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Student Spotlight - Sabrina Wang

Sabrina Wang is a second year Pritzker and GPHAP student in the global health track. Prior to starting medical school, she graduated from Washington University with degrees in International Affairs and Neuroscience. During her gap year, she began working in the Health Care Programs department at NORC at the University of Chicago, providing research support for state and federal government clients. For one of her projects, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, she helped evaluate the Accelerating Investments in Healthy Communities program, which supports hospital investment in affordable housing. The evaluation featured interviews with health system executives and their community partners to explore the most important factors when deciding whether to invest in affordable housing and other social determinants of health. The final report, written in collaboration with the American Hospital Association, was released in November 2021 and can be read here.

Although the decision to pursue medicine had always been on her mind, Sabrina grappled with whether she wanted to impact the world through direct patient care or through policy work addressing the social and structural determinants of health. In time she has found medicine to be uniquely rewarding because of the opportunity to develop personal relationships with people and solve problems more immediately on
an individual level. Yet her interest in addressing health disparities more broadly has not changed. In addition to continuing her work at NORC, she currently interns at the Chicago Department of Public Health, working in the Chronic Disease Unit under Dr. Ajanta Patel, and conducts research in racial and ethnic disparities in diabetes outcomes with Dr. Elbert Huang. She is a senior op-ed editor for the Chicago Policy Review, in which she works with other students to get their pieces ready for publication and writes her own pieces, like this most recent publication. Looking onward, Sabrina aspires to incorporate surgery, policy research, public service and journalism in her career.

Upcoming Events

Wed. January 12, 2022 12-1:30PM CT Register here
History and Nurse Practitioners in Health Care: Can't we all just get along?
Julie Fairman PhD, RN, FAAN is the Endowed Chair, Nightingale Professor in Honor of Nursing Veterans and Professor of Nursing at UPenn.

Recently Recorded Events

Bridging the Gap Webinars | Each webinar counts as a co-curricular.

Building trust through community health workers in a rural environment
- Rich Gauthier (Crown/GPHAP alum) is featured.
Collaboratively addressing food insecurity during COVID-19 in urban environment
Building partnerships to care for immigrant communities during COVID-19

Recorded Lectures

Many of the lectures listed in the GPHAP Weekly Digest are recorded and archived for later listening. You can look back to see if there are recent lectures that interest you, and they can count as GPHAP co-curriculars. Here are links to archived lectures.

CHAS Michael Davis Lectures
https://chas.uchicago.edu/events/mdl/
McLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics lectures
https://www.youtube.com/user/MacLeanCenter
Harvard School of Public Health Forum lectures
https://theforum.sph.harvard.edu/events/
Bowman Society Lectures
https://pritzker.uchicago.edu/resources/bowman-society
MATTER Health Events
https://matter.health/events
Health Affairs Podcasts - an hour’s worth of content
https://www.healthaffairs.org/podcasts
KHN's "What the Health"? - an hour"s worth of content
COVID-19, Women and Health
https://theforum.sph.harvard.edu/events/covid-19-women-and-health/
The Pandemic's Toll on Children’s Mental Health
https://theforum.sph.harvard.edu/events/the-pandemics-toll-on-childrens-mental-health/

GPHAP Social Media

GPHAP has a Facebook Group for Current Students and Alumni. Go to Facebook and search for The UChicago Graduate Program in Health Administration & Policy or click on: https://www.facebook.com/groups/gphap/
There is a LinkedIn Group for GPHAP Alumni. Current students are welcome to join. Go to LinkedIn and search for "GPHAP" and Request to Join.

GPHAP has a Twitter Page. Please follow @UCgphap.

GPHAP’s website is: https://gphap.uchicago.edu

Join the WhatsApp GPHAP Social Group. Students can reach out to see who is going to GPHAP events or to provide info about other activities.

WhatsApp Social Group: https://chat.whatsapp.com/invite/BYMEUqshxH1K6xplD50mAk