Cohort Four Book Club Updates

The Cohort Four Book Club small group (Leah Bartley, Catherine Corr, Megan Madison, Katherine Paschall, and Alayna Schreier) is going strong! This month, our book club took up Deb Daro's recommendation and discussed Show Me the Evidence: Obama's Fight for Rigor and Results in Social Policy by Ron Haskins and Greg Margolis. This Brookings Institute publication takes a close look at six of President Obama's social policy initiatives and highlights how the administration's commitment to evidence-based practices represents a paradigm shift in federal policy-making.

Our conversation focused on the central issue raised by the book: what constitutes evidence? We discussed standards and norms in each of our own fields (social work, education, psychology, and human development) and the types of evidence that are meaningful to policymakers. We also discussed the role of implementation science in policy-making and funding processes.

Please join us as we continue our discussion of this book during our monthly Google Hangout on March 3 at 11:00 a.m. ET. We also invite you to join us during our April Hangout (4/7) to discuss Reforming Child Welfare by Olivia Golden, recommended by Alayna Schreier's policy mentor, Brian Wilcox.

- Got a book recommendation? Please use this survey link to submit your suggestions.
- Have questions? E-mail Alayna Schreier at alayna.schreier@gmail.com with the subject line "Doris Duke Book Club" for more information.
In fall of 2014, Alayna received a two-year Head Start Graduate Student Research Grant through the Administration for Children and Families/Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation. This two year grant goes towards her dissertation research which is focused on identification of risk for maltreatment by Early Head Start home visitors.

Alayna Schreier is a Cohort Four doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology Training Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Byron Powell


Byron Powell is a Cohort Two post-doctoral researcher for the Center for Mental Health and Policy Services, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

Barbara Chaiyachati


Barbara H. Chaiyachati is a Cohort Three M.D./Ph.D. student at the Yale University School of Medicine.
Aislinn Conrad-Hiebner


Aislinn Conrad-Hiebner is a Cohort Four doctoral student in the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and serves as a research analyst for the Center for Public Partnerships and Research (CPPR).

Megan Madison

Megan Madison a member of Cohort Four, is pursuing her doctorate at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, concentrating in child, youth, and family policy. She will be presenting a theoretical paper entitled "Growing Up in *ist Society: Toward an Ecological Theory of Subjection and Development" at the Eastern Sociological Society Conference. See the full conference presentation list here.

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**Calendar of Events**

**Fellows Book Club Meeting**
Mar 3, 11am-12pm EST
Google Hangout

**Fellowship Mid-year Meeting**
March 25 - 27, 2015
University of Southern California, CA
Fellows can find details on Ning

**Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting 2015**
May 26-29
Washington, D.C.

**American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Annual Colloquium**
July 22 - 25, 2015
Boston, MA

**Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting**
March 19 - 21, 2015

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Sexualities in the Social World**
Quick Links:

Celebrating African American History Month

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General Information

- [Doris Duke Fellowships for the Promotion of Child Well-Being](#)
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