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January

Too many singles hold fear of divorce
Chicago Sun-Times - January 4, 2012
Sharon Sassler, associate professor of policy analysis and management, discovers that divorce concerns may be delaying cohabitators from marrying.

New book illustrates life lessons from an older generation
PBS Newshour - January 5, 2012
Professor Karl Pillemer sits down to discuss his new book, "30 Lessons for Living."

Geddes speaks to Congress on high-speed rail investment
Cornell Chronicle - January 6, 2012
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, urged lawmakers to concentrate on the crowded Northeast corridor for high-speed rail development at a U.S. Congressional hearing Dec. 6.

Cornell economist John Abowd reflects on the nation's current jobs landscape
Reuters - January 6, 2012
Cornell economist John Abowd reflects on the nation's current jobs landscape in this guest appearance on Reuters.

Advice From Life’s Graying Edge on Finishing With No Regrets
Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, explores important findings of his Legacy Project which have big implications for younger generations.

Ways to empower kids to take charge of their health
USA Today - January 11, 2012
An article cites findings by professor of policy analysis and management John Cawley about helping teens to adopt healthier behaviors.

How about New Year’s resolutions you might actually keep?
Leader - January 13, 2012
Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, explores important findings of his Legacy Project which are especially relevant for younger generations.

Urban U.S. Chinatowns wane as Asians head to suburbs
Dan Lichter, the Ferris Family Professor of Policy Analysis and Management, explains what is driving population declines in urban Chinatowns. More: The Huffington Post.

Do people become more conservative as they age?
Discovery News - January 19, 2012
In surveying older adults, professor Karl Pillemer found that they are generally more tolerant and open to new ideas as they age, contrary to popular beliefs that they become more conservative.
Couples who cohabitate are happier than marrieds

*MSNBC - January 19, 2012*

Professor *Kelly Musick* finds that wedded couples report few advantages in psychological well-being, health, or social ties compared to cohabitators. More: [Yahoo! News](http://www.yahoo.com), [Cosmopolitan](http://www.cosmopolitan.com), [Self](http://www.self.com), [Catholic News Agency](http://www.catholicnewsagency.org).

Stamp prices to cost a cent more

*American Public Media - January 20, 2012*

Professor *Rick Geddes*, an expert in the finances of the U.S. Postal Service, discusses the rise in postage costs.

Cohabiting couples are happier than wedded ones

*Cornell Chronicle - January 23, 2012*

When it comes to the well-being of married vs. cohabitating couples, the wedded ones experience few advantages in psychological well-being, health, or social ties, according to a new study by *Kelly Musick*.

Among disadvantaged, college reduces odds for marriage

*Cornell Chronicle - January 24, 2012*

*Kelly Musick*, associate professor of policy analysis and management, finds that college attendance unexpectedly lowers the chances that the least advantaged men and women will go on to marry.

Living together may be healthier than marriage, study claims

*Baby Center - January 25, 2012*

*Kelly Musick*, an associate professor of policy analysis and management, explains why marriage may offer little benefit over simply living together without wedding rings.

The right idea in the wrong place

*The New York Times - January 26, 2012*

*Rick Geddes*, associate professor of policy analysis and management, argues that a proposed high-speed passenger rail project in California would be wasteful and that such projects should occur in the denser Northeast Corridor.

Kids under chronic stress more likely to become obese

*Cornell Chronicle - January 30, 2012*

The more ongoing stress children endure, the greater the odds they will become obese by adolescence, reports *Gary Evans*, the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor, in the latest issue of the journal Pediatrics.

College may hurt marriage chances for some

*United Press International - January 31, 2012*

*Kelly Musick*, associate professor of policy analysis and management, finds that college attendance by the least advantaged men and women may lower their odds of ever marrying. More: [Jezebel](http://www.jezebel.com).

February

Seniors offer tips for happy lives

*Chicago Tribune - February 1, 2012*

*Karl Pillemier*, the Hazel E. Reed Professor of Human Development, describes his research on senior wisdom, known as The Legacy Project, and his book, "30 Lessons for Living." More: [Syracuse Post-Standard](http://www.syracuse.com), [Tampa Bay Times](http://www.tampatribune.com), [SunNews TV](http://www.sunnews.org), [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](http://www.pittsburghtribune.com).
Lessons For Living

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - February 3, 2012
Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, explores important findings of his Legacy Project in this episode of Tapestry with Mary Hynes.

One's A Crowd

Dr. Erin York Cornwell's research on living alone has recently been featured in the New York Times, Huffington Post, ABC News Radio, and other media outlets.

College attendance lowers marriage rate for disadvantaged

The Huffington Post - February 7, 2012
Research by professor Kelly Musick finds that attending college may unexpectedly prevent those from low-income homes and without other social advantages from finding suitable marriage partners. More: MSN Health, Yahoo! News, The Globe and Mail.

Stop feeling sorry for the middle class! They're doing just fine

The New Republic - February 7, 2012
A piece on the economic status of middle-class Americans points to research by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management. More: The Atlantic.

The marriage problem: Why many are choosing cohabitation instead

The Atlantic - February 7, 2012
Professor Sharon Sassler explains her findings on why some young couples are hesitant to get married.

30 Lessons for Living

Fox Channel 6 – February 10, 2012
Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, explores important findings of his Legacy Project in this interview with Fox.

This Valentine's Day, readers bring the love

The Chicago Tribune - February 14, 2012
Professor Karl Pillemer distills elder wisdom on love, marriage, and family for nationally syndicated advice columnist Amy Dickinson.

Study: Women leave math-intensive science fields when they decide to have kids

Cornell Chronicle - February 14, 2012
Women with advanced degrees in math-intensive academic fields drop out of fast-track research careers primarily because they want children -- not because their performance is devalued or they are shortchanged during interviewing and hiring, report human development professors Wendy Williams and Stephen Ceci.

Women leave scientific careers after having kids

Yahoo News - February 15, 2012
Human development professors Wendy Williams and Stephen Ceci explain why women who enter motherhood tend to leave scientific careers.
Interracial Marriage in US Hits New High: 1 in 12
New York Times - February 16, 2012
Daniel Lichter, professor of policy analysis and management, is featured in this article noting that interracial marriages within the US have climbed.

Why is it so hard for kids to lose weight?
CNN - February 16, 2012
Gary Evans, the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor in the Departments of Design and Environmental Analysis and of Human Development, comments on his study about how childhood stress often leads kids to become obese.

Obama's election changed racial identity of black students
Cornell Chronicle - February 16, 2012
Barack Obama's presidential victory triggered "encounter experiences" that reshaped African-American college students' identity, finds Anthony Burrow, assistant professor of human development, and Anthony Ong, associate professor of human development.

Blame biological clock for dearth of women in math: study
Reuters - February 17, 2012

Latinos drive interracial marriage boost
Fox News - February 20, 2012
In a TV interview, Dan Lichter, the Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, comments on climbing interracial marriage rates. More: Arizona Daily Star, Indianapolis Star, Los Angeles Times.

Words from the wise: Author taps elders' emotional intelligence
Herald Tribune - February 20, 2012
Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, is interviewed on the topic of his Legacy Project and his recent book, 30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans.

America's crumbling transportation infrastructure
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, discusses ideas for rebuilding U.S. roadways.

"30 Lessons for Living" author Karl A. Pillemer shares life lessons from older Americans
Karl Pillemer participates in a live conversation with readers on his popular book and research project.

Study on education shows Texas lagging behind nation
Houston Chronicle - February 23, 2012
Sharon Sassler, associate professor of policy analysis and management, discusses how the state's low education levels could affect marriage and birth rates.
Want to Build a Better Life? Lawyer Profiled in Book of ‘Wisest Americans’ Offers Insights
ABA Journal - February 23, 2012
Important findings of the Legacy Project of Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, are discussed in this article.

8 lessons for living a full life
The Week - February 24, 2012
Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, presents some of the wisdom shared by America's elders in his research project on their life experiences. More: Psychology Today, Sarasota Herald Tribune, The Montreal Gazette.

Louisiana film investment could win Oscar gold
Marketplace - February 27, 2012
Susan Christopherson, professor of city and regional planning, tells readers why public money spent to lure film projects into a state is not a worthwhile investment.

March
Is motherhood the biggest reason for academia's gender imbalance?
Science - March 2, 2012
An article analyzes findings by human development professors Wendy Williams and Stephen Ceci that women often abandon academic careers in math-intensive fields because the lifestyle is incompatible with motherhood.

5 secrets to a rewarding career
U.S. News & World Report - March 6, 2012
The elders in professor Karl Pillemer's book and research project also shed light on how to make the most of your career.

Recipe for a good marriage
The Ottawa Citizen - March 12, 2012
Applying advice from professor Karl Pillemer's "30 Lessons for Living," a columnist shares the keys to a happy marriage.

How to keep more kids on the streets
An opinion piece against raising the minimum wage cites findings by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, that doing so has a negative effect on low-skilled workers. More: Syracuse Post-Standard, New York Daily News.

Teens take risks to 'play the odds' but can be taught otherwise, says Reyna to NYC media
Cornell Chronicle - March 15, 2012
Human development professor Valerie Reyna described her research and extension projects to apply neuroscience to help teens make wiser decisions about sexual activity, nutrition, and fitness.

Elder 'mantras': Wisdom to live by
The Huffington Post - March 24, 2012
Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, blogs about his findings from The Legacy Project.
Population Center 'a hub for social sciences' at Cornell
Cornell Chronicle - March 26, 2012
The Cornell Population Center, directed by Dan Lichter, the Ferris Family Professor of Policy Analysis and Management, unites researchers from across campus to work on major social science projects.

How to get marital benefits -- sans marriage
Chicago Tribune - March 27, 2012

For Asian-American couples, a tie that binds
A study by Dan Lichter, the Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, finds a rise in marriages between American-born and foreign-born Asians.

April
Nine inducted into graduate honor society
Cornell Chronicle - April 2, 2012
Fenaba Addo, a doctoral student in policy analysis and management, is inducted into the Cornell chapter of the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society and wins the 2012 Bouchet Best Social Science Research Presentation.

Can college hurt your marriage prospects?
Chicago Tribune - April 3, 2012
Kelly Musick, associate professor of policy analysis and management, is quoted in an article about the impact of college on the institution of marriage.

California Trims Rail-System Cost
Wall Street Journal - Apr 3, 2012
Rick Geddes, an infrastructure expert at Cornell, believes that for high-speed rail plans in general, "Cost estimates are generally low and ridership estimates are generally high."

End-of-Month Hunger Hurts Students on Food Stamps
Bloomberg - Apr 4, 2012
According to Christine Ranney, professor in the Dyson school, about 40 percent of food-stamp households make only one major grocery-shopping trip per month.

Lying about money to kids is a surefire way to scar them
Business Insider - April 5, 2012
Janis Whitlock, a research scientist in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, advises that parents be open with their kids about family financial matters.

Texas hospital says fat people need not apply
MSNBC - Apr 5, 2012
In a study by John Cawley, associate professor of policy analysis and management, he found that obese white women had worse labor market outcomes than any other overweight workers.
What the Doctors Ordered
Science Careers - Apr 5, 2012
The “single most important factor in explaining women’s underrepresentation [in academic careers is] a desire for children and family life,” write Stephen Ceci and Wendy Williams, co-directors of Cornell University’s National Institutes of Health-funded Institute for Women in Science.

Obesity accounts for 21 percent of U.S. health care costs
Science Daily - April 9, 2012
John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, finds that obesity adds up to $190.2 billion in extra medical costs annually.

Life lessons from the elderly in '30 Lessons for Living'
The Washington Post - April 9, 2012
Professor Karl Pillemer discusses his book and research on advice for living offered by older adults.

N.Y. counties see slow growth since 2010 census
Cornell Chronicle - April 11, 2012
Jan Vink, research support specialist for the Program on Applied Demographics -- part of the Cornell Population Center -- finds many rural counties are seeing population declines.

More children born to unmarried parents
USA Today - April 12, 2012
Kelly Musick, associate professor of policy analysis and management, comments on dramatic increases in births to cohabiting women in the United States.

Obesity’s health costs double earlier estimates
The Philadelphia Inquirer - April 13, 2012

Losing weight in time for the wedding
An article cites a study by nutritional sciences professor Jeffery Sobal that finds a large share of women try to lose weight leading up to their wedding day.

Does cash help men lose weight? Bet on it
Chicago Tribune - April 16, 2012
Professor John Cawley comments on the power of economic incentives for men trying to shed pounds.

Nigeria Tested by Rapid Rise in Population
Parfait M. Eloundou-Enyegue, professor of development sociology, is quoted in this article exploring the pressing issue of overcrowding in Nigeria.

Cohabitation-Divorce Link? I Don't Think So
Huffington Post - Apr 17, 2012
According to research by demographers at Cornell, two-thirds of cohabiting couples between ages 18 and 36 are hesitant to get married because they fear divorce, even if they don’t have any personal experience with it.
Professor explains deadly 'choking game' logic
KCOY-TV - April 18, 2012
Human Development professor Valerie Reyna, in residence as a distinguished fellow at the University of California Santa Barbara, speaks to a local TV station about the science of teen risk-taking.

The case for cohabitation
The Daily Beast - April 18, 2012
Sharon Sasser, associate professor of policy analysis and management, explains her findings on cohabitation and marriage. More: The Huffington Post, Chicago Sun-Times.

How to save the Post Office
FOX Business - April 19, 2012
Professor Rick Geddes assesses the grim financial picture for the U.S. Postal Service.

Thirteen University Courses in 2012-13 to promote common experience for students
Cornell Chronicle - April 19, 2012
Stephen Ceci, the Helen L. Carr Professor of Developmental Psychology, next fall will again co-teach a class meant to help students to think across disciplines.

The fight over inequality
Economic studies by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, dispute the popular notion that middle class Americans have seen a declining share of wealth the past three decades. More: The Washington Post, FOX News, Econ Talk.

From body odor to democracy in Africa, social science research gets funding
Cornell Chronicle - April 24, 2012
Three faculty members in the college receive grants from Cornell's Institute for the Social Sciences for their research: Don Kenkel, policy analysis and management; Jordan Matsudaira, policy analysis and management; and Valerie Reyna, human development.

Oldest Americans share lessons for living in new book
KIRO-FM - April 27, 2012
Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, discusses his research and book on elder wisdom with a top Seattle radio station.

Could public-private funding improve U.S. transportation?
Minnesota Public Radio - April 27, 2012
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, talks about the benefits of public-private partnerships for improving infrastructure.

Study: Obesity adds $190 billion in health costs
MSNBC - Apr 30, 2012
Obese women are less likely to be hired and promoted and earn about 11 percent less than women of healthy weight, according to health economist John Cawley of Cornell.
As America’s waistline expands, costs soar

 Reuters - April 30, 2012

 John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, discusses his findings on obesity and worker productivity and his new estimate that obesity adds $190.2 billion in U.S. medical costs annually.


 Study: Effects of loneliness mimic aging process, boost heart disease risk

 Cornell Chronicle - April 30, 2012

 The social pain of loneliness appears to accelerate changes to cardiovascular functioning reports a study by Anthony Ong, associate professor of human development.

 May

 As childhood obesity improves, will kids in poverty be left behind?
 CNN - May 1, 2012

 Professor John Cawley comments on a study finding that obesity disproportionately affects children from low-income families.

 Disabled Americans Shrink Size of U.S. Labor Force

 Businessweek – May 3, 2012

 Richard Burkhauser, professor of human ecology, argues that the Social Security Disability Insurance should be modified to help reduce strain on the system and make it possible for more disabled people to remain in the labor force.

 Americans Collecting Disability Spikes, While Labor Force Participation Sinks – That Reeks Of Fraud

 Business Insider – May 7, 2012

 Richard Burkhauser, professor of human ecology, argues that the Social Security Disability Insurance should be modified to help reduce strain on the system and make it possible for more disabled people to remain in the labor force.

 Job disability a headache for U.S. recovery

 Reuters - May 7, 2012

 Professor Richard Burkhauser says that a record number of Americans seeking disability benefits is a form of "hidden unemployment." More: MSNBC, Bloomberg News, Business Insider.

 Transportation bill, not yet passed, already blasted by critics


 Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, comments on Congressional gridlock on a new transportation bill.

 Battle for academic economists is heating up


 Professor John Cawley comments on the bright job prospects for PhD students in economics.

 Calls for fairness find resonance in Florida

 Financial Times – May 10, 2012

 A recent study co-authored by Richard Burkhauser, professor of human ecology, concludes that middle class income has grown by about 36 per cent in recent decades.
**Expert warns about global food shortages**  
*Sydney Morning Herald – May 12, 2012*

Chris Barrett, professor in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, warns about a "dangerous complacency" about global food shortages and the world's demand for nutrition increases.

**It officially costs more to be overweight than a smoker in America**  
*Business Insider - May 14, 2012*

John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management, publishes a new study estimating the staggering costs of obesity to U.S. health care.

**New Coalition Targets Carlos Slim at George Washington University**  
*Fox News – May 15, 2012*

Gustavo Flores Macias, a professor of Latin American and Political Economy, believes the Mexican government should take more responsibility for any unfair business practices.

**How to avoid a global food crisis**  
*ABC – May 16, 2012*

In this op-ed, Professor Chris Barrett of the Dyson School provides steps for preventing a global food crisis in the coming decades.

**Older Americans advise college grads to be risk takers**  
*The Street - May 16, 2012*

Through his Legacy Project research, Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor, reports that seniors advise young people to value happiness over money and to avoid living with regrets. More: Business Insider, Yahoo! News.

**Growth of LI's Hispanic population tops 3%**  
*Newsday – May 17, 2012*

Jan Vink, research support specialist in the program of Applied Demographics, comments on recent census data from Long Island.

**Seniors Reveal What They Wish They'd Done Right After Graduation**  
*Business Insider – May 17, 2012*

Many of the 1,200 senior citizens interviewed for The Legacy Project of Karl Pillemer, professor of human ecology, advise recent college graduates to go have some fun before getting to serious about life.

**Citizenship to Go**  
*New York Times – May 18, 2012*

According to graduate student of development sociology Amanda Flaim, about 100,000 of the Thai highlanders "have not acquired the Thai citizenship to which they are legally entitled."

**Housing Bust May Decrease Middle-Class Teens' Likelihood Of Attending Top Colleges: Study**  
*Huffington Post – May 18, 2012*

Michael Lovenheim, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, has determined that for every $10,000 jump in home prices, students are more likely to attend flagship public universities and less likely to go to community college.
Don’t believe Obama on income inequality
New research by Professor Richard Burkhauser suggests that the American middle class has realized healthy economic gains in recent decades. More: The Daily Beast.

Population blues
The Telegraph (India) - May 21, 2012
The author reflects on a keynote address by Dan Lichter, Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, at the Population Association of America annual meeting.

Graduation: Practical Advice for New Beginnings
The Epoch Times – May 24, 2012
Many of the 1,200 senior citizens interviewed for The Legacy Project of Karl Pillemer, professor of human ecology, advise recent college graduates to go have some fun before getting to serious about life.

Listen to small business: Don’t increase the minimum wage
Entrepreneur - May 25, 2012
An opinion piece arguing against raising the minimum wage cites findings by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management.

Any hope for chronically failing schools?
Education Week - May 28, 2012
A blog post about underperforming schools, where “the best teachers are no match for the pathologies of the neighborhood,” cites research by Gary Evans, the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor.

Strong families often make dinner at home
UPI.com – May 30, 2012
Kelly Musick, associate professor of Policy Analysis and Management, discusses how the family meal provides social and health benefits for children.

The not-so-magic family dinner
New research by Kelly Musick, associate professor of policy analysis and management, suggests that the effects of family dinners on teens' well-being are overblown. More: The Globe and Mail, Yahoo! India, PsychCentral.

June
The neighbors who don't knock
The New York Times - June 8, 2012
Elaine Wethington, professor of human development and of sociology, speaks about social isolation in seniors for an article about a tight-knit group of seniors living in Washington Heights.

Secrets to a happy marriage (from the real experts)
The Huffington Post - June 11, 2012
At the height of wedding season, professor Karl Pillemer shares the best advice elders he surveyed have to offer on a lasting union.

Motherhood Still a Cause of Pay Inequality
Cornell professor Francine D. Blau and academic Lawrence M. Kahn of the School of Industrial Labor Relations weigh in on the causes behind the current disparity of nearly 18 percent between the wages of working men and women.

**Junk food: The pariah that’s replacing tobacco**
*AOL Daily Finance - June 16, 2012*
An article on policy attempts to prevent obesity cites a study by John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management, finding that obesity adds $190 billion annually to U.S. health care costs.

**The High Price of Loneliness**
*The New York Times – June 18, 2012*
Cornell University associate human development professor Anthony Ong weighs in on the potential serious health problems associated with loneliness at an old age.

**In Some Regions, Fracking Opponents Push Back Hard**
*CNBC – June 20, 2012*
As opposition to fracking increases, Cornell University professor Susan Christopherson discusses the issues, pulling from her ongoing research on the economical impact of Marcellus Shale.

**What is so good about growing old**
*Smithsonian Magazine - June 22, 2012*
Professor Karl Pillemer discusses his Legacy Project to capture wisdom from America's seniors.

**Minimum wage increase is campaign promise it’s OK to break**
*Politico - June 27, 2012*
An opinion piece arguing against raising the federal minimum wage cites research by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management. More: Newsday.

**Is the Family Dinner Overrated?**
Recent research conducted in part by associate Policy Analysis and Management professor Kelly Musick offers evidence that family dinners may not be as important for positive child development as previously thought.

**July**
*Family dinners: How satisfying are they, really?*
*The Washington Post - July 5, 2012*

**Senior citizens hear their experiences are important to younger generations**
*The Cleveland Plain Dealer - July 15, 2012*
Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, speaks to Ohio seniors about his research on the wisdom of our elders.

**Science of eyewitness memory enters the courtroom**
*WIRED - July 27, 2012*
Charles Brainerd, professor and chair of human development, discusses the unreliability of witness testimony after New Jersey moved to instruct jurors about the limits of human memory.

U.S. Census Bureau offers public API for data apps  
*Slashdot* - *July 30, 2012*  
The popular tech blog describes an app to track poverty rates across New York developed by the Program on Applied Demographics -- one of the first produced with newly released Census data.

Academic Minute: Stress and Obesity  
*WAMC Northeast Public Radio* - *July 31, 2012*  
Gary Evans, the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor in the Departments of Human Development and of Design and Environmental Analysis, explains his findings on poverty, stress, and obesity.

Congress failing the U.S. Postal Service  
*The Hill* - *July 31, 2012*  
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, argues that privatizing the Post Office could lead it back to profitability.

August  
The wealth effect and college choice  
*Bloomberg Businessweek* - *August 3, 2012*  
Professor Michael Lovenheim talks about his findings on how the housing boom and bust cycle influences college choices for middle-class families.

Rick Geddes on Washington Journal  
*C-SPAN* - *August 14, 2012*  
In a live appearance, Professor Geddes talks about how to fix the U.S. Post Office’s economic troubles.

College dreams are dashed by the housing bust  
*The Fiscal Times* - *August 16, 2012*  
Michael Lovenheim, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, talks about his research suggesting that the housing crash could limit college attendance by middle-class families.

Calculating a degree's value  
*Inside Higher Ed* - *August 25, 2012*  
Professor Richard Burkhauser discusses a trove of data at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf that allows researchers to assess the value of a college education.

10 things the Postal Service won't tell you  
*SmartMoney* - *August 26, 2012*  
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, argues that privatizing the U.S. Postal Service would help to solve its financial woes. More: [The Huffington Post](http://www.huffingtonpost.com), [Yahoo! Finance](http://finance.yahoo.com), [International Business Times](http://www.ibtimes.com).

Expert analyzes GOP platform on obesity  
*The Epoch Times* - *August 27, 2012*  
Professor John Cawley says the Republican Party’s call for individuals to take control of their health behaviors overlooks other factors that contribute to obesity.
Working parents spend less time on children's diet and exercise, study finds
ABC News - August 29, 2012
John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, and Feng Liu, Ph.D. ’07, find that mothers with full-time jobs spend roughly three-and-a-half fewer hours per day on kids' nutritional and fitness needs than nonworking moms, with fathers picking up very little slack. More: Philadelphia Inquirer, Newsday, United Press International.

Working mums spend less time on kids' diet and exercise
Yahoo News - Aug 28, 2012
A paper by lead author John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics at Cornell University health finds that working mums spend less time on kid's diet and exercise across socio-economic lines.

The wrong way to boost wages of single mothers
The Hill - August 30, 2012
An opinion piece opposed to raising the federal minimum wage cites findings by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor of Policy Analysis and Management, on the ineffectiveness of minimum wage hikes at reducing poverty.

September
Campus crisis: The broken generation
Macleans - September 5, 2012
Janis Whitlock, research scientist in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, comments on the multitude of challenges facing youth coming of age today.

Poverty rate unchanged, but still historically high
National Public Radio - September 12, 2012

Girls who survive Alps killing are sole witnesses
Associated Press - September 13, 2012
Stephen Ceci, the Helen L. Carr Professor of Developmental Psychology, speaks about interviewing child witnesses following a murder in the French Alps.

Give and take marriage isn't what it's cracked up to be
The Huffington Post - September 14, 2012
Professor Karl Pillemer participates in a live chat on the keys to a successful marriage.

USPS sends out an S.O.S.
FOX Business Network - September 14, 2012
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, speaks about the U.S. Post Office's financial problems.

At-home moms cook, shop, play more with kids: study
Professor John Cawley compares the time working and non-working mothers spend on activities related to their children's diet and exercise.

**Does having sex too early in a relationship cause it to fail?**  
**Digital Journal - September 17, 2012**  
Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, discusses her recent findings on sex, cohabitation, and marriage.

**Study finds mothers prefer certain children as caregivers**  
**Winston-Salem Journal - September 23, 2012**  
Research co-authored by Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, finds that mothers report better mental health when cared for by their favorite child. More: Jezebel.

**Many becoming too obese for U.S. military**  
**United Press International - September 28, 2012**  
In two new studies, John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, and Catherine Maclean, Ph.D. ‘12, find that a growing number of military-age Americans do not meet the Army's weight and body fat requirements. More: NBC’s The Grio.

**Habitat for Humanity: A better life, with some strings attached**  
**The Globe and Mail - September 29, 2012**  
Research by Gary Evans, the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor in the Departments of Human Development and of Design and Environmental Analysis, about the impact of substandard housing on child development is cited in an article about families helped by Habitat for Humanity.

**October**  
**Health care as income for the poor**  
**The New York Times - October 2, 2012**  
A study by Professor Burkhauser finds that provisions in the Affordable Care Act would add to the income of people in the bottom 60 percent, making the health care plan a more powerful tool to improve Americans' well-being than previously thought.

**Middle class is focal point as election nears**  
**The Des Moines Register - October 6, 2012**  
Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, comments on the competing economic plans of the U.S. presidential candidates.

**Why the teen brain is drawn to risk**  
**CNN Health - October 8, 2012**  
Valerie Reyna, professor of human development, comments on a new study on adolescents' perception of risk. More: TIME.

**Out of the binder, into the kitchen: Working women and cooking**  
**National Public Radio - October 18, 2012**  
Following presidential candidate Mitt Romney's remarks about working mothers in a debate, Kelly Musick, associate professor of policy analysis and management, discusses social expectations about their role in the home.
Guess Who's Eating Dirt: Surprising Number of Men Found Practicing Pica
National Geographic - October 19, 2012
Cornell nutritional anthropologist Sera Young finds that pica behaviors are not just a pregnancy craving—eating nonfoods may be unexpectedly common.

Depending on the favored child
The New York Times - October 20, 2012
Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, examines the effects of mothers' favoritism on elderly adults who rely on children for caregiving decisions. More: Slate.

Stephen Morgan Discusses Education With Bill Press
Current TV - October 22, 2012
Professor of sociology, Stephen Morgan, discusses education policy on Full Court with Bill Press.

Women's Pay Gap Starts Right After College, Exacerbates Student Debt: Study
The Huffington Post - October 24, 2012
Pay discrepancy early in a woman's career can have lasting effects, notes Francine D. Blau, Professor of Industrial and Labor Relations.

November
How to fix the Affordable Care Act in 2013
Real Clear Markets - November 6, 2012
Professor Richard Burkhauser estimates the impact of the act on dependents of workers with single coverage.

The superhuman mind
Psychology Today - November 17, 2012
Human development professors Valerie Reyna and Chuck Brainerd believe it’s a mistake to give more weight to adult testimony than children's.

Women, minorities more likely to parent alone
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Daniel Lichter, policy analysis and management professor and director of the Cornell Population Center, comments on "America's racial future."

How fighting inequality became Obama's driving force
A study by Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, is cited as estimating that Obamcare will add $400-800 in disposable income annually for Americans in the lower middle class and below. More: The Miami Herald, The Wichita Eagle.

Are you ready to live with her?
Men's Health - November 28, 2012
A study by Kelly Musick, associate professor of policy analysis and management, is cited as finding that cohabiting couples report greater happiness than married couples and singles.

12 ways to live a better life
A web slideshow excerpts life lessons offered by older adults from a book by gerontologist Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development.

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**U.S. climate aid reaches across globe**

*The Washington Post - December 1, 2012*

Chris Barrett, professor of Applied Economics and Management, is quoted in the Washington Post about Cornell's index-based livestock insurance program.

**The urge to eat dirt**

*Inside Higher Ed - December 4, 2012*

Nutritional sciences research scientist Sera Young discusses pica -- an urge to eat substances such as clay and soil sometimes seen in pregnant women and children.

**Before passing along valuables, passing along values**

*The Wall Street Journal - December 9, 2012*

Professor Karl Pillemer discusses the lessons that older adults are likely to share with their children and grandchildren for an article on estate planning.

**Teen dating violence affects well-being in adulthood**

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Deinera Exner-Cortens, a human development doctoral student, and John Eckenrode, professor of human development and director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, find a host of negative consequences for teens in physically or psychologically aggressive dating relationships. More: [TIME](#), [WCBS-TV](#), [U.S. News & World Report](#).

**Special report: Obesity**

*The Economist - December 15, 2012*

A comprehensive look at the causes and consequences of obesity cites a paper by John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, that finds that obesity accounts for $190 billion in annual medical costs in the U.S.

**The 20 best post-50 blogs of 2012**

*The Huffington Post - December 17, 2012*

The Legacy Project, a blog by Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, that shares advice from older adults, is named one of the year's best blogs about life after age 50.