Laura Shinn

Current Position

I am in the third month of a 2-year fellowship at the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP). CHERP is a Veterans Administration Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence. CHERP equity research focuses on vulnerable veteran populations, including those who face potential discrimination because of race, ethnicity, or social status, and those at risk for disparities in health or health care due to other physical and/or mental conditions. For equity research, CHERP uses a framework that recognizes three generations of health equity research: (1) detection of disparities in health and health care; (2) understanding the causes and mechanisms of these disparities; and (3) development and testing of interventions to reduce or eliminate disparities. **CHERP equity research focuses on vulnerable veteran populations, including those who face potential discrimination because of race, ethnicity, or social status, and those at risk for disparities in health or health care due to other physical and/or mental conditions.  For equity research, CHERP uses a framework that recognizes three generations of health equity research: (1) detection of disparities in health and health care; (2) understanding the causes and mechanisms of these disparities; and (3) development and testing of interventions to reduce or eliminate disparities**

The post-doctoral training position is for individuals who wish to develop and enhance skills in health services research. Fellows are expected to engage in scholarly projects of their own design under the guidance of senior program faculty. Most fellows also participate in other projects already underway at Penn or Pitt and the affiliated VA Hospital.

Right now, I am working on submitting a section of my dissertation for presentation at an annual meeting and for journal publication. I am also assisting two faculty members at Penn’s medical school working with a national data set to prepare some coursework for M.D. fellows who are learning research skills. I am also working on a model of suicide prevention.

In the next few months, I plan to work with one of the faculty members developing my skills in market definition by assisting in research on patient-centered medical homes. The idea is that overhauling the delivery of the U.S. health care system will be achieved by recognizing four components of health care: (1) primary physician; (2) whole person orientation; (3) access to safe and high quality care; and, most importantly to economists, (4) payment that recognizes the added value provided to patients who have a patient-centered medical home.

Presentations

Shinn, Laura. “"Matching for Life: A Model of Suicide Intervention," has been accepted for a combination poster-oral presentation at the upcoming iHEA Congress in Toronto.Matching for Life: A Model of Suicide Intervention.” Poster and oral presentation at Transforming Health and Economics: 8th World Congress on Health Economics, International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Toronto, July 2011.

Shinn, Laura. “Reaching for the Stars: The Impact of Star Physicians on Diffusion of a Medical Technology.” Omicron Delta Epsilon and the American Economic Association Graduate Student Invited Paper Session at the Allied Social Science Association/American Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta, 2010.

Shinn, Laura. “Using Oral History to Contextualize an Empirical Study.” Oral presentation at the Graduate Fellows Research Symposium, Temple University, October 2010.

Shinn, Laura. “The Impact of Star Physicians on Diffusion of a Medical Technology.” Oral presentation at the Graduate Fellows Research Symposium, Temple University, September 2009.

Publications

Shinn, Laura. *Test Bank* to accompany Thomas E. Getzen’s *Health Economics and Financing*, 4th edition, Wiley Publishers, 2010.

Shinn, Laura. “Show Me the Money: An Object Lesson in which Students Actively Learn Money Supply Changes.” Poster presented at the Allied Social Science Association/American Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, 2008, and published in the Social Science Research Network Working Paper Series, March 4, 2008. Available at SSRN: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1108333

Works in Progress

“Scavenger Hunt for Economic Data: Active Learning in the Classroom.” With Sue K. Stockly, Eastern New Mexico University.

“"Matching for Life: A Model of Suicide Intervention," has been accepted for a combination poster-oral presentation at the upcoming iHEA Congress in Toronto.Matching for Life: A Model of Suicide Intervention.” With Lisa Delgado, Cabrini College.

“The Impact of Star Physicians on Diffusion of a Medical Technology.” Preparing to submit for publication, from my dissertation.

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Right now, I am working on a submission of a section of my dissertation for presentation at an annual meeting and for journal publication.    I am also assisting two faculty members at the Penn medical school working with a national data set to prepare some coursework for MD fellows who are learning research skills.  I am also developing an idea for a research paper with a fellow TU grad. Details to follow if we get an acceptance for presentation at an annual conference.

In the next few months, I plan to work with one of the faculty members developing my skill in market definition by assisting in research on patient centered medical homes, the idea that overhauling the delivery of U.S. health care system will be achieved by recognizing four necessary components of care:  (1) primary physician; (2) whole person orientation; (3) access to safe and high quality care; and most importantly to economists, (4) payment that recognizes the added value provided to patients who have a patient-centered medical home.