January 2015

The Economists Who Studied All-You-Can-Eat Buffets
*The Atlantic* – January 1, 2015
David Just, Dyson School behavioral economist, spoke with The Atlantic about how people think food tastes better, if it costs more.

Generation gap: Renewed ties expose painful Cuban-American rift
*CNN* – January 1, 2015
Maria Cristina Garcia, an expert on the issue of immigration reform and Professor of History talked with CNN about how the renewed ties between Cuba and the United States will affect those forced to flee the island in the 1960s.

Want to watch economists fight? Bring up the minimum wage
*PBS NewsHour* - January 1, 2015
Professor Richard Burkhauser said that increasing the minimum wage would be "relatively small potatoes" compared to other economic measures.

Secrets to a successful marriage from 700 retirees
*CBS This Morning* - January 8, 2015
Professor Karl Pillemer sat down with the hosts of CBS's flagship morning show to discuss his new book and insights gained from his Marriage Advice Project. More: [USA Today](#).

Why people still go to work when they're sick
*NPR Phoenix* - January 9, 2015
Nicolas Ziebarth, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, explained why going to work while fighting an illness is unproductive for you and the rest of the office.

Deadbeats can still be good fathers
*The Dallas Morning News* - January 9, 2015
Maureen Waller, associate professor of policy analysis and management, suggested ways the child support system could change to encourage greater father involvement in parenting.

Warren: The average family in the bottom 90 percent made more money 30 years ago
*PolitiFact* - January 13, 2015
Research by professor Richard Burkhauser challenged the popular notion of a rapidly widening income inequality gap in the United States.

Mean girls in the retirement home
A study by professor Karl Pillemer found that nursing homes have high rates of aggression among residents.
L.A. schools adding dinner to free meals
*The Boston Globe - January 17, 2015*

Millennials set to outnumber baby boomers
Jan Vink, research support specialist in the Program on Applied Demographics, said that millennials will make up a significant proportion of the workforce in coming years, but others should not assume that they all share the same social characteristics.

Forget 'gray divorce': Here's how to make love last
*The Wall Street Journal - January 19, 2015*
Professor Karl Pillemer found in his research of successful marriages that a willingness to share your partner's interests is crucial once an initial romantic spark fades.

How older Americans can help us lead better lives
*FOX Business - January 27, 2015*
Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, explains how senior citizens can teach couples of all ages the tools for happy and successful relationships, and other advice from his new book, "30 Lessons for Loving." More: Chicago Tribune, The Huffington Post.

Guess What? You Have a Shot at the 1%
*Money Magazine – January 29, 2015*
Sociologist Thomas Hirschl is quoted in this Money Magazine article about income inequality and mobility.

Which costs more: Gaining weight or losing it?
*Yahoo! Health - January 29, 2015*
John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management, found in a 2012 study that obesity leads to thousands more dollars per year in medical expenses compared to non-obese adults.

Disability program needs reform, not merely revenue reallocation
*The Hill - January 29, 2015*
Richard Burkhauser, the Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, has proposed fixing Disability Insurance with a system where employers who keep disabled employees long-term are rewarded with lower taxes.

New USPS boss faces old problems
*NPR Marketplace - January 30, 2015*
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, said the new U.S. postmaster general will need more autonomy in her position in order to make the mailing system more nimble.

February 2015

NBC probes Brian Williams' dubious anecdotes: Will the 'gist' save him?
The Christian Science Monitor - February 7, 2015

Charles Brainerd, professor of human development, explained the difference between factual recollections and 'gist' memories containing impressions of experiences. More: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Yahoo! News.

Family dinners are important for child development
KCET Los Angeles - February 11, 2015

Kelly Musick, associate professor of policy analysis and management, discussed her study investigating the link between regular family dinners and child well-being.

Science debunks midlife myths
Scientific American - February 12, 2015
In a study, Elaine Wethington, professor of human development and of sociology, found a shortage of evidence for supposed midlife crises; instead such events are triggered not by age but by losing a job or parent or similar trauma.

Lifetime of loving: What long-married couples can teach us about relationships
The Miami Herald - February 14, 2015

Here's how to avoid one of the most common life regrets
The Huffington Post - February 16, 2015
In his survey of older Americans, professor Karl Pillemer found that relationships are strengthened by frequent travel.

As immigrants settle beyond city limits, help is hard to find
Daniel Lichter, Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management and director of the Cornell Population Center, said immigrants offer "a lifeline to dying communities."

U.S. women progress to PhD at same rate as men
Nature - February 17, 2015
Human development professors Stephen Ceci and Wendy Williams have investigated the "leaky pipeline" involved when women leave the academic sciences after earning doctoral degrees.
What the immigration ruling means
CNN – February 18, 2015
After President Obama’s immigration plan was put on hold by a court order this week, media looked to one of the nation’s top immigration experts, Law’s Stephen Yale-Loehr, for his opinion. More: USA Today, Los Angeles Times, Bloomberg Business, The Legal Broadcast Network, and NPR’s To the Point.

Children: Next step in Confrontation Clause revolution?
Stephen Ceci, Helen L. Carr Professor of Developmental Psychology in the Department of Human Development, co-authored a brief in U.S. Supreme Court case Ohio v. Clark, in which he argued for a new method for handling child testimony in criminal trials.

Middle Class, Undefined: How Purchasing Power Affects Perceptions of Wealth
Wall Street Journal – February 20, 2015
A study of class mobility co-authored by sociologist Tom Hirschl was covered this week by the Wall Street Journal. More: CBS MoneyWatch.

Health Care Opens Stable Career Path, Taken Mainly by Women
ILR economist Francine Blau is quoted by the New York Times for this article about health care affecting career paths.

Married sex gets better in golden years
Karl Pillemer, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, commented on a new finding that couples reported an increase in sex after 50 years of marriage.

Poverty in America: Deep and getting deeper, despite the Earned Income Tax Credit
The Kansas City Star - February 27, 2015
Co-authored by Laura Tach, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, a new book details the struggles of working families to make ends meet.

March 2015
Shoveling a path out of prison
The Atlantic - March 1, 2015
Christopher Wildeman, associate professor of policy analysis and management, found that parental incarceration more than doubles the risk of homelessness for African American children and increases their odds of living in poverty and committing crimes themselves.

The myth of the 1% and the 99%
Fortune – March 2, 2015
Fortune featured a study from sociologist **Thomas Hirschl** finding more class mobility than most economists previously thought.

*This is what Mr. Right looks like, according to science*

*Cosmopolitan - March 3, 2015*

A story on the perfect man mentions research by **Sharon Sassler**, professor of policy analysis and management, finding that men who share in housework enjoy more frequent, better sex.

*Obesity is hurting the U.S. economy in surprising ways*

*Bloomberg News - March 5, 2015*

**John Cawley**, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, found that obesity raised medical costs by $315 billion in 2010. **More: Yahoo! Finance, Denver Post, Chicago Tribune.**

*The myth destroying America: Why social mobility is beyond ordinary people's control*

*Salon – March 7, 2015*

Salon quoted sociologist **Tom Hirschl** for a piece involving social mobility.

*Divorce can mean a trip down the economic ladder for women*

*NBC News - March 7, 2015*

**Laura Tach**, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, said divorce leads to "big losses in income for both higher- and lower-income women."

*Millennials Are More Racist Than They Think*

*Politico Magazine – March 9, 2015*

Politico Magazine quoted sociologist **Tom Hirschl** for a piece involving Millennials.

*How courts should hear from children*

*The Washington Post – March 12, 2015*

Human Development professor **Stephen Ceci** authored this Washington Post piece about how courts hear testimony from children.

*Indiana man Eric Garrett says he knows who killed his mom Paula in 1979*

*NBC News - March 16, 2015*

**Stephen Ceci**, Helen L. Carr Professor of Developmental Psychology in the Department of Human Development, discussed how a man's childhood memories of his mother's murder could have been distorted by passage of time or neurological damage suffered in the attack.

*Tax avoidance, not the 'Laffer curve' might be the big problem with Joe Hockey's higher taxes*

*The Australian Financial Review - March 20, 2015*

**Richard Burkhauser**, Sarah Gibson Blanding Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, addressed the debate in the U.S. and Australia about taxing the rich to grow the economy.
Finding success, well past the age of wunderkind
Professor Karl Pillemer said that the decades after middle age remain a prime time for success and major accomplishments. More: The Seattle Times.

How to live the happiest life possible - advice from 1,000 elderly experts
The Huffington Post - March 27, 2015
In "30 Lessons for Living," by Karl Pillemer, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, America's elders share their collective wisdom on work, relationships, money, and other topics.

Dairy farmers, in dire need of workers, feel helpless as immigration reform sours
Los Angeles Times – March 30, 2015
The Los Angeles Times quoted Mary Jo Dudley, director of the Cornell Farmworker Program, in this article about the affects of immigration reform on farmers.

April 2015
Touting connections, Hillary Clinton’s brother takes on Philly project
Politico – April 2, 2015
Law professor Steven Yale-Loehr is quoted in this Politico article about a housing project being developed by Hillary Clinton's brother.

Canada has found a way to get dads to do more housework
The Washington Post – April 2, 2015
The Washington Post quoted Ankita Patnaik, a Ph.D. candidate in economics, in this article about Canadian research into fathers and housework.

How relationship experts knew they found 'the one'
The Huffington Post - April 4, 2015
Karl Pillemer, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, said an overwhelming feeling of "rightness" signaled that he had found his lifelong partner.

Diabetes, a silent threat to U.S. economy
The Hill - April 7, 2015
John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, found that health care costs have risen sharply with the prevalence of obesity.

Silicon Valley: Perks for Some Workers, Struggles for Parents
New York Times – April 8, 2015
Francine Blau, an ILR economist, talked about how the share of working women in their 30s and 40s – which once was higher in the U.S. than in Canada, Australia, Japan and much of Europe – has dropped in recent years.
2015’s states with the highest and lowest property taxes

WalletHub - April 9, 2015

Michael Lovenheim, associate professor of policy analysis and management, discussed property tax policy and funding for local services.

The myth about women in science

CNN - April 13, 2015


When taxes aren't a drag


Laura Tach, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, lauded the earned-income tax credit for providing vital financial support to working class families and helping build their dignity.

The problems grandparents face when parenthood starts all over again

Deseret News - April 13, 2015

Rachel Dunifon, professor of policy analysis and management, said that "grandfamilies" face many hidden challenges and often miss out on needed support.

The unfairer sex?

The Economist - April 18, 2015


Better roads without higher taxes?

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - April 27, 2015

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, argued that a utility-type funding model, where drivers are charged for miles traveled, would provide more stable support for U.S. roadways.

May 2015

Women scientists' academic-hiring advantage is unwelcome news for some

The Huffington Post - May 1, 2015

Wendy Williams, professor of human development, and Stephen Ceci, the Helen L. Carr Professor in the Department of Human Development, detailed their findings that STEM faculty

Three ways inequality is making life worse for everyone
The Huffington Post - May 6, 2015
A paper by Michael Lovenheim, associate professor of policy analysis and management, found that the housing boom helped low-income families to finance their children's college education, boosting upward mobility.

The effervescence of poverty will eventually go flat
The Huffington Post - May 6, 2015
Professor Laura Tach's research upends many of the stereotypes about America's poor.

How the housing crisis left us more racially segregated
Professor Matthew Hall discussed his findings that the housing crisis reversed racial integration gains in U.S. cities. More: Al Jazeera America, Color Lines.

The real challenge for cities: What happens when Millennials have babies and the suburbs beckon?
AAP professor Mildred Warner warns D.C. planning officials of the consequences of building housing for single millennials in this Washington Post story.

U.S. politicians say they want to help the working poor. But how many are there?
Science - May 12, 2015
After running more than 100 statistical models, professor Dan Lichter and co-authors estimated that 12.4 percent of American workers were poor.

Study: Women preferred over men for STEM asst. professorships
USA Today – May 12, 2015
USA Today wrote about the work of two human development professors, Wendy Williams and Stephen Ceci, showing women are preferred over men in hiring for STEM assistant professorships.

A big moment for working parents
Sentinel & Enterprise - May 20, 2015
Laura Tach, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, and Massachusetts State Senator Jamie Eldridge argued for increasing the state's contributions to the federal Earned Income Tax Credit to improve the welfare of working families.

Agriculture Secretary promotes programs to combat poverty in rural areas
El Diario NY - May 21, 2015
**Dan Lichter**, Ferris Family Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, argued for greater investment in rural social support networks to help children of poor Hispanic immigrants achieve more secure futures.

**Public-sector jobs vanish, hitting blacks hard**  
The late 2000s recession's impact on black families has been especially damaging, including disproportionately high foreclosure rates, according to an analysis led by **Matthew Hall**, assistant professor of policy analysis and management. More: [The Boston Globe](https://www.bostonglobe.com).

**Children who break your heart: Here's some expert advice**  
*The Huffington Post - May 24, 2015*  
**Karl Pillemer**, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development, shared ideas for adults hoping to reconnect with their estranged children.

**Postal Service loses business with 'less than satisfactory' customer service**  
*The Washington Times - May 28, 2015*  
**Rick Geddes**, associate professor of policy analysis and management, argued that the Post Office should be deregulated and commercialized in order for it to be more competitive.

**June 2015**  
**U.S. Firms, Workers Try to Beat H-1B Visa Lottery System**  
*Wall Street Journal – June 2, 2015*  
Immigration law professor **Stephen Yale-Loehr** is quoted in this Wall Street Journal article about gaming the federal visa system.

**Making Amtrak compete would benefit all**  
*Real Clear Politics - June 6, 2015*  
Professor **Rick Geddes** argued that a public-private operating partnership would make Northeast corridor passenger rail more efficient and accountable to the public.

**Studies say foreclosures, home prices widening social gaps**  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer - June 7, 2015*  
**Matthew Hall**, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, described how the late 2000s foreclosure crisis widened the segregation gap between whites and African American and Latino populations.

**Six elderly New Yorkers provide lessons on aging: what one reporter learned**  
*The New York Times - June 8, 2015*  
Professor **Karl Pillemer** described how he changed his approach to gerontology after years of studying problems associated with aging.
Why don't more Americans want a job?

*Fortune* - June 9, 2015

Research by Richard Burkhauser, professor of policy analysis and management, showed that U.S. Social Security Disability Insurance is in danger of being depleted.

Health may hinge on being cheerful during stress

*The Epoch Times* - June 10, 2015

Anthony Ong, associate professor of human development, and co-authors discovered that adults who respond negatively to everyday worries tend to have elevated inflammation levels.

Sexist image of male scientists is wrong


Study finds marriage is good for your health

*FOX News* - June 14, 2015

Professor Karl Pillemer appeared on Fox & Friends to discuss a new study linking marriage to various positive health outcomes.

What the US Postal Service can learn from privatization of UK's Royal Mail

*Forbes* - June 18, 2015

Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, estimated that a Postal Service IPO could generate nearly $4 billion for U.S. taxpayers.

U.S. birth rate increases for first time in seven years

*International Business Times* - June 18, 2015

Professor Daniel Lichter discussed factors driving a modest increase in the U.S. birth rate.

4 tricks to sharpen your mind for the best workday ever

*WIRED* - June 23, 2015

Karl Pillemer, professor of human development and director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, found that elders adamantly advise moving on from a job you dislike.

In online dating, the good stories are about the losers -- not the winners


Sharon Sassler, professor of policy analysis and management, discussed her research on cohabitation and couples' origin stories.
Energizing the Green Revolution in Africa


Christopher Barrett, professor of applied economics was quoted in *The New York Times* about One Acre Fund, a new program in Africa designed to assist people wanting to become farmers.

The majority of America's poor are actually in work

*Forbes - June 27, 2015*

A new study by Daniel Lichter, professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Cornell Population Center, estimated that as many as 8 million U.S. households classify as working poor.

2015 STEM Index shows gender, racial gaps widen

*U.S. News & World Report - June 29, 2015*

Human development professors Wendy Williams and Stephen Ceci contend that factors more nuanced than sexism explain the lack of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. More: CBC Radio.

July 2015

The disability program needs help itself

*Bloomberg Businessweek - July 2, 2015*

"We've created a system that encourages workers to think about all the things they can't do, rather than all the things they can," said professor Richard Burkhauser about the need to fix Social Security Disability Insurance.

On highways, put states back in the driver's seat

*The Hill - July 9, 2015*

Professor Rick Geddes argued for replacing the fuel tax with "mileage-based user fees" based on the distance driven.

Make your damage numbers meaningful

*The National Law Review - July 9, 2015*

Valerie Reyna, professor of human development, published new research offering clues about how juries award damages for pain and suffering.

Worried about a midlife crisis? Don't. There's no such thing

*Psychology Today - July 11, 2015*

Research by Elaine Wethington, professor of human development and of sociology, debunks the popular notion of widespread midlife crises.

Latino, black, ethnically mixed hardest hit by housing crisis, racial segregation fueled conditions

*Latin Post - July 17, 2015*

Matthew Hall, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, found that the late 2000s housing crisis slowed integration gains in many U.S. cities.
More millennials are cohabiting and less are living with a spouse, new study shows

*Bustle* - *July 22, 2015*

A piece on cohabitation trends cited two recent studies by policy analysis and management professors Kelly Musick and Sharon Sassler.

Link found between student’s chosen major, parents’ income

*USA Today* – *July 23, 2015*

Sociologist Kim Weeden discusses her research showing students from higher-income families tend to pursue majors in English and history in this USA Today story.

Solving the judicial conundrum of child statements

*The Hill* - *July 23, 2015*

Stephen Ceci, professor of human development, argued for a new legal protocol for handling child testimony following a Supreme Court verdict on the issue.

The minimum-wage muddle


Columnist David Brooks cited a study by professor Richard Burkhauser finding that few poor households benefit from minimum wage increases.

25 Years on, Disabilities Act Has Changed Lives of Millions


Professor Richard Burkhauser suggested that federal benefits programs need reform to encourage more individuals with disabilities to work. More: Associated Press, ABC News.

The remarkably high odds you’ll be poor at some point in your life

*The Washington Post* – *July 24, 2015*

The Washington Post featured sociologist Thomas Hirschl’s new research showing most people experience relative poverty at some point.

What old people know about sex that you don’t

*The Huffington Post* - *July 24, 2015*

Karl Pillemer, professor of human development and director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, shared what we can learn from seniors' sex lives.

Bernie Sanders, in Madison, claims top 0.1% of Americans have almost as much wealth as bottom 90%

*Politifact* - *July 29, 2015*

Richard Burkhauser, professor of policy analysis and management, argued that income inequality measures should account for Social Security benefits.

Congress has been gridlocked on highway funding. Why that could be changing.

*The Christian Science Monitor* - *July 30, 2015*
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Cornell Program in Infrastructure Policy, expressed optimism that Congress will reach a long-term solution for highway funding.

White flight never ended
The Atlantic - July 30, 2015
Daniel Lichter, professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Cornell Population Center, found growing segregation in America's suburbs.

August 2015
What Jane Jacobs got wrong about cities
The Daily Beast - August 2, 2015
Gary Evans, professor of design and environmental analysis and of human development, found that families in urban apartments generally have less "social support" than their suburban counterparts.

Experts debate income, opportunity, fixing success ladder
The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - August 3, 2015
Professor Richard Burkhauser disputed the notion that income inequality is to blame for the lack of social mobility in America. More: The Dallas Morning News.

Where should a poor family live?

Let's face it: Gender bias in academia is for real
The Conversation - August 5, 2015
Sharon Sassler, joined by five other Cornell professors, wrote an essay describing how conscious and unconscious bias blocks women's advancement in academic STEM fields.

A very model moral panic
The Wall Street Journal - August 7, 2015
Stephen Ceci, professor of human development, and other scientists are credited with helping to stem the moral panic from the 1980s that fueled many false accusations of sexual abuse against day care workers and teachers.

Born into poverty: Rural Hispanic children face huge obstacles
USA Today - August 15, 2015
NIMBY Nation: The high cost to America of saying no to everything
*Forbes* - August 17, 2015
Rick Geddes, professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Cornell Program in Infrastructure Policy, described inefficiencies in federal transportation funds.

How tattoos can ease the emotional pain of self-harm scars
*VICE* - August 21, 2015
Janis Whitlock, director of the Cornell Research Program on Self-Injury and Recovery in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, explained the psychology behind self-injury.

Has the ADA broken its economic promises to people with disabilities?
*FiveThirtyEight* - August 24, 2015
Richard Burkhauser, professor of policy analysis and management, found that the employment rate of working-age Americans with a work-limiting disability has dropped steadily since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990.

Tips for a happy marriage
*Newsday* - August 25, 2015
Karl Pillemer, professor of human development and director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, offers pointers for a loving marriage based on his surveys of older Americans. More: *Brides, Toronto Sun*.

Is Berkeley's new soda tax failing?
*Civil Eats* - August 27, 2015
A sin tax on soft drink distributors in Berkeley, Calif., has on average raised soda retail prices by less than half the penny-per-ounce tax, according to research led by John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics. More: *Chicago Sun-Times, Grist*.

Should media show on-air killings?
*CNN* – August 28, 2015, 2015
CALS communications associate professor Sahara Byrne wrote an op-ed for CNN about how media should cover incidents of violence.

Southern justice now comes with diplomas
Research by Christopher Wildeman, associate professor of policy analysis and management, found that America's mass incarceration movement has likely diminished opportunities for children of inmates.

September 2015
Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are riding high on economic populism. They could both hurt America
*The Telegraph* - September 5, 2015
Research co-authored by Professor Richard Burkhauser poked holes in the popular narrative of a squeezed middle class in the United States.

**Disabling entitlement reform**  
*The Wall Street Journal - September 7, 2015*  
With the U.S. disability insurance fund being depleted, a reform plan co-authored by Richard Burkhauser, professor of policy analysis and management, is cited as a potential fix.

**Whose neighborhood is it?**  
Daniel Lichter, professor of policy analysis and management, found "place-based segregation" increasing in parts of America.

**Old and wise**  
*The Philippine Star - September 9, 2015*  
Professor Karl Pillemer discussed the benefits of strong relationships between grandparents and grandchildren.

**Nueve claves para entender por qué estalló ahora la crisis migratoria en Europa**  
*El Mundo – September 10, 2015*  
History professor María Cristina García is quoted in El Mundo talking about the refugee crisis in Europe.

**Why Tech Companies Are Swapping Beer Kegs for Baby Benefits**  
*Time – September 16, 2015*  
Time talked with ILR professor Beth Livingston about corporate benefits.

**Passions supplant reason in dialogue on women in science**  
*The Chronicle of Higher Education - September 10, 2015*  
Human development professors Stephen Ceci and Wendy Williams responded to critics of their research finding pro-female bias in academic science hiring.

**Would a Chicago soda tax raise revenues and reduce consumption?**  
*Chicago Magazine - September 11, 2015*  
John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of economics, found that Berkeley's soda tax did not raise retail prices as much as expected.

**4 amazing reasons we should all spend more time outdoors**  
*One Green Planet - September 14, 2015*  
Nancy Wells, associate professor of design and environmental analysis, has found that children who spent much time outdoors may be more inclined to be environmental stewards as adults.

**People weighed in on some of the most common regrets in life, and some of their answers will make you cry**
Business Insider - September 15, 2015
Professor Karl Pillemer said that his surveys of older adults revealed that time spent worrying is a common regret later in life.

USA Today - September 16, 2015
Unlike years past, couples who wed after their first baby now stay together at the same rate as those who were married before their first child, according to a new study by Kelly Musick, associate professor of policy analysis and management, and Katherine Michelmore, PhD ’14. More: The Huffington Post, LiveScience, CBS Atlanta.

Science News - September 21, 2015
Marianella Casasola, associate professor of human development, called a new study on infant language development "truly remarkable" for showing that contextual factors influence how we learn words.

The Atlantic – September 21, 2015
Law professor Stephen Yale-Loehr discussed with the Atlantic the EB-5 visa program that grants green cards to foreigners who make big investments in the U.S.

Reader’s Digest - September 22, 2015
Most mothers report having a favorite child, according to research by Professor Karl Pillemer, which can lead to tension between adult siblings.

The Huffington Post - September 22, 2015
Based on his interviews with hundreds of seniors, Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, shared common misconceptions that can lead to trouble for married couples.

The Week - October 2, 2015
Laura Tach, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, credited the Earned Income Tax Credit with giving low-income families a sense of dignity by rewarding their hard work.

The Buffalo News - October 2, 2015
Professor Karl Pillemer co-authored a study finding that one in five nursing home residents experienced verbal or physical aggression by another resident. More: New American Media.
Those who self-injure actually want to feel less pain
Chicago Tribune - October 9, 2015
Janis Whitlock, research scientist in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research and
director of the Cornell Research Program on Self-Injury and Recovery, spoke about the nature
of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury.

Yes, soda taxes seem to cut soda drinking
A study co-authored by John Cawley, professor of policy analysis and management and of
economics, found a modest increase in soft drink prices following a penny-per-ounce tax on

Why do some moms cut ties with their kids?
The Conversation - October 16, 2015
Professor Karl Pillemer and co-authors characterized the prevalence and circumstances of
intergenerational estrangement between mothers and their adult children.

Jonas Mekas refuses to fade
The New York Times - October 18, 2015
Karl Pillemer, professor of human development, said that gerontologists are trying to pinpoint
what causes some individuals to flourish in old age - such as Mekas, a 92-year-old filmmaker -
and what causes others to decline.

Kids share punishment of parents behind bars
The Seattle Times - October 18, 2015
Christopher Wildeman, associate professor of policy analysis and management, described his
research on the ill effects of mass incarceration on children, such as increased homelessness
and worsening inequality.

Flu rate would decline significantly if the U.S. mandated paid sick leave
The Huffington Post - October 21, 2015
In a working paper, Nicolas Ziebarth, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, estimated that America could lower flu rates by at least 5 percent with a paid sick leave law.

Women preferred for STEM professorships - as long as they’re equal to or better than male
candidates
The Conversation - October 21, 2015
Human Development Professors Stephen Ceci and Wendy Williams detailed their new research finding that pro-female bias in academic science hiring is not enough to elevate women above better qualified men for assistant professorships. More: Inside Higher Ed.

Elizabeth Warren's claim that the bottom 90 percent got 'zero percent' of wage growth after Reagan
The Washington Post - October 23, 2015
Professor Richard Burkhauser disputed claims of no income growth for the middle and lower classes since the 1980s.

Phone calls won't cost up to $14 a minute anymore but here's how prisoners' families are still being fleeced
The Washington Post - October 26, 2015
Joined by Cornell professor Mary Fainsod Katzenstein, Maureen Waller, associate professor of policy analysis and management, described enormous financial burdens facing U.S. prisoners and their families. More: Salon.

Hot dogs, bacon and other processed meats increase risk of cancer, scientists say
Los Angeles Times – October 26, 2015
Behavioral economist David Just was featured in a Q&A article by the Los Angeles Times. He explained why despite experts’ recommendations, people continue eating unhealthy food.

Budget deal tweaks disability benefits - and not only to save money
The Washington Post - October 27, 2015
Richard Burkhauser, professor of policy analysis and management, said a new plan to shore up Social Security Disability Insurance is unlikely to encourage enrollees to return to work.

The Highway Trust Fund keeps bridges from falling down, but will Congress reauthorize it?
PBS NewsHour - October 27, 2015
Rick Geddes, associate professor of policy analysis and management, argued that the gas tax disproportionately hits low-income motorists, who are more likely to drive less efficient cars.

November 2015
Ending 1-child policy unlikely to change China demographics
The Economic Times – November 1, 2015
Government professor Jeremy Lee Wallace discussed the change of China’s one-child policy with The Economic Times.
2015’s fattest states in America
WalletHub - November 4, 2015
PAM professor John Cawley discussed the economic consequences of obesity and measures to rein in these costs. More: New York Daily News.

Is junk food to blame for the obesity epidemic?
CBS News – November 5, 2015
David Just and Brian Wansink with the Cornell University Food and Brand Lab published a study suggesting Americans’ overall eating habits are bigger contributors to obesity, than junk food. The study looked at a national data from 2007-08 describing people’s food habits based on their body mass index (BMI). The story was featured on CBS, NBC, and was published in the Chicago Tribune, Yahoo Health and more than 125 other outlets.

Lessons from a middle-aged entrepreneur
Forbes - November 9, 2015
Research by professor Karl Pillemer revealed that time spent worrying ranks among elders' greatest life regrets.

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