

# POPULATION STUDIES CENTER NEWSLETTER



## PSC Colloquium: Fabian Pfeffer

This week Fabian Pfeffer came to the PSC to give a fascinating talk about [Multigenerational Cycles of Poverty](#). [Fabian Pfeffer](#) is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Michigan.

Watch the talk on the [PSC YouTube channel](#).

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 2018-19 "Quartet" Pilot Research Project Competition**  
Proposals focusing on population health and health and aging in the following areas will be given priority: aging and the life course, economics and finances of health and aging, global health and aging, health disparities, human development and behavior, fertility and reproductive health, and biodemography.  
**Submission Deadline: Friday, March 23, 2018 by 5pm**  
*Sponsored by the Pension Research Council and the Boettner Center, LDI Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics, the Population Aging Research Center, and the Population Studies Center.*



## Annual Penn China Research Symposium

Each year, Penn Global and Penn China Initiatives hosts an interdisciplinary symposium to highlight and facilitate discussion on activities supported by the Penn China Research and Engagement Fund (CREF) and other China-related work at Penn. The symposium features research "blitz" presentations, highlighting Penn faculty work across a broad range of fields, and programmatic workshops on conducting research and activities in China. [Emily Hannum](#) and [Xioaying Liu](#) will be speaking at this years symposium which will be next **Wednesday February 21st** at the Perry World House. Check out the [event page](#) for more details and registration.



## Are U.S. Employers Reinventing Healthcare?

In a recent [Knowledge at Wharton](#) article [Mark V. Pauly](#) discusses health care changes on the macro level. The U.S. health care industry might be seeing the early signs of major shifts such as employers exerting pricing power to rein in costs; the

aggressive use of technology such as drones and databases to predict, diagnose and treat diseases; and, consequently, an upending of the bargaining power of providers such as hospitals, physicians and pharmaceutical companies. All those and more are expected to come from a health care alliance announced last week by three heavyweights – Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chase, led by their respective CEOs, Jeff Bezos, Warren Buffett and Jamie Dimon.

## Calls for Papers

- The 2018 Program Committee of the [Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science](#) (IAPHS), co-chaired by Robert Hummer and Allison Aiello of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, invites submissions to the 4th annual interdisciplinary population health research conference, entitled "Pushing the Boundaries of Population Health Science: Social Inequalities, Biological Processes, and Policy Implications." **Submissions must be sent by March 15th 2018** for the conference which will take place October 3-5 in Washington DC. Guidelines and Criteria for submitting [here](#).
- [The North American Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit IX](#) will be held August 1-3, 2018, in Washington, DC. The scope of Summit IX includes the full range of social drivers of HIV, including poverty, housing status, food security, employment, incarceration, race/ethnicity, behavioral health issues, stigma and intimate partner violence. What impact do these drivers have on ending the HIV epidemic? What policies and programs can influence these drivers or mitigate their negative effects? The deadline to submit is **March 16th 2018**. Requirements and formatting details [here](#).
- [The Sylvan M. Cohen Annual Retreat with Poster Session on Aging](#) focuses on special topics of interest in aging and aging-related disease each year, bringing leading speakers to campus to join with Penn faculty in discussing the special topic. The Poster Session on Aging, which follows the Annual Retreat lectures, creates a forum for Penn researchers, students and faculty - along with colleagues from other area Philadelphia colleges and universities and community groups providing services to the aging - to gather and share information on current research, ongoing studies, special services and projects, and to seek out new collaboration on future projects. This year [Courtney Boen](#), [Hans-Peter Kohler](#) and [Irma Elo](#) will be presenting. Poster submission will open on **March 19th 2018**. Details about submission requirements [here](#).



## LDI Pilot Grant Funds Evaluation Study of the Country's First Safe Injection Site

University of Pennsylvania research team funded by a [working group grant](#) from Penn's Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics (LDI) is beginning work to support Philadelphia government's [new efforts to develop, launch and evaluate the first government sanctioned Safe Injection Facility \(SIF\)](#). [Hans-Peter Kohler](#) along with other Penn experts talk about the importance of pilot funding and this study in particular.

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