Student Spotlight - Marissa Jones

Marissa Jones is a first year student at Harris/GPHAP in the MPP program. Before joining Harris, she studied Sociology at Case Western Reserve University where she discovered an interest in preventative care and roots causes of disease. After graduating she worked towards mitigating health hazards for owners and tenants as a caseworker for the Healthy Homes Initiative in Cleveland. Here she encountered policy limitations influencing funding and access to relevant social services, which inspired her next step of wanting to explore the impact of policy in addressing the relationship between housing and health. Now that Marissa is at Harris, her priorities include building a community and transitioning into more focused interests in health economics, food insecurity, and maternal and infant health in the Black community.

Upcoming Events

Mon. March 14, 2022 10am CT
Register here

Winter GPHAP Co-Curriculars Due Date
Winter co-curriculars will be due April 2, 2022, which 2 weeks after the end of the quarter. Upload your co-curricular write-ups onto the GPHAP Canvas site.

Erikson and Quern Fellowships
The application deadline for the Erikson Fellowship is March 7, 2022
The letter of intent for the Quern Fellowship is due March 11, 2022. Please click on the hyperlinks for the relevant applications.
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Childhood obesity: Science and solutions
For many children, the day-to-day realities of pandemic life—virtual school, social distancing, screen time, and stress—have added up to steep weight gain. This panel brings together medical, scientific, and policy experts whose insights offer fresh hope for curbing the obesity epidemic.

Fri & Sat April 4-April 5, 2022 9am-2pm Register here
Conference in Algorithmic Bias: Responsible AI in Healthcare
Join fellow practitioners from industry-leading healthcare organizations to share organizational and technical strategies to combat bias. Hear from policymakers and regulators interested in developing a shared understanding of how to best create a policy framework for responsible AI in healthcare.

Previously Listed Events
Tues March 8, 2022 1-2:30pm CST Register here
Matter Startup Showcase
Join to hear from three MATTER startups with innovative women’s health solutions.

Fri March 11, 2022 All day conference Get tickets here
2022 HAAS Health Care Conference
Every year the Haas Healthcare Conference brings together over 500 corporate leaders, graduate students, digital health entrepreneurs, life science professionals, and public health champions to explore market and sector trends. In its 15th annual conference, we welcome leaders from across the industry to join the dialogue on how we can meet this moment in healthcare to drive profound change. An all day conference can count as two co-curriculars. Write up a 250 word-reflection and upload it twice onto Canvas.

UChicago Masking Policy
The University of Chicago is mask-optional for much of campus, effective March 4. The mask requirement will remain through the end of Winter Quarter on March 19 for courses held in classrooms and other instructional spaces during instruction. For a list of frequently asked questions about the changes, please visit the masking policy FAQ on the UChicago Forward website. Masks are still required in some settings (for example, where healthcare is provided) and may be used voluntarily in others. The University recommends always keeping a mask with you for such situations.

Spring Break!
Have a nice spring break everyone! The weekly digest will resume March 28, 2022.

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.
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/BYMEUqshxH1K6xplD5OmAk