’s right to healthy food and a healthy environment while providing fair compensation for farmers and workers” [Watch here](#)



- **Linked By Life: Building MCH Life Course Organizations Within Health Departments to Improve Women's Health.** May 6, 2014. 2-3:30. "The webinar will illustrate how the Wisconsin Department of Health Services adopted and executed life course theory to expand preconception care throughout the state, connect MCH and early childhood modes of care while addressing the social determinants of health. The presenters will communicate why other local and state health departments should adopt this strategic intent in order to reduce racial disparities in birth outcomes by becoming a MCH Life Course Organization." [Register here](#)
- **Saving Central: One High School's Struggle After Resegregation.** The Atlantic. 4/16/2014. "Meet the students and staff at Tuscaloosa's all-black Central High School in a [short documentary](#) film by Maisie Crow."
- **The Economic and Social Effects of Crime and Mass Incarceration in the United States.** Brookings Institute. May 1, 2014 12-3:30pm. "The Hamilton Project at Brookings will host a forum and release three new papers focusing on crime and incarceration in the United States." [Register here](#)

## Conferences & Presentations:

- **Building Bridges: Celebration of Leadership.** Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools. May 10<sup>th</sup> 5pm. Monona Terrace, Madison. [Register here](#)
- **Crossing Pathways: A Community Approach to Dismantling Racism.** Kenosha County and Division of Health. May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9-4pm. Kenosha WI. [Register and information here.](#)
- **Forced Migration, Health and Human Rights.** May 2, 4-6:30 pm Madison, WI. University Club. Keynote Lecture and Reception: Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and International Law. Kakuma Refugee Camp. Lecturer: Allan Kiriga, Attorney United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
- **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 Minority Health Month—April 2014.** [Information here](#)
- **Wisconsin Public Health Association Annual Meeting: Navigating Change Through Social Innovation.** May 13-15, 2014. Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee. [More here](#)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Minority Health Month Event: Celebrate Wisconsin's Community Health Workers.** United Voices, CORE/EI Centro and WI Minority Health Program. Free. April 26<sup>th</sup> 9-

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