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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education

PhD/2012	Harvard University Health Policy, Ethics Concentration
BA/2005	University of California, Berkeley Political Economy of Industrial Societies (High Honors); Philosophy

Postdoctoral Training

Postdoc/2012-2014	University of Pennsylvania Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brown University School of Public Health

Donald G. Millar Distinguished Professor of Alcohol and Addiction Studies (*with tenure*), Department of Health Services, Policy, & Practice, July 2025-Present
Associate Director of Policy, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University School of Public Health, July 2025-Present

Johns Hopkins University

Bloomberg Professor of American Health (*with tenure*), Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, September 2023 – June 2025
Director of the PhD Program, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, July 2023 – June 2025
Director of Practice, Johns Hopkins Center for Mental Health and Addiction Policy Research, August 2023 – June 2025
Bloomberg Associate Professor of American Health, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, July 2020 – September 2023
Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, June 2019 – August 2023

Concentration Director, PhD Program in Bioethics and Health Policy, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, May 2019 – April 2023

Advisory Board, Bloomberg American Health Initiative, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2019 – 2022

Core Faculty, Institute for Health and Social Policy, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, August 2014 – June 2025

Core Faculty, Johns Hopkins Center for Mental Health and Addiction Policy Research, 2015 – 2025

Core Faculty, Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University, 2019 – 2025

Affiliated Faculty, Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University, 2014 – 2019

Affiliated Faculty, Wendy Klag Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, 2015 – present

Joint Appointment, Department of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2015 – 2025

Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, August 2014-May 2019

Other Professional Experience

Summer Associate, The RAND Corporation, Health Group, Arlington, VA, June-August 2009

Summer Associate, The RAND Corporation, Project Air Force, Santa Monica, CA, June-August 2008

Research Assistant, The Urban Institute, Center on Labor, Human Services, and Populations, Washington, DC, February 2006-August 2007

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Steering Committee, Opioid Use Disorder Examination and Treatment Act of House Bill 116 of 2019, Maryland Office of Crime Control and Prevention, 2022 – Present

Member, Association of Public Policy and Management, 2009 – 2015

Member, AcademyHealth, 2009 – present

Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2019 – current

Technical Advisor on Data Governance, US Drug Enforcement Administration, 2021-current

Task Force Member on Opioids Report, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, 2018 – 2019

Bioethics Consultant to the National Academy of Science Engineering and Medicine, Consensus Study on Developing a National Cancer Strategy, 2018 – 2019

Consultant to the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, 2018 – 2019

Co-leader of Addiction & Overdose Workgroup, Bloomberg American Health Initiative, 2017 2019

Greenwall Anniversary Fellow in Bioethics, National Academy of Medicine, 2016 – 2017

Member, Howard County, MD, Mental Health Task Force, 2014 – 2015

Member, American Society of Health Economics, 2013 – 2014

Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute, University of Pennsylvania, 2012-2014

Graduate Fellow, The Tobin Project, 2010-2012
Graduate Associate, Harvard Institute of Quantitative Social Sciences, 2009-2012

EDITORIAL AND OTHER PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, section on *Noncommunicable Diseases*, the [Handbook of Public Health Ethics](#). Oxford University Press. 2019.

Co-advisor to *Health Affairs* special issue *Research and Policy Insights about the Opioid Crisis* (to be published September 2025)

Journal Peer Review Activities

Addiction; Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research; Annals of Internal Medicine; The American Economic Journal – Economic Policy; The American Journal of Bioethics – Empirical; The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse; The American Journal of Health Economics; The American Journal of Public Health; The American Journal on Addictions; Annals of Internal Medicine; BMC Health Services Research; BMJ; Children and Youth Services; Contemporary Clinical Trials; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; Ethnicity and Health; Governance; Health Affairs; Health Economics; Health Services Research; International Journal of Drug Policy; Israel Journal of Health Policy Research; JAMA; JAMA Health Forum; JAMA Internal Medicine; JAMA Open; JAMA Pediatrics; JAMA Psychiatry; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Health Policy, Politics, and Law; Journal of Law and Medical Ethics; Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs; Medical Care; Medical Care Research and Review; Milbank Quarterly; New England Journal of Medicine; Pediatrics; PLOS One; Psychiatric Services; Psychology of Addictive Behaviors; Science; Southern Economics Journal; Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy.

Proposal Reviews

Grant Reviewer, NIDA Ad-hoc HEAL (RFA-DA-23-053 & 054) (April 2025)

Grant Reviewer, Bloomberg American Health Initiative (April 2024)

Grant Reviewer, NIDA Ad-hoc Research to Foster an OUD Treatment System Special Panel (June 2023)

Grant Reviewer, Bloomberg American Health Initiative (April 2021, April 2022)

Grant Reviewer, NIDA Ad-hoc Clinical Trials Network (March 2021)

Grant Reviewer, NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) ZRG1 HDM-Z(02) (March 2021)

Grant Reviewer, National Institute of Health, Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research (PAR-19-064) (June 2020)

Grant Reviewer, National Institute of Health, Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research (PAR-19-064) (February 2020)

Grant Reviewer, National Institutes of Health, Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data (PAR 18-062) (2019)

Co-Chair, Mental Health and Substance Use Section, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (2021)

Grant Reviewer, Health Data for Action (2019)

Abstract Reviewer, Health Section, Association of Public Policy and Management (2019)

Abstract Reviewer, Behavioral Health, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (2017; 2018; 2019)

Grant Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Policy-Relevant Insurance Studies (2016)

Abstract Reviewer, Coverage and Access, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (2015)

Review of Reports and Other Documents

Report reviewer: National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine; RAND Corporation; Pew Charitable Trusts; Vital Strategies

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honors

July 2025 –Appointed as Donald G. Millar Distinguished Professor of Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University School of Public Health

July 2020 –Installed as Bloomberg Associate Professorship of American Health (endowed faculty position as part of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative)

Awards

2023-2026 Scholar, Greenwall Faculty Scholars Program

2025 Excellence in Teaching Citation, Graduate Seminar in Health Policy Term III, Term II

2024 Excellence in Teaching Citation, Graduate Seminar in Health Policy Term II, Term I

2023 Excellence in Teaching Citation, Graduate Seminar in Health Policy Terms II, III

2019 Alice S. Hersh Emerging Leader Award, AcademyHealth (*Since 1986 AcademyHealth has selected one early career recipient. It “recognizes scholars early in their careers as health services researchers who show exceptional promise for future contributions”*)

2019 Excellence in Teaching Citation, Graduate Seminar in Health Policy Terms III, IV

2018 Excellence in Teaching Citation, Graduate Seminar in Health Policy Term III

2017 Article of the Year in Medical Care Research and Review, 2016

2015-2017 Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics at the National Academy of Medicine

2010, 2011 Emerging Scholar, HHS Welfare Evaluation Conference

2011 Joan P. Curhan Citizenship Award, Harvard Program in Health Policy

2010 Buckley Scholar, Manchester Graduate Summer Program in Social Change

2009 Alice S. Hersh Student Scholarship, AcademyHealth

Named Lectureships

April 22, 2025. Eckert Lecture, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

July 8, 2024. Galkin Lecture, Brown University.

November 7, 2017, Michael M. Davis Lecture, University of Chicago, Center for Health Administration Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates a mentored student or post-doctoral fellow, + indicates senior authorship

Journal Articles

1. Gibbons JB, Bandara S, Flanagan V*, Hardy C, Oros M, **Saloner B⁺**. Association between peer support services, treatment engagement and overdose risk among Kentucky Medicaid beneficiaries with opioid use disorder. *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 2025;277:112944. doi:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2025.112944
2. Gibbons JB, Bandara S, Cook BL... **Saloner B⁺**. Estimating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Harm Reduction Services: Findings From a Survey of People Who Use Drugs. *Health Serv Res.* Published online December 30, 2025:e70081. doi:10.1111/1475-6773.70081
3. Heidari O, **Saloner BK**, Shah H*, et al. Evaluation of a novel coresponse to opioid overdoses with emergency medical services and a community-based organization. *Psychol Serv.* Published online January 19, 2026. doi:10.1037/ser0001017
4. Schuler MS, Sheng F, **Saloner B**, Gordon AJ, Stein BD. High-volume buprenorphine prescribers: Examining state policy contexts. *Drug Alcohol Depend Rep.* 2026;18:100406. doi:10.1016/j.dadr.2025.100406
5. Sugarman OK, Bandara S, Winiker A, **Saloner B**... Heidari O. Self-Advocacy and Perceptions of the Role of Government in the Xylazine Era of the Overdose Crisis: A Qualitative Analysis of Reddit Content. *Subst Use Addctn J.* Published online November 5, 2025:29767342251383637. doi:10.1177/29767342251383637
6. Desai IK*, Burke K, Raikes J*, Xu J*, Li Y*, **Saloner B**... Krawczyk N. "They should be like penicillin": barriers to the integration of medications for opioid use disorder in specialty treatment programs. *Addict Sci Clin Pract.* 2025;21(1):3. doi:10.1186/s13722-025-00633-3
7. Shah H, Whaley S, Desai IK, ... **Saloner B**, Harris S. A Qualitative Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Overdose Risk from the Perspective of Survivors and Witnesses of Drug Overdose: Lessons for Future Public Health Emergencies. *Subst Use Misuse.* Published online September 30, 2025:1-9. doi:10.1080/10826084.2025.2562455
8. Maclean JC, Hulser S, Stein BD, **Saloner B⁺**. Medicaid Expansion Boosted Specialty Treatment Episodes For Substance Use Disorder In Expansion States, 2010-22. *Health Aff (Millwood).* 2025;44(10):1273-1280. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2024.01289
9. **Saloner B**, Fredericks PJ*, Byrne L, et al. Naloxone Use, 911 Calls, and Emergency Visits After Nonfatal Overdose. *JAMA Netw Open.* 2025;8(10):e2537678. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.37678
10. **Saloner B**, Lagisetty P. The Opioid Crisis: Scaling Up Treatment And Harm Reduction Programs To Reach More People Who Would Benefit. *Health Aff (Millwood).* 2025;44(9):1034-1041. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2025.00340
11. Lenz C*, Song M, Bandara S, ... **Saloner B**. Implementation of Jail and Prison-Based Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Programs: A Narrative Synthesis. *Med Care Res Rev.* Published online June 26, 2025:10775587251345018. doi:10.1177/10775587251345018
12. Taylor J, Bandara S, Thomas CP, **Saloner B**, Fredericks PJ, Shen K. Predictors of non-transport by emergency medical services after a nonfatal opioid overdose: a national analysis. *Health Aff Sch.* 2025;3(5):qxaf101. doi:10.1093/haschl/qxaf101
13. **Saloner B**, Bandara S, Kennedy-Hendricks A. Stable, But Weak: Fifty Years of U.S. Illicit Drug Policy from Nixon to Trump and Beyond. *J Health Polit Policy Law.* Published online June 20, 2025:11995184. doi:10.1215/03616878-11995184

14. Stein BD, Sheng F, **Saloner BK**, Gordon AJ, Merlin JS. Cross-sectional examination of characteristics of higher-dose buprenorphine prescriptions during the era of illicit fentanyl. *Addict Sci Clin Pract*. 2025;20(1):33. doi:10.1186/s13722-025-00547-0
15. Sugarman OK, **Saloner B**, Harris SJ, Irvin R, Flanagan V, Bandara S. Hepatitis C Treatment in Kentucky Medicaid Recipients with Concurrent Opioid Use Disorder: A Cross-Sectional Study. *J Gen Intern Med*. Published online January 21, 2025. doi:10.1007/s11606-025-09356-2
16. Reid MC, Harris SJ, Grieb SM, **Saloner B**, et al. Perspectives of syringe services program operators in Michigan on their relationship with substance use treatment: a qualitative study. *Harm Reduct J*. 2025;22(1):25. doi:10.1186/s12954-025-01172-5
17. Kramer C*, Lenz C*, Song M, ... **Saloner B**.⁺ State-Mandated Opioid Use Disorder Treatment In Maryland Jails Helped Patients Recover Despite Gaps In Care. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2025;44(5):614-621. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2024.01423
18. **Saloner B**. The Long Arc of Substance Use Policy Innovation in Medicaid: Looking Back, Looking Forward. *Milbank Q*. Published online March 22, 2025. doi:10.1111/1468-0009.70007
19. **Saloner B**, Heller D, Davis CS, Sherman SG. Harm Reduction: The Neglected Pillar of US Drug Policy. *Annu Rev Public Health*. Published online December 17, 2024. doi:10.1146/annurev-publhealth-071723-112620
20. Bandara S, **Saloner B**, Maniates H*, Song M, Krawczyk N. Implementation of carceral medicaid suspension and enrollment programs: perspectives of carceral and Medicaid leaders. *Health Justice*. 2025;13(1):1. doi:10.1186/s40352-024-00311-7
21. Cook BL, Flores M, Progovac AM, ... **Saloner B**, Ferris Wayne G.. Association of Tobacco Dependence Treatment Coverage Expansion with Smoking Behaviors among Medicaid Beneficiaries Living with Substance Use Disorder. *Am J Prev Med*. Published online November 28, 2024:S0749-3797(24)00404-5. doi:10.1016/j.amepre.2024.11.010
22. Stein BD, **Saloner BK**, Sheng F, Sorbero M, Dick AW, Gordon AJ. Associations Between State Policies Facilitating Telehealth and Buprenorphine Episode Initiation and Duration Early in the COVID Pandemic : State Telehealth Policies and Buprenorphine. *J Gen Intern Med*. Published online November 14, 2024. doi:10.1007/s11606-024-09188-6
23. Feder KA, Li Y, Burke KN*, ... **Saloner B**, Krawczyk N. Client and program-level factors associated with planned use of medications for opioid use disorder in specialty substance use treatment programs: Evidence from linked administrative data and survey data. *J Subst Use Addict Treat*. 2025;168:209545. doi:10.1016/j.josat.2024.209545
24. **Saloner B**, Sugarman OK, Byrne L, et al. Experiences of the changing illicit drug supply among racial and ethnic minoritized people in three US states: a qualitative study. *Harm Reduct J*. 2024;21(1):205. doi:10.1186/s12954-024-01126-3
25. Sugarman OK, Harris SJ, Byrne L, ... **Saloner B**.⁺ How emergency departments are responding to the opioid crisis: Results from a statewide survey in Kentucky. *Addict Sci Clin Pract*. 2024;19(1):78. doi:10.1186/s13722-024-00512-3
26. Donahoe JT, Donohue JM, **Saloner B**.⁺ Disparities in Medication Use for Criminal Justice System-Referred Opioid Use Disorder Treatment. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2024;5(9):e242807. doi:10.1001/jamahealthforum.2024.2807
27. Harris SJ, Golberstein E, Maclean JC, Stein BD, Ettner SL, **Saloner B**.⁺ Implementation Of New Mexico's "No Behavioral Health Cost Sharing" Law: A Qualitative Study. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2024;43(10):1448-1454. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2024.00101

28. Heidari O, Sugarman OK, Winiker AK*,... **Saloner B⁺**. Personal Experiences With Xylazine and Behavior Change: A Qualitative Content Analysis of Reddit Posts. *J Addict Med*. Published online September 27, 2024. doi:10.1097/ADM.0000000000001383
29. Gibbons JB, Sugarman OK, Byrne L,...**Saloner B⁺**. Perceptions of a naloxone leave behind program among emergency medical services personnel in Michigan, USA. *Drug Alcohol Depend Rep*. 2024;12:100273. doi:10.1016/j.dadr.2024.100273
30. Bandara S, Byrne L, Berman V... **Saloner B⁺**. Harm Reduction and Treatment Among People at High Risk of Overdose. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2024;7(8):e2427241. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2024.27241
31. Li W, Eisenberg M, Song M, Kennedy-Hendricks A, **Saloner B⁺**. Medications for Opioid Use Disorder after Entering Residential Treatment: Evidence from Louisiana Medicaid. *J Addict Med*. Published online August 16, 2024. doi:10.1097/ADM.0000000000001373
32. Sugarman OK, Shah H, Whaley S, McCourt A, **Saloner B**, Bandara S. A content analysis of legal policy responses to xylazine in the illicit drug supply in the United States. *Int J Drug Policy*. 2024;129:104472. doi:10.1016/j.drugpo.2024.104472
33. Blumenthal-Barby J, Fletcher FE, Taylor L, **Saloner B** et al. Ethical Complexities in Utilizing Artificial Intelligence for Surrogate Decision Making. *Am J Bioeth*. 2024;24(7):1-2. doi:10.1080/15265161.2024.2362553
34. Harris SJ, Golberstein E, Maclean JC, Stein BD, Ettner SL, **Saloner B⁺**. How policymakers innovate around behavioral health: adoption of the New Mexico “No Behavioral Health Cost-Sharing” law. *Health Aff Sch*. 2024;2(1):qxad081. doi:10.1093/haschl/qxad081
35. Drake C, Nagy D, Meiselbach MK, Zhu J, **Saloner B**, et al. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Geographic Availability of Buprenorphine. *J Addict Med*. 2024;18(3):335-338. doi:10.1097/ADM.0000000000001287
36. McGinty EE, White SA, Eisenberg MD, Palmer NR, Brown CH, **Saloner BK⁺**. US payment policy for medications to treat opioid use disorder: landscape and opportunities. *Health Aff Sch*. 2024;2(3):qxae024. doi:10.1093/haschl/qxae024
37. Doan B, Kramer C*, **Saloner B**, et al. Allocating health care resources in jails and prisons during COVID-19: a qualitative study of carceral decision-makers. *Health Aff Sch*. 2024;2(4):qxae015. doi:10.1093/haschl/qxae015
38. Kennedy-Hendricks A, Song M, McCourt AD, Sharfstein JM, Eisenberg MD, **Saloner B⁺**. Licensure Policies May Help States Ensure Access To Opioid Use Disorder Medication In Specialty Addiction Treatment. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2024;43(5):732-739. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2023.01306
39. Gibbons JB, Harris SJ, Sugarman OK... **Saloner B⁺**. Piloting racial bias training for hospital emergency department providers treating patients with opioid use disorder. *Health Aff Sch*. 2024;2(5):qxae049. doi:10.1093/haschl/qxae049
40. Drake C, Nagy D, Meiselbach MK, **Saloner B**, et al. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Geographic Availability of Buprenorphine. *J Addict Med*. 2024;18(3):335-338. doi:10.1097/ADM.0000000000001287
41. **Saloner B**. The Overdose Crisis in the 2024 Election-Political Fights and Practical Problems. *JAMA*. 2024;331(19):1621-1622. doi:10.1001/jama.2024.4997
42. Harris SJ, Landis RK, Li W, Stein BD, **Saloner B⁺**. Utilization of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Among West Virginia Medicaid Enrollees Following Medicaid

- Coverage of Methadone. *Subst Use Addctn J.* 2024;45(1):91-100.
doi:10.1177/29767342231208516
43. Lyle V, Harris S, Heidari O, ... **Saloner B**, Gibbons J. Association between high-threshold practices and buprenorphine treatment termination. *International Journal of Drug Policy.* 2024;124:104318.
 44. Sugarman OK, **Saloner B**, Richards TM, et al. Association of buprenorphine retention and subsequent adverse outcomes following non-fatal overdose: An analysis using statewide linked Maryland databases. *Drug and alcohol dependence.* Published online 2024;111281.
 45. Schuler MS, Dick AW, Gordon AJ, **Saloner B**, Kerber R, Stein BD. Growing importance of high-volume buprenorphine prescribers in OUD treatment: 2009-2018. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence.* Published online 2024;111290.
 46. Golberstein E, Campbell JM, Maclean JC, Harris SJ, **Saloner B**, Stein BD. Prescription Drug Dispensing and Patient Costs After Implementation of a No Behavioral Health Cost-Sharing Law. *JAMA Health Forum;* 2024:e240198-e240198.
 47. Schneider KE, Martin EM, Allen ST, ... **Saloner B**, Sherman SG. Volatile drug use and overdose during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. *International Journal of Drug Policy.* 2024;126:104371.
 48. Harris SJ, Golberstein E, Maclean JC, Stein BD, Ettner SL, **Saloner B⁺**. How policymakers innovate around behavioral health: adoption of the New Mexico “No Behavioral Health Cost-Sharing” law. *Health Affairs Scholar.* 2024;2(1):qxad081.
 49. Sugarman OK, Li W, **Saloner B**. Medications For Opioid Use Disorder Increased Among Louisiana Medicaid Enrollees During Policy Reforms, 2018-21. *Health Aff (Millwood).* 2024;43(1):46-54. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2023.00715
 50. Gibbons JB, Li W, Stuart EA, **Saloner B⁺**. Simulated impact of mobile opioid treatment program units on increasing access to methadone for opioid use disorder. *Health Serv Res.* Published online January 8, 2024. doi:10.1111/1475-6773.14271
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 52. Landis RK, Stein BD, Dick AW, **Saloner B** et al. Trends and Disparities in Perinatal Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Medicaid, 2007-2012. *Med Care Res Rev.* Published online December 31, 2023;10775587231216515. doi:10.1177/10775587231216515
 53. Song M, Desai IK, Meyer A*, Shah H*, **Saloner B**, Sherman SG, Allen ST, Tomko C, Schneider KE, Krawczyk N, Whaley S, Churchill J, Harris SJ. Exploring trauma and wellbeing of people who use drugs after witnessing overdose: A qualitative study. *Int J Drug Policy.* 2023 Oct 25;122:104239. doi: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2023.104239.
 54. **Saloner B**. A Chance to Modernize Health Care behind Bars - Section 1115 Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Waivers. *N Engl J Med.* 2023 Oct 19;389(16):1449-1451. doi: 10.1056/NEJMp2307641. Epub 2023 Oct 14.
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 56. Feder KA, Byrne L, Miller SM, Sodder S, **Saloner B⁺**. Beliefs and Attitudes about Vermont’s Buprenorphine Decriminalization Law among Clinicians Who Prescribe

- Buprenorphine. *Subst Use Misuse*. Published online September 26, 2023:1-4. doi:10.1080/10826084.2023.2262014
57. Tilhou AS, **Saloner B**, DeLeire T, Chakraborty S, Dague L. Health and health care access for essential, non-essential and non-workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. *J Occup Environ Med*. Published online August 28, 2023. doi:10.1097/JOM.0000000000002953
58. Kramer C, Song M, Sufrin CB, Eber GB, Rubenstein LS, **Saloner B⁺**. Release, Reentry, and Reintegration During COVID-19: Perspectives of Individuals Recently Released from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. *Health Equity*. 2023;7(1):384-394. doi:10.1089/heq.2022.0172
59. Andraka-Christou B, McAvoy E, Gordon AJ, **Saloner B**, et al. Urine drug testing when prescribing opioid analgesics for chronic pain: A content analysis of U.S. state laws in 2022. *Pain Med*. Published online August 8, 2023:pnad103. doi:10.1093/pn/pnad103
60. **Saloner B**, Andraka-Christou B, Stein BD, Gordon AJ. Will the End of the X-Waiver Expand Access to Buprenorphine Treatment? Achieving the Full Potential of the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act. *Subst Abus*. Published online September 7, 2023:8897077231186212. doi:10.1177/08897077231186212
61. Feder KA, Harris SJ*, Byrne L... **Saloner B⁺**. Attitudes and beliefs about Vermont's 2021 buprenorphine decriminalization law among residents who use illicit opioids. *Drug Alcohol Depend*. 2023;250:110879. doi:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2023.110879
62. **Saloner B**, Kramer C, Song M, et al. COVID-19 Restrictions In Jails And Prisons: Perspectives From Carceral Leaders. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2023;42(6):841-848. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2022.01473
63. Landis RK, Stein BD, Griffin BA, **Saloner BK**, Terplan M, Faherty LJ. Disparities in Perinatal and Emergency Care Receipt Among Women With Perinatal Opioid Use Disorder in Medicaid, 2007 to 2012. *J Addict Med*. Published online June 30, 2023. doi:10.1097/ADM.0000000000001199
64. Griffin BA, Cabreros I, **Saloner B**, Gordon AJ, Kerber R, Stein BD. Exploring the Association of State Policies and the Trajectories of Buprenorphine Prescriber Patient Caseloads. *Subst Abus*. Published online July 4, 2023:8897077231179824. doi:10.1177/08897077231179824
65. Schuler MS, **Saloner B**, Gordon AJ, Dick AW, Stein BD. National Trends in Buprenorphine Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder From 2007 to 2018. *Subst Abus*. Published online June 6, 2023:8897077231179576. doi:10.1177/08897077231179576
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PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

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Association for Schools and Programs in Public Health Task Force 2018-2019

The ASPPH has convened a task force of public health experts to develop recommendations for addressing the opioid crisis. This task force is meeting regularly to discuss public health frameworks, evidence, and interventions that may be beneficial. It is also tasked with providing guidance to a judge overseeing litigation related to opioids.

Technical Advisor to the Government of Delaware, 2017-2018

Working with the leadership in the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), I led a team of experts to formulate recommendations to improve access and quality of treatment for individuals with opioid use disorder in Delaware. This includes creating a comprehensive report, briefing senior agency staff in DHSS and other government agencies, and meeting with stakeholders throughout the state.

National Academy of Medicine Fellow in Bioethics, 2016-2017

Participated in the intellectual development of consensus studies working with the staff of the National Academy of Medicine and with members of consensus committees. In 2016, worked with the committee on Accounting for Social Risk Factors in Medicare Payment. In 2017, I worked with the committee on Protecting Patient Access to Affordable Drugs.

Bloomberg American Health Initiative, 2016-2025

The Bloomberg American Health Initiative represents a \$330 million gift from Bloomberg Philanthropies to Johns Hopkins School of Public Health to develop interdisciplinary programs focused on teaching, research, and advocacy around five problems of national importance. I co-lead (with Dr. Susan Sherman) a workgroup focused on Addiction and Overdose. We are responsible for developing new programs to fulfill the Bloomberg American Health Initiative mission, working with individuals across the school of public health. In 2017, our group began

admissions for the MPH program and we launched the DrPH program in 2018. In 2018, our group held a key stakeholder symposium that lasted 1.5 days and attracted national leaders.

Research Finding Dissemination

Participated in briefing with Congressional Staffers on Medicaid fees (2015)

Briefing to Delaware Department of Health and Social Services on opioid treatment strategy report (2018)

Briefing to the US Surgeon General on public health strategies related to opioids (2018)

Briefings to US Members of Congress at Johns Hopkins (2019)

Briefings to the DEA Administrator and her staff (2021, 2022)

COVID-19 in Jails and Prisons, Webinar to the Public (2022)

Congressional Briefing Series: Programmatic and Treatment Efforts to Combat the Opioid Epidemic (2023)

US Senate Finance Committee, Health Care Subcommittee, Hearing, “Closing Gaps in the Care Continuum: Opportunities to Improve Substance Use Disorder Care in the Federal Health Programs” (April 9, 2024)

Selected Media Mentions

New York Times, NPR, Washington Post, Vox, Time, PolitiFact, Wired, Reuters, Medscape, Healthline, Vice, BBC, the Huffington Post, The Boston Globe, Business Insider, the Associated Press, BuzzFeed News, WBUR, NPR.

PART II

TEACHING

Faculty Mentoring

Faculty mentor to Assistant Scientist Alexander McCourt, January 2019-July 2021

Doctoral Advising

Primary advisor:

Hridika Shah, PhD student, August 2024 – July 2025

Rosemary Laine, PhD student, August 2023 – July 2025

Emily Borgelt, DrPH Student, August 2021 – July 2025

Julie Rwan, DrPH Student, August 2021 – July 2025

Lia Pizzicato, DrPH student, August 2021 – July 2025

Theodore Schall, PhD Student, Fall 2019 – May 2023 (joint advisee with Nancy Kass)

Thesis Title: “Insurance Coverage of Gender Affirming Care for Transgender Adults”

Christian Morales, PhD Candidate, Fall 2015—June 2021 (joint advisee with Nancy Kass)

Thesis Title: “Measuring Disability Related Health Disparities: Empirical and Normative Issues”

Jonathan Levin, PhD Candidate, Fall 2016 – May 2020

Thesis Title: “Promoting Access to Hepatitis C Treatment: Policies and their Impacts on Patients and Society.”

Hillary Samples, PhD Candidate (joint advisee with Colleen Barry), Fall 2013 – June 2017

Thesis Title: “Health Care for Common Mental Illness: The Impact of National Insurance Reform on Utilization and Spending and a Study of Services Provided in General Medical Settings.”

Committee member:

Valerie Ganetsky, 2024 (departmental, schoolwide)

Jirka Taylor, 2024 (departmental, schoolwide)

Brittain Brantley, 2024 DrPH (departmental, schoolwide)

Caren Steinway, 2024 DrPH (schoolwide)

Aisha Ellis, 2024 (School of nursing, preliminary exam)

Abigail Winiker, 2022 (Schoolwide)

Alexandra Ruth, PhD student (departmental, schoolwide, and final thesis defense)

Rachel Landis, PhD, George Washington University Trachtenberg School, graduated 2022 (schoolwide committee and final thesis defense)

Kristin Schneider, PhD candidate, graduated 2020 (schoolwide committee)

Lindsey Ferris, DrPH candidate, graduated 2019 (departmental, and final thesis defense)

Noa Krawczyk, PhD candidate, graduated 2019 (schoolwide committee, and final thesis defense)

Sachini Bandara, PhD candidate, graduated 2018 (departmental, schoolwide)

Samya Mamari, DrPH candidate, graduated 2018 (final thesis defense)

Rachel Fabi, PhD candidate, graduated 2017 (departmental, schoolwide, and final thesis defense)

Leila Jamal, PhD candidate, graduated 2017 (departmental, schoolwide, and final thesis defense)

Shani Buggs, PhD candidate, graduated 2018 (departmental)

Sangeetha Malaiyandi, PhD candidate (schoolwide committee)

Other Mentees and Advisees

Zimani Betts (MPH student), 2023-

Bridget Duffy (MPH student), 2023-
Adrienne Sanders (MPH student), 2023-
Misch Whitaker (MPH student), 2023-
Clement Chen (MPH students), 2023-
Callie Kelly (MPH student), 2022-
Hannah Lessels (MPH student), 2022-
Jaime Metzger (MPH student) 2022-
River Rose (MPH student) 2022-
Wren Ronan (MPH student) 2022-
Zachary Sartor (MPH student) 2022-
Lumin Shen (MHA student) 2020-2021
Daniel Schwartz (MPH student) 2021-2023
Jen Black (MPH student) 2021-2023
Sarah Windels (MPH student) 2021-2024
Michelle Gaffeney (MPH student) 2021-2024
Stephanie Grube (MPH student) 2019-2020
Rachel Alinsky (research mentor, Adolescent medicine fellow) 2019-2021
Nicholas Misera (part-time MPH student) 2019-2022
Eric Choi (MPH student) 2018-2020
Madeleine O'Neill (MPH student capstone advisor) 2018-2019
Hannah Johnson (MPH student/Bloomberg Fellow) 2018-2020
Andrea Walker (MPH student/Bloomberg Fellow) 2017-2021
Jerilyn Hoover, (part-time MPH Student) 2017-2020
Eva Lenoir, (MPH Student) 2017-2019
Halle Martello, (MPH student) Continuing in 2017-2020
Tess Donckels (MSPH student) 2017-2019
Lindsay Wang (MPP student) 2016-2018
Jingwen Ye (MPP student) 2016-2018
Kyla Ellis (MPH/MBA student) 2015-2017
B. Marie Ward (part-time MPH student) 2015-
Megan Collins (part-time MPH student) 2015-2017
Caroline Picher (MPH student, capstone advisor) 2016 (Received award for outstanding capstone project)
Neel Koyawala (summer undergraduate research “SUMR”, program mentee, University of Pennsylvania) 2013; (as a medical student at Johns Hopkins) 2018

Classroom Instruction

Primary Instructor, “*Foundational Readings in Health Policy: Theories, Frameworks, and Multidisciplinary Perspectives for Research and Practice*”
(First year seminar for doctoral students in health policy and management)
Baltimore, MD
(*Terms 2-3, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2020-2021, 2021-2022; Terms 1-3: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025*)
Instructor, “*Social Justice Theory: US and European Perspectives.*”
Johns Hopkins Twelfth Annual Fall Institute in Health Policy and Management, Barcelona, Spain. (*November 2015*)

Instructor, “Managerial Health Economics,” Strathmore University MBA Program, Nairobi Kenya (*September 2014; May 2015*)

RESEARCH GRANT PARTICIPATION

CURRENT

Improving the Quality of Emergency Care for Opioid Overdose Survivors

12/1/2025-11/30/2027, FORE Foundation

Role co-Investigator (PIs Sachini Bandara and Matthew Eisenberg) \$595,878

Researchers at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will map the extent to which emergency departments and emergency medical services (EMS) initiate buprenorphine, as well as identify the policy and system-level factors that would increase the uptake of these evidence-based practices. The resulting toolkit and policy recommendations will be targeted to accrediting bodies, payers, state health departments, and hospital associations. The researchers will also document whether and how Medicaid programs across the U.S. pay for EMS-initiated buprenorphine.

Evaluating a Novel Approach to Dispensing Methadone in Carceral Facilities (R01DA064510)

9/1/25-31/5/2030, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role co-Principal Investigator (with Sachini Bandara), \$3,443,149

In 2024, a federal rule clarified that carceral facilities licensed as hospital/clinics can dispense methadone outside of the traditional opioid treatment program structure. In this project, we will work closely with departments of corrections in Colorado, Delaware, and Washington state that are expanding methadone access using this new provision. Aim 1 launches a learning collaborative with an embedded implementation study. The three vanguard state prison systems and several other jail and prison systems that are planning to implement the hospital/clinic designation will participate in a 24-month program. Aim 2 will analyze electronic records on persons who have diagnosed OUD from each system spanning 2022 to 2028. Using a trial emulation study design that considers the impact of a facility starting to stock methadone under the hospital/clinic designation, we will evaluate how the rollout of new services in the three state prison systems affects pre-release initiation and retention on MOUD. Linking carceral records to Medicaid claims, Aim 3 will extend the same trial emulation framework in Washington State to study the impact on post-release outcomes such as MOUD and avoidable hospitalizations. Finally, using measures of spending, resources and staffing, and health impacts collected in Aims 1-3, Aim 4 will examine the associated costs, cost effectiveness, and budgetary impact of phasing in the hospital/clinic designation.

The Effects of Zero Cost-Sharing on Mental Health Services Outcomes (R01MH135530)

4/1/24-1/31/28, National Institute of Mental Health

Role co-investigator (PI Ezra Golberstein)

Costs of care and concerns about affordability are among the most prominent barriers to mental health services, even among Americans with commercial health insurance. The state of New Mexico passed a law (SB 317) to eliminate cost-sharing for mental health and substance use disorder services in commercial insurance, in order to improve access to services. The proposed study will use qualitative and quantitative methods to assess how this law is affecting the delivery of mental health services from patient and provider perspectives, and how it is affecting patterns of mental health services use and quality of care.

NY MOVES: Evaluating the Impact of New York's Methadone Outreach VEHicleS (R01DA063711)

5-September-2025- 31-May-2030, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role co-investigator (PIs Noa Krawczyk, Ashly Jordan),

New federal regulations that allow methadone treatment for opioid use disorder to be delivered via mobile units could transform access to this lifesaving treatment and reduce overdose deaths. Using New York State as a case study of the first statewide effort to expand mobile methadone units, we propose a mixed-methods study to evaluate the impact of the mobile methadone program on health outcomes, patient and provider experiences, and cost considerations that would inform long-term sustainability. Through a unique partnership between academic researchers and New York State government officials, and a national stakeholder engagement and dissemination plan that draws direct input from individuals with living experience on methadone, this work will inform real-world practices that can improve access to treatment, reduce overdose and improve population health across the U.S.

Establishing an Evidence Base to Increase the Utility of Urine Drug Testing in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (R01DA059528)

6/15/24-3/31/28, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role co-Principal Investigator (with Alene Kennedy Hendricks), \$2,726,586

Urine drug testing (UDT) is an integral component of opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment, and is often required by payers for patients treated with medications for OUD (MOUD). The goal of this grant is to identify variation in real-world use of UDT that can be modified by clinical guidelines and policy change, and to examine the patient- and clinician-level factors that influence the application of UDT, and their relationship with processes of care. Aim 1 will characterize distinct trajectories of UDT use during episodes of OUD treatment nationally and Aim 2 will identify distinct trajectories of drug positivity during OUD treatment episodes and identify variation across groups. Aim 3 will estimate the association between trajectories of UDT use, substance positivity, and process of care measures in the episode (e.g., retention, MOUD adherence, hospitalization). Aim 4 will examine perspectives of clinicians to identify perceptions and practices related to UDT use.

Impact of a Maryland Law Requiring Jails to Provide Medications for Opioid Use Disorder on Recently Incarcerated People (R01 DA057264)

7/1/23-5/31/27, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role co-Principal Investigator (with Alene Kennedy Hendricks), \$2,977,684

Increasing access to medications for opioid use disorder could dramatically reduce risk of overdose and other negative health outcomes after release from jail, but these medications are often not available during and after jail stays. In this project, we study the public health impact of

a statewide law in Maryland requiring local jails to provide access to medication during incarceration with linkage to care after release. Aims 1 and 2 will analyze a data warehouse that links statewide correctional records, hospital, prescription monitoring program, behavioral health, and medical examiner data. Aim 3 will provide complementary implementation evidence focusing on 8 jails. We will conduct in depth, semi-structured interviews with 40 program leaders (e.g., jail staff, community providers) and 40 formerly incarcerated individuals to explore barriers and facilitators to providing MOUD in jail and post-release.

Greenwall Faculty Scholars

7/1/23-6/30/26, Greenwall Foundation

Role: Principal Investigator, \$417,700

Many people receive addiction treatment under a criminal legal mandate from courts, police, or community corrections. While coerced treatment is generally impermissible in health care because it violates patient autonomy, providers may justify collaborating in mandated treatment as a way to benefit patients who would otherwise face incarceration. This project will develop a novel ethics framework based on qualitative interviews with policymakers, providers, and formerly mandated patients. The grant will support the development of ethics-informed guidelines for programs and providers to manage the ethical tensions of participating in oversight and surveillance of mandated patients.

PRIOR GRANTS

Implementation of Mobile Medication Units for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder in New York (R21DA058117)

9/30/23-8/31/2025, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role: Principal Investigator, \$245,625

Mobile methadone is a service delivery model that allows vehicles to dispense methadone as an extension of a community opioid treatment program. This project will evaluate the early implementation of the mobile methadone grant program in New York, where the state has invested in creating new units. The aims include interviews with pilot sites and their community partners, surveys with people who are current or potential mobile unit patients, and the use of geospatial methods to identify communities where there is likely to be high need for mobile services.

Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative

10/1/21-7/1/2025, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Joshua Sharfstein) \$5,000,000

This grant extends the Bloomberg Opioid Initiative, an effort to reduce overdose deaths through technical assistance provided to state and federal government. Johns Hopkins leads the evaluation and research team, in partnership with Vital Strategies, Pew, the CDC, and the CDC Foundation. The Initiative will work in Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Rationing Behind Bars: Resource Allocation in Jails and Prisons During COVID-19

1/1/21-12/31/22, Greenwall Foundation

Role: Principal Investigator \$246,449

This grant uses a mixed methods approach to examine the bioethical issues related to resource allocation in carceral settings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The aims include a critical literature review, semi-structured interviews with frontline providers and correctional staff, and interviews with previously incarcerated individuals who were released during the pandemic.

Using Licensure Authority to Increase Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Specialty Treatment

5/1/20-10/31/22, Arnold Ventures

Role: Principal Investigator \$668,593

This grant will establish and disseminate model substance use disorder treatment program licensure/accreditation policies and build the evidence base for licensure requirements for medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) treatment in specialty program.

Increasing Access to Evidence-Based Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder among Justice-Involved Individuals

4/1/19-11/1/20 (no-cost extension to 6/31/2021), Arnold Ventures

Role: Principal Investigator \$323,364 (directs)

The goal of this study is to identify policies and practices that could increase access to FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder among individuals in criminal justice settings. It includes qualitative interviews with sheriffs, wardens, and other correctional officials to understand barriers and facilitators to providing medications for individuals in the justice system and a project to develop a data linkage and evaluation plan to study a program that aims to increase access to medications in the Delaware Department of Correction.

Opioid Policy Tools and Information Center (OPTIC) (1P50DA046351-01)

8/15/18-7/31/23, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role: Co-investigator (PI: Bradley Stein), \$1,419,620

This center grant is intended to create a national resource for facilitating improved policy analysis related to opioids. I will be most closely involved in the center component related to characterizing changes in state level resources to combat the opioid crisis and in measuring the availability of licit and illicit opioids in areas over time.

Quality of Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Medicaid Enrollees: The Effects of State Policies and Initiatives (1R01DA045800-01)

7/1/18-4/30/19, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role: Co-investigator (PI: Bradley Stein), \$613,917

This project will characterize how medication treatment (MT) use, quality, and related health outcomes for Medicaid-enrollees with opioid use disorders has changed over time, overall, and among historically underserved and high-risk populations. We will examine the extent to which state and federal policies have increased MT use, improved MT quality, and improved related health outcomes, overall, and for historically underserved or high-risk populations.

Evaluation and Technical Assistance of State Opioid Strategies

1/1/19-12/31/22 Bloomberg Philanthropies

PI: Joshua Sharfstein

Role: Lead for Evaluation Component (with Elizabeth Stuart), \$1,100,000

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will provide evaluation and technical assistance to Bloomberg Philanthropies, Pew, and Vital Strategies for an evaluation of state-level policies and programs being implemented on a rapid cycle related to opioid overdose reduction. I am co-leading the component on evaluation and modeling.

Improving Access and Quality of care for Medicaid-Eligible Adults with Opioid Use Disorder (1K01DA042139-01A1)

4/1/17-3/31/22, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Role: Principal Investigator, \$917,096

This is an early career award that will support research and training related to opioid use disorder treatment for individuals enrolled in the Medicaid program. It includes training related to causal inference, cost effectiveness analysis, spatial modeling, and addiction medicine. The research aims include an analysis of Medicaid claims data from Maryland and West Virginia and survey data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Past Projects

High Risk Prescription Drug Users

10/01/15-12/31/18, US Department of Justice

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Jonathan Weiner), \$500,000

This study aims to develop a predictive risk model for opioid overdose to facilitate timely intervention for vulnerable individuals. It links multiple criminal justice and clinical data systems in Maryland and derives risk scores for individuals observed in these data systems.

Technical Assistance Grant to the State of Delaware to Develop Opioid Treatment Strategy

12/1/17-3/31/18, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

Role: Principal Investigator, \$50,000

This was a technical assistance grant to assist the Delaware Department of Health identify evidence-based strategies for assisting high-risk populations to access treatment for opioid use disorder. It involved extensive fieldwork and literature reviews.

Lipitz Award for Research on the Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Buprenorphine Treatment

11/1/16-10/31/17, Internal JHSPH award

Role: Principal Investigator, \$10,000

This award supported an original study using pharmacy claims to study the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion and to disseminate research findings.

National Academy of Medicine Anniversary Fellow in Bioethics

10/1/15-9/30/17, Greenwall Foundation

Role: Principal Investigator, \$20,000

This award supported participation in the Anniversary Fellowship program at the National Academy of Medicine, including time spent assisting two consensus studies (one on accounting for social risk factors in Medicare payment and one on affordable pharmaceutical drugs).

Evaluation of Medicaid 1115 Coverage Waiver

9/1/15-8/31/17, State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Role: Sub-Contracting Principal Investigator, \$210,169

This was an evaluation of the Wisconsin 1115 waiver that was implemented in 2014 and which allowed the state to deviate from traditional Medicaid requirements by imposing greater penalties for non-payment of insurance premiums than previously allowed. The study used claims and enrollment data from the Wisconsin Medicaid program.

The Relationship between Primary Care Appointment Availability and health Services Utilization Among Non-Elderly Adults: A Ten States Study

10/1/12 - 9/1/13, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program

Role: PI, \$26,900

This grant supported the linkage of commercial insurance claims with data from an experimental audit study that was conducted in ten states.

The Impact of State Mental Health Policies on Trajectories of Children Diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

10/1/12 - 9/1/13, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program

Role: PI, \$18,200

This grant supported research using Medicaid claims data from 83 diverse US counties on children with diagnosed ADHD in order to understand treatment trajectories of these youth.

Access to Health Care for Hispanic Children in Emerging and Traditional Destinations in the United States

10/1/12 - 9/1/13, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program

Role: PI, \$3,150

This grant supported a study to compare the health care experiences of Hispanic children residing in “emerging” versus “traditional” destinations in the US using restricted survey data linked to county demographic information.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Schoolwide: Bloomberg School of Public Health

2018 – 2022, Advisory Committee, Bloomberg American Health Committee

2017-18 – Search Committee for Faculty Member at the Berman Institute of Bioethics/Department of International Health

Department of Health Policy and Management

2023-Current Program Director of the PhD Program in Health Policy and Management

2019-2023 Bioethics PhD Program Committee Director

2021 – Search Committee Member, Search for Chair of Department of Health Policy and Management

2021 – Chair Search Committee for Faculty Member at the Berman Institute of Bioethics/Department of Health Policy and Management

2019-2020 – Chair Search Committee for Faculty Member at the Berman Institute of Bioethics/Department of Health Policy and Management

2018 – Co-Chair (with Nancy Kass) Search Committee for Faculty Member at the Berman Institute of Bioethics/Department of Health Policy and Management

2018-2021 – Bioethics PhD Program Admissions Committee

2017-18– Johns Hopkins Masters in Public Policy (MPP) Review Committee

2016-2019– Johns Hopkins Department of Health Policy & Management Department General Exam Committee

2016 –Johns Hopkins Masters in Public Policy (MPP) Advisory Committee

2016 – Johns Hopkins Health and Public Policy PhD Program Admissions Committee

2016 – Johns Hopkins Bioethics PhD Program Curriculum Review Committee

2015 – Johns Hopkins Masters in Public Policy (MPP) Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee

2014 – Johns Hopkins Masters in Public Policy (MPP) Curriculum Review Committee Member

PRESENTATIONS

Scientific Meetings (Oral presentations only)

Mandated Drug Treatment (panelist on roundtable discussion). College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 25, 2025. New Orleans, LA.

Policy Responses to the Continuing Opioid Overdose Crisis: What Now? (Panelist on roundtable discussion). AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. July 1, 2024. Baltimore, MD.

COVID-19 control in carceral settings: Perspectives from correctional leaders and recently incarcerated individuals. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 6, 2022. Washington, DC.

Travel Distance and Utilization of Buprenorphine Treatment in West Virginia Medicaid. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 4, 2019. Washington, DC.

The Effect of Medicaid Health Homes on Individuals with Behavioral Health Disorders. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 4, 2019. Washington, DC.

Buprenorphine and Opioid Pain Reliever Use after the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion. Association for Public Policy and Planning Meeting. November 10, 2018. Washington, DC.

Ensuring Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs—the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine’s Report (panelist on roundtable discussion). AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 24, 2018. Seattle, WA.

Framing the Conversation on the Opioid Epidemic. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Sharing Knowledge Conference. March 9, 2018. Phoenix, AZ.

The Affordable Care Act in the Heart of the Opioid Epidemic: Evidence from West Virginia. Association for Public Policy and Planning Meeting. November 3, 2017. Chicago, IL.

Do Medicaid Lockouts Affect Enrollment and Access to Care? Evidence from Wisconsin. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 27, 2017. New Orleans, LA.

Primary Care Access and Affordability for the Uninsured Before and After the ACA. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 27, 2017. New Orleans, LA.

Using Data Science to Identify Individuals at High Risk of Opioid Overdose. Association of Public Policy and Management meeting. November 8, 2016. Washington, DC.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Among Criminal Justice-Involved Adults: Trends from 2004 to 2014. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 27, 2016. Boston, MA.

Price Transparency in Health Care: What Can Consumers Learn When Shopping for a Price? American Society of Health Economics Biennial Meeting. June 14, 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

The Impact of a State Autism Coverage Mandate: Evidence from Kansas. American Society of Health Economics Biennial Meeting. June 14, 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

The Transformation of Specialty Substance Abuse Treatment After Health Care Reform: Evidence from Massachusetts. Addiction Health Services Research Meeting. October 16, 2015. Los Angeles, CA.

The Impact of the ACA Young Adult Provision on Substance Abuse Treatment. Association of Public Policy and Management meeting. November 6, 2014. Albuquerque, NM.

The Impact of the ACA Young Adult Provision on Substance Abuse Treatment. Addiction Health Services Research Meeting. October 16, 2014. Boston, MA.

Access to Primary Care for New Medicaid Patients and Preventive Care Utilization: Evidence from an Audit Study. American Society of Health Economics. June 25, 2014. Los Angeles, CA.

Episodes of Mental Health Treatment Among a Nationally Representative Sample of Children and Adolescents. American Society of Health Economics. June 24, 2014. Los Angeles, CA.

Does Primary Care Access Promote Utilization of Preventive Health Care? Evidence from an Experimental Audit Study. APPAM Annual Meeting. November 9, 2013, Washington, DC.

The Health Care Experiences of Immigrants in New and Traditional Destinations. APPAM Annual Meeting. November 10, 2013, Washington, DC.

Hispanic children's health care experiences in new and traditional destinations. RWJ HSS Annual Meeting, May 8, 2013. San Diego, CA.

Explaining Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment: A Decomposition Analysis. National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, September 28, 2012, San Diego, CA.

Invited Seminars

The state of federal and state policy related to opioids. FORE Foundation grantee meeting. October 8, 2025.

An Investment Approach to the Opioid Settlement. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Effective Models to Address Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders: Strategies for Successful and Equitable Abatement Using Opioid Settlement Dollars. December 5, 2024

Human Rights, Incarceration, and Substance Use Disorders. Human Rights, Professional Ethics and the Values of Medicine Interest Group, National Academy of Medicine. October 20, 2024.

Is legally mandated treatment a blunt but necessary tool in substance use policy? Health Law Seminar, Harvard Law School. October 7, 2024.

A Policy Playbook to Support People at Risk of Overdose. Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School. October 9, 2024.

From Crisis to Opportunity: Touchpoints to Expand Opioid Use Disorder Treatment. Emory School of Public Health Grand Rounds. March 19, 2024.

From Crisis to Opportunity: Touchpoints to Expand Opioid Use Disorder Treatment. Johns Hopkins Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds. February 27, 2024.

From Crisis to Opportunity: Touchpoints to Expand Opioid Use Disorder Treatment. Northwestern University's Institute for Public Health and Medicine and the Buehler Center for Health Policy and Economics. February 22, 2024.

DORM: Data-Informed Overdose Risk Mitigation. National Governors Association Panel Meeting. March 24, 2023.

Sailing into Favorable Winds? Policy Opportunities to Improve Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Correctional Facilities. National Corrections Association Meeting. February 23, 2023.

Impact of Administering Buprenorphine to Overdose Survivors Using Emergency Medical Services. Maryland Emergency Medical Services Advisory Group. January 2023.

Was Buprenorphine Treatment for OUD the Dog that Didn't Bark in the Pandemic? IQVIA Research Forum. October 10, 2022.

OUD Treatment without Red Tape: What We Learned During the COVID-19 Pandemic. American Society of Addiction Medicine. State of the Art Course. September 29, 2022.

Not Equivalent, But Better: Human Rights and Health Care Behind Bars in the Time of COVID. Bioethics Grand Rounds. University of Minnesota. September 23, 2022.

Use of Buprenorphine During Incarceration and Post-Release Outcomes. Delaware Department of Health and Human Services. July 14, 2022.

Regulating Methadone in Correctional Facilities and Our National Data Challenge. NASEM methadone workshop. March 4, 2022.

(with Noa Krawczyk) Current Trends in the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder with Buprenorphine. American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine. March 24, 2021. Virtual Presentation.

Medications for Opioid Addiction Behind Bars: Insights from the Delaware Department of Correction. ACCEL Innovative Discoveries Series. March 19, 2021. Virtual Presentation.

Access to Care and Treatment Utilization for MHSUD during COVID-19: Early Evidence. National Academies Forum. December 3, 2020. Virtual Presentation.

Public Health Principles for the Opioid Settlement Funds. Bloomberg Opioids Meeting. December 4, 2019. New York, NY.

Evidence-Based Public Health Strategies for the Opioid Crisis. NPSC Congressional Briefing. November 19, 2019. Washington, DC.

Finding the Most At Risk: A Predictive Risk Model for Opioid Overdose in Maryland. Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Campus. Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit. October 9, 2019. Baltimore, MD.

Linking Criminal Justice and Medical Data to Predict Opioid Overdose: Evidence from Maryland. Yale Health Policy and Management Seminar. September 18, 2019. New Haven, CT.

Finding the Most At Risk: Linking Health and Criminal Justice Data to Predict Opioid Overdose. University of Pittsburgh Public Health Seminar Series. March 26, 2019. Pittsburgh, PA.

The Opioid Crisis in Maryland. Johns Hopkins Health Advisory Board. October 12, 2018. Baltimore, MD.

A Blueprint for Transforming Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Delaware: Summary of Recommendations and Next Steps. Lieutenant Governor's Behavioral Health Consortium. July 24, 2018. New Castle, Delaware.

If you pay for it will they come? Substance Use Disorder Treatment under the ACA Medicaid Expansion. RAND Applied Economics Seminar. March 26, 2018. Santa Monica, CA.

Linking Criminal Justice and Health Data to Predict Opioid Overdose. The Lab@DC Forum. February 27, 2018. Washington, DC.

The Affordable Care Act in the Heart of the Opioid Epidemic: Evidence from West Virginia. Michael M. Davis Lecture. University of Chicago Center for Health Administration Science. November 7, 2017. Chicago, IL.

Using Data Science to Identify Individuals at High Risk of Opioid Overdose. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center. August 8, 2017.

The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Access to Treatment for Substance Use Disorders. Invited seminar. Urban Institute Health Policy Center. April 25, 2017. Washington, DC.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Among Criminal Justice-Involved Adults: Trends from 2004 to 2014. Health Affairs Briefing on Behavioral Health. June 7, 2016. Washington, DC.

The Impact of a State Autism Coverage Mandate: Evidence from Kansas. Emory University Applied Microeconomics Seminar. March 24, 2016. Atlanta, GA.

Changes in Service Use After a State Autism Coverage Mandate: Evidence from Kansas. Virginia Commonwealth University Health Services Seminar. November 5, 2015. Richmond, VA.

Changes in Service Use After a State Autism Coverage Mandate: Evidence from Kansas. University of Maryland HSA seminar. October 22, 2015. College Park, MD.

You Can't Eat Health Care: Philosophical Challenges to Incorporating Health Spending Needs into a Poverty Measure. SPA Faculty Seminar, CUNY Baruch College. October 15, 2014. New York, NY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Personal statement

Brendan Saloner, PhD, is the Donald G. Millar Professor of Alcohol and Addiction Studies in the Department of Health Services, Policy, and Practice. One strand of his research focuses on access and quality of care for people with mental health and substance use disorders. He has received funding awards from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and Arnold Ventures to study opioid use disorder treatment, including recent grants to study the implementation of mobile methadone treatment in New York state and urine drug testing for patients with opioid use disorder. At Johns Hopkins, he co-led the evaluation team for the Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative, a \$120 million investment in overdose reduction focused on seven states. A second strand of his research focuses specifically on health care for people in the criminal legal system. He has also received grants from NIDA and Arnold Ventures to investigate medications for opioid use disorder among incarcerated people. He is currently evaluating the statewide expansion of addiction treatment in Maryland county detention facilities. Finally, Professor Saloner maintains an active research program in bioethics. He led a Making a Difference grant supported by the Greenwall Foundation to study resource allocation in jails and prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic. He received the Greenwall Faculty Scholars Award in 2023 for a project focused on ethical issues related to mandated addiction treatment for people in the criminal legal system. Professor Saloner has an extensive interest in policy engagement. He has testified in the U.S. Senate, consulted with federal and state agencies, and has engaged in technical assistance projects.

Keywords

Medicaid, substance use disorders, opioid use disorder, incarceration, child and adolescent health, access to care, justice and resource allocation, primary care, health services research, social policy, health policy.