

## News from the CFS RDRC

### **JSIT Summer Workshop**

We hope everyone's summer is off to a relaxing, yet productive start. Here at the CFS RDRC, our event schedule is in full swing with the inaugural [Junior Scholar Intensive Training \(JSIT\)](#) launching June 17-21st on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. This week-long workshop, held in collaboration with Howard University's [Center on Race and Wealth](#) (CRW), will bring together over a dozen PhD students, newly graduated PhD researchers, and junior faculty who are interested in topics related to disability and retirement research in the United States. The goal of JSIT is to provide emerging scholars with training to develop research ideas and with mentoring to write an initial research proposal, which will be eligible for a small grant competition in August 2019.

Watch for more updates in coming newsletters when we will provide an overview of the JSIT summer workshop as well as an announcement of small grant recipients.



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### **Introducing the 2019-2020 CFS RDRC Fellows**

The CFS RDRC offers two interdisciplinary, mentored fellowship programs and we are pleased to announce the recipients for the first year.

#### **Social Policy in Residence Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

[Amanda Bosky](#) is completing her PhD this summer in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. Amanda will use her fellowship to extend her research into individuals' finances and retirement preparation at midlife and the early-life skills that promote long-term economic well-being in the context of increasing individualized financial risk.

[Ngoc Dao](#) received her PhD in Public Affairs at Indiana University Bloomington. Ngoc's research unites two contemporary, significant public policy areas: evidence-based evaluation of policy effectiveness and economic analysis of behavioral responses to government policies. During her fellowship, Ngoc will examine the impact of state income tax breaks for the elderly on income security and retirement timing.

#### **Graduate Research Mentored Fellowship Program**

[Adibah Abdulhadi](#) is currently pursuing her PhD in Economics at UW-Madison. Adibah's research interests in workers' welfare, with emphasis on policy implications, translate well to the CFS RDRC research collaboration with Wisconsin Department Employee Trusts Funds (ETF) that she will be working on throughout her fellowship. This project will explore the potential for data matching and the development of cross-program datasets and detail a prioritized set of proposals for future studies.

[Leafia Zi Ye](#) is currently pursuing her PhD in Sociology at UW-Madison. Leafia is an affiliate of the Center for Demography and Ecology. Her research focuses on U.S. immigrants' physical and economic well-being, which she will

continue during her CFS RDRC fellowship with a focus on immigrants entering retirement age.

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**Mary Hamman**  
UW-La Crosse



**Brooke Helppie-McFall**  
University of Michigan



**Daniela Hochfellner**  
NYU

## Spotlight on Research:

### **Incentives for Home- and Community-Based Care Under the Affordable Care Act: Implications for SSI Receipt**

One in three 65-year-olds will require long term care at some point in their lives. Most nursing home stays cost over \$3,500 a month, an expense that eventually exhausts the financial resources of most families. Medicaid currently covers these expenses for 6 out of 10 nursing home residents. Not all those who require care need enough help to justify moving into a nursing home, but in many states Medicaid will not pay for care received at home. In these states, moving into a nursing home is the only way to get help paying for care. The Balancing Incentives Program (BIP), which is part of the Affordable Care Act, encouraged states that spend most of their Medicaid dollars on nursing home care to adopt programs and practices that extend coverage for care while living at homes, living with relatives, or living in assisted living facilities. In participating states, the BIP may have enabled some elderly to return to home and community settings or prevented them from needing to move into nursing homes. When living outside of a nursing home, low income elderly may also be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. SSI is income assistance available to financially needy elderly, disabled and blind persons living in the community. People living in nursing homes are generally not eligible for SSI. This research project examines whether and how the BIP changed living arrangements and receipt of SSI. It is a first step towards understanding whether the BIP improved the lives and well-being of economically-disadvantaged elderly adults. If changes in living arrangements are found, future work will examine the impact on the health of those affected and on relatives who may be providing or coordinating their care.

**Upcoming Events & Opportunities**

**2019 RDRC Annual Meeting Registration**

The annual meeting of [Social Security Administration's Retirement and Disability Research Consortium \(RDRC\)](#) will be held August 1 - 2, 2019 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. This meeting will highlight current consortia research projects funded by the Social Security Administration. For more information and to register, visit: <http://bit.ly/2019rdrcRegister>



### **CFS RDRC Fall Research Workshop**

Planning for the CFS RDRC Fall Research Workshop is underway. This one-day event will take place on the UW-Madison campus on September 13, 2019. Bringing together current RDRC researchers, prospective researchers, and students, this workshop will provide an opportunity for presentation of completed research, discussion of findings, exploration of new topics and research directions for subsequent year's RDRC work.

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