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In the News

- Ariel Kalil is in Amsterdam on December 6-7th speaking about the work of the BIP Lab at the Parents+Experts Assembly global meeting thanks to [Apolitical](#) and the [Bernard van Leer Foundation](#)
- Director Ariel Kalil speaks at [Brown University Department of Economics](#) about [using insights to increase parental engagement](#)
- The BIP Lab starts a new project with [Paul M. Angell Foundation](#): "Mapping Cognitive Barriers to Participation in Preschool Parenting Programs"
- Susan Mayer and Ariel Kalil present "[Increasing Attendance at Head Start: A Behavioral Approach](#)", the Show Up 2 Grow Up program, at the [2017 APPAM Research Conference](#) in Chicago
- Ariel Kalil speaks as key note at the [Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies \(SLLS\)](#) 2017 Annual Conference at [University of Stirling](#) in Scotland
- Ariel Kalil talks about parental engagement and parenting divide at [LENA](#) 2017 Conference.
- The [Inter-American Development Bank](#) invites Ariel Kalil to give a keynote in Buenos Aires for the launch of a Behavioral Insights Team
- Director Ariel Kalil moderates a panel on behavioral science and public policy at the [Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting](#) in Austin, Texas
- Ariel Kalil speaks about inequality and child development at [European Investment Bank in Luxembourg](#)
- Kalil delivers keynote presentation at [SPR 24th Annual Meeting: Using Prevention Science to Promote Health Equity and Improve Well-being](#)
- Director Kalil presents the Parents and Children Together study at ideas42 Affiliate Seminar Series
- Kalil and Mayer co-organize "Behavioral Insights to Promote Family Engagement with Young Children" with Heising-Simons, Overdeck, and Packard Foundations
- BIP Lab is awarded \$1M in grants to fund the [Math for Parents and Children Together \(M-PACT\) study](#)
- Kalil on The Science of Parental Engagement and Child Development, [Twin Cities Harper Lecture](#)
- Center Director Kalil presents on PACT Study at UW-Madison [2016 IRP Conference](#) *Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty: Research on the Early Years of Life*
- [Kalil and Mayer discuss BIP Lab research](#) as featured presenters of The University of Chicago's 125th Anniversary Event Series
- [Radio Harris features Kalil](#) on remarkable findings from the PACT Study
- [Kalil on poverty, parenting, and child development](#) - Australia's Life Course Centre
- [CH+A highlights Raising A Reader evaluation](#) led by Harris graduate students with guidance from CHPPP Director Kalil
- [Kalil and U.S. Secretary of Labor Perez on work, families, and inequality](#), *Center for American Progress*
- Joyce Foundation awards Kalil and Mayer grant to test the effectiveness of behavioral tools on improving preschool attendance
- Brookings Institute releases BIP Lab Co-Directors Ariel Kalil and Susan Mayer's Social Mobility Memo on "[Maternal Time with Children: When Weak Social Science Meets and Uncritical Press](#)"
- [CHPPP welcomes Dr. Maya Shakar](#), Senior Advisor for the Social and Behavioral Sciences at the White House Office of Science and Technology
- CHPPP Affiliate Anjali Adukia receives the AEFPP [Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award](#)
- BIP Lab Co-Directors, Ariel Kalil and Susan Mayer are highlighted in [The New York Times](#)
- The BIP Lab releases [PACT findings](#)
- [Chicago Harris Magazine](#) features the BIP Lab in its premiere issue
- Ideas42 welcomes Ariel Kalil as the organization's [newest affiliate](#)
- Professors Ariel Kalil (UChicago), Susan Mayer (UChicago) and Philip Oreopoulos (UToronto) receive J-PAL North America award to support "Mindful Parenting: A Pilot Study Leveraging Neuroscience and Technology to Promote Parental Well-being and Child Development at Home"



- The BIP Lab is accepted into the 2015 Winter [i-Corps Program](#) Cohort at Booth's Polsky Center
- Ariel Kalil speaks on research strategies to build family financial security at National Head Start Stakeholder Convening
- *Brookings Institution* releases Ariel Kalil's Social Mobility Memo on "[Behavioral Insights and Family Planning](#)"
- BIP Lab Co-Director Ariel Kalil presents [promising PACT pilot findings](#) at White House event
- CHPPP welcomes their 2014-2015 visiting PhD students, Andre Richter from the Swedish Institute for Social Research and Will Schneider from Columbia University
- Ariel Kalil & Susan Mayer present *It All Adds Up: Financial Capability for 2 Generations* at the [2014 Aspen ThinkXChange](#)
- Ariel Kalil's work on the "parenting gap" cited in [The Economist](#)
- Ariel Kalil invited to speak at The White House Summit on Working Families [WATCH VIDEO HERE](#)
- "Using Behavioral Insights to Close the Parenting Divide" - Ariel Kalil delivers keynote address at [Head Start's 12th National Research Conference on Early Childhood](#)
- Ariel Kalil on "Economic Inequality: Patterns, Consequences, and Solutions" at [Head Start's 12th National Research Conference on Early Childhood](#)
- Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab makes [UChicagoNews](#) headlines
- [Ariel Kalil on economic inequality and parenting](#), *Washington Center for Equitable Growth*
- Ariel Kalil to present on parenting divide to promote early childhood development for disadvantaged children at [Addressing America's Poverty Crisis](#) at [Hamilton Project](#) conference.
- Elise Chor, CHPPP dissertation fellow, wins "Best Teaching Assistant" at the Harris School for the second year in a row!
- [The Center launches Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab](#).
- The Center will held it's [Sixth Annual Lecture on Science, Technology & Society, featuring Jennifer Brooks from the Administration for Children & Families](#), on April 16, 2014 [WATCH VIDEO HERE &&](#)
- [Center announces the 2013-14 CHPPP doctoral fellows](#).
- [Center announces the 2012-13 CHPPP doctoral fellows](#).
- The Center held it's [Fifth Annual Lecture on Science, Technology & Society, featuring a keynote address by Paul Tough](#), on October 18th. [Watch full video of event](#).
- Brookings Press publishes [Investing in Children: Work, Education, and Social Policy in Two Rich Countries](#), an edited volume of papers from [CHPPP's co-sponsored international conference](#) held at the Australian National University in January, 2011.
- We are excited to have [Mari Rege](#), Professor of Economics, University of Stavanger, in residence at the Center during the week of June 18th!
- Congratulations to Angela Chung Hsu on winning CHPPP's Irving B. Harris Award for Most Outstanding Honors Paper on Child and Family Policy!
- Foundation for Child Development posts Professor Ariel Kalil's policy brief, [A Dual Generation Strategy: Using Technology to Support Learning for Children and Families](#).
- University posts [article](#) on CEDEC conference.
- CHPPP doctoral student organization, [Chicago Initiative for Economic Development in Early Childhood \(CEDEC\)](#) held a [2-day conference](#), *Investing in Early Childhood: A Global Perspective on the Interplay Between Family and Interventions*, co-sponsored by CHPPP, Jim Heckman's [Economic Research Center](#), the [Population Research Center, NORC](#), The JB & MK Pritzker Family Foundation and the Robert T. Michael Research Prize at the University of Chicago
- [Owen Ozier](#), Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank, [on important findings and conclusions](#) from the CEDEC conference on investing in early childhood.
- Congratulations to CHPPP Dissertation Fellow, Chloe Hutchinson Gibbs, who accepted a faculty position at the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia.
- Congratulations to CHPPP Dissertation Fellow, Javaeria Qureshi, who accepted a faculty position in the Economics Department of the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- CHPPP held [Fourth Annual Lecture on Science, Technology & Society](#) on December 1, 2011, focusing on the science and policy of obesity. Video of event available [HERE &&](#).
- Congratulations to CHPPP Doctoral Student, Jorge Ugaz, who will begin work as a Specialist at Abt Associates in January, examining family planning, HIV, and maternal and child health products and services in the developing world.



- CHPPPP Dissertation Fellow, Javaeria Qureshi, was awarded third place for her poster at the 2011 APPAM Fall Research Conference.
- CHPPPP Dissertation Fellow, Chloe Gibbs, was selected as a [2011-12 National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation dissertation fellow](#).
- Congratulations to the CHPPPP 2011 Dissertation and Pre-Dissertation Fellows: Chloe Hutchinson-Gibbs; Javaeria Qureshi, Maria Fernanda Rosales Rueda; and Alejandro Ome!
- Professor Ariel Kalil's research on the effect of parental unemployment on children featured in article "[The Time of Shedding and Cold Rocks Could Reduce School Achievement for Children of Unemployed](#)," *ScienceDaily*, August 30, 2011.
- CHPPPP director, Professor Ariel Kalil, was [awarded a MacArthur Foundation grant](#) on impact of childhood housing instability on long-term health and educational outcomes.
- CHPPPP will hold a jointly-sponsored conference with the [Australian National University \(ANU\)](#), entitled "Advancing Child and Family Policy Through Research," which will bring together some of the top researchers and policymakers in the United States and Australia. The conference will take place January 31-February 1 at the ANU in Canberra, Australia.
- CHPPPP predoctoral fellow, Arianna Zanolini, is a visiting student at the [University of California, Berkeley](#). She is working with Professors Lia Fernald and Paul Gertler on research in early childhood development in developing countries, including a project focused on the role of maternal aspirations in shaping child cognitive development in Mexico.
- CHPPPP receives funding from the Australian Government's [Department of Education, Employment and Workforce Relations](#) to support joint conference with the Australian National University in 2011 in Canberra focused on advancing child and family policy through research.
- CHPPPP Doctoral Student, Jen Hao Chen, receives honorable mention for the Child and Youth Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award from the [American Sociological Association](#) for his paper, "Maternal Health Behaviors during Pregnancy, Birth Weight, and Early Non-Cognitive Skills."
- CHPPPP Doctoral Student, Jen Hao Chen, receives prestigious American Educational Research Association (AERA) Dissertation Grant for his dissertation, "Healthy Start, Growing Smart: Health and the Development of Academic and Behavioral Skills in Early Childhood." With funding from the [National Science Foundation](#), the award is intended to stimulate research on US education issues and to support advanced doctoral students with education-related dissertation proposals.
- CHPPPP Postdoctoral Fellow, Jane Leber Herr, visits [National Poverty Center](#) during the week of April 5th as part of the Center's Postdoctoral Exchange Program with the NPC.
- Congratulations to our four Pre-Dissertation/Dissertation awardees: Harris PhD students, April Wu, Jen Hao Chen, Arianna Zanolini, and Ana Sofia Leon Lince.
- CHPPPP director, Ariel Kalil, discusses her research on the impact of parental unemployment on children in a recent [New York Times](#) article.
- Center co-sponsored panel discussion on youth violence among school-aged children on November 3 from 4-5:30pm at Harris.
- Center held Third Annual Science, Technology & Society Lecture on October 22, 2009 with keynote by Dr. Heidi Schweingruber on the state of science education on a local and national level.
- Aaron Sojourner, Assistant Professor, [Department of Human Resources and Industrial Relation](#), Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, will spend the week of October 25th as a CHPPPP Distinguished Scholar in Residence. During his time in residence, Sojourner and Assistant Professor Amy Claessens will begin collaborating on research focused on early childhood education and care and child development.
- CHPPPP Postdoctoral Fellow Amy Claessens appointed as Assistant Professor at the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.
- CHPPPP Postdoctoral Fellow Rebecca Ryan appointed as Assistant Professor in the [Department of Psychology](#), Georgetown University.
- CHPPPP Postdoctoral Fellow Amy Claessens spent ten weeks as a policy intern at the Australian Government [Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations](#) with a specific focus on child care policy. Read Amy's blog about her experience.
- CHPPPP Doctoral Student Patrick Wightman awarded MacArthur Foundation Network on Transitions to Adulthood Postdoctoral Fellowship at the [National Poverty Center](#), University of Michigan. He will be working on a project entitled "Parental Assistance and Adult Transitions."
- CHPPPP director's letter to the editor about the devaluation of older workers' experience published in the [New York Times](#): "A Life's Work, Devalued," *New York Times*, April 26, 2009.



- CHPPP Postdoctoral Fellow Amy Claessen's research on early child behavior problems and educational achievement featured on the [New American Foundation](#) blog: "Some New and Surprising Links Between Early Skills and Later Academic Success," The Early Ed Watch blog, April 3, 2009.
- CHPPP Postdoctoral Fellow Jane Leber Herr on highly educated mothers in the labor force: "Why do highly educated mothers opt out of the labour force?," VoxEU.org, March 31, 2009.
- Center director, Professor Ariel Kalil, gives talk at the [Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations](#) of the Australian Government on the links between parental nonstandard work schedules (working evenings/nights, weekends or an irregular shift), marital instability, and children's well-being in the United States. (pdf)
- Center sponsors new student group of future leaders in child and family policy. The new group will provide networking and internship opportunities in child and family policy for Harris students and will also be engaged in outreach efforts in the community.
- Professor Robert W. Fairlie gives second Annual Lecture on Science, Technology & Society - November 20, 2008
- Center Affiliates Ofer Malamud and Ioana Marinescu awarded CHPPP Faculty Development Awards for 2008-2009.
- Ofer Malamud's research supported by CHPPP Faculty Development Award on the Effects of Computer Use on Academic Achievement cited in Slate: "The \$100 Distraction Device" Slate, June 5, 2008.
- Ariel Kalil recently visited Australia to make research connections on behalf of the Center and develop plans for exchange programs for the Center's postdoctoral fellows and affiliated graduate students to spend time in Australian government policy departments focused on social policies with which the Center is concerned. While she was there, she was interviewed on the national radio station of Australia, the ABC. Listen to the interview.
- CHPPP Postdoctoral Fellow Lindsey Leininger awarded prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship
- Center becomes home to [Harpel Initiative](#) to Improve Educational Outcomes in Brazil

Conferences and Symposia

May 21, 2015

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Part II: Building a Research Agenda in Behavioral Economics, Parenting, and Child Development - A Russell Sage Foundation Workshop

April 22, 2014

Russell Sage Foundation, NY, NY

[Building a Research Agenda in Behavioral Economics, Parenting, and Child Development](#)

July 23-24, 2012

University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia

[Fragile Families in Australian Communities](#)

April 20-21, 2012

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Investing in Early Childhood: A Global Perspective on the Interplay Between Family and Interventions

May 5-6, 2011

National Poverty Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

[The Long-Run Impacts of Early Life Events III](#)

January 31-February 2, 2011

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Advancing Child and Family Policy Through Research: A View From the South

December 12-14, 2010

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

[Social Policy and Family Influence on Children](#)



March 12-13, 2009

National Poverty Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
[*The Long-Run Impacts of Early Life Events II*](#)

May 16, 2008,

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
[*Health and Attainment over the Lifecourse: Reciprocal Pathways from Before Birth to Old Age*](#)

Annual Lecture on Science, Technology & Society

Each year, an invited speaker will present research that deepens our understanding of the risks and improvements to human existence brought about by human inventiveness.

April 23, 2015

[*Maya Shankar on A Government for the People: Using Behavioral Science to Design Policies that Work Better and Cost Less*](#), Co-Sponsored with [Chicago Booth's Center for Decision Research](#).

April 16, 2014

[*Jennifer Brooks on Science in the Service of Improved Outcomes for Disadvantaged Children and Families*](#), Co-Sponsored with [The Ounce of Prevention Fund](#) and [Childrens Home + Aid](#).

October 18, 2012

[*Paul Tough on The Science of Success*](#), Co-Sponsored with the [Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group](#).

December 1, 2011

[*Half-Day Symposium on the Science and Policy of Obesity, with keynote by Bechara Choucair, M.D., Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health*](#)

October 22, 2009

[*Dr. Heidi Schweingruber on The State of Science Education: A Local and National Perspective*](#)

November 20, 2008

[*Professor Robert W. Fairlie on The Educational Consequences of the Digital Divide*](#)

October 26, 2007

[*Emeritus Professor James R. Flynn on What is Intelligence?*](#)