President Trump, I have seen the effects of your proposed immigration policies — they don’t work
The Hill | 4/30/19
We sit on a thin cushion in one of the two rooms that make up the apartment in East Amman, Jordan. Our host, Mohammed, sits on the floor, having given us the best seating…. Lindsay Stark is an associate professor at Washington University in St. Louis and a Public Voices Fellow with The OpEd Project.

Searching in vein: a history of artificial blood
Popular Science | 5/2/19
“It’s not appreciated how commonly we prescribe blood,” said Allan Doctor, a pediatrics and biochemistry professor at Washington University School of Medicine. “Or that these are living cells; they’re not inert. It’s like doing a little transplant.”

Breast Surgeons’ Group Issues New Mammogram Guidelines
In contrast, the new ASBrS guidelines “are based on a ‘life-years gained’ model,” Dr. Julie Margenthaler said in the news release…. She directs breast surgical services at the Siteman Cancer Center and is also professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, both in St. Louis.

Avengers – Should we reverse the snap?
BBC World Service | 5/6/19
The Avengers want to reverse the snap but would it better for mankind to live in a world with a population of less than 4 billion? Tim Harford investigates the economics of Thanos with anthropologist Professor Sharon DeWitte and fictionomics blogger [and Washington University in St. Louis engineering Professor] Zachary Feinstein PHD.
St. Louis' Department of Health wants you to tweet at them
St. Louis Magazine | 5/7/19
The project uses a Health Map dashboard, technology that Wash. U’s Jenine Harris helped implement for the department, that helps with things like “getting inspectors out more effectively, identifying restaurants that would need more coaching in terms of being compliant with safety food regulations….”

Will Displaying Drug List Prices In Ads Help Lower Costs?
NPR | 5/8/19
Rachel Sachs, an associate professor of law at Washington University in St. Louis and an expert in drug-pricing regulation, told NPR and Kaiser Health News in October that could be a weak legal argument since most drugs are marketed to the broader public, not just Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

New compound reverses drug resistance in tuberculosis
New Atlas | 5/8/19
“By combining C10, or something like it, with isoniazid we could enhance the potency of the antibiotic and block the TB bacteria from developing drug resistance,” says Christina Stallings, co-senior author of the study….

Trump gambles in push for drug import proposal
The Hill | 5/9/19
Rachel Sachs, a drug pricing expert at Washington University in St. Louis, said it is possible that drug companies or foreign governments could throw up obstacles to Americans buying drugs at cheaper prices abroad. Or that there simply might not be enough Canadian drugs to adequately serve a state as big as Florida….

Pressure mounts on medical boards to root out sexual predator doctors
Atlanta Journal-Constitution | 5/10/19
James DuBois, director of the Bioethics Research Center at Washington University School of Medicine and one of the panelists at the federation’s convention in Fort Worth, said putting predators out of business may take an act of Congress. He wants to require medical institutions that fire doctors to enter detailed narratives into the National Practitioner Data Bank, which tracks complaints against U.S. doctors.
23 and Me does not detect genes linked to breast cancer
Fox 2 | 5/14/19
Andrea Hageman, an Oncologist at Washington University, is in the studio to talk about the common misconception that people have about these tests. Studies show that one in 500 women have the BRCA mutation in their genes.

A mystery illness killed a boy in 1969. Years later, doctors learned what it was: AIDS.
The Washington Post | 5/15/19
“Every time this date comes around, I think about this young man and the hell he went through,” said Memory Elvin-Lewis, a microbiologist who was central to the case…. Over 15 months, he was moved twice to other hospitals and his case attracted several specialists. One of them was Elvin-Lewis, a newly hired microbiologist at Washington University Dental School with an expertise in chlamydia.

What the ‘broad spectrum’ can teach us about autism
Spectrum News | 5/15/19
For instance, research shows that having autism or the broad autism phenotype in the family stacks the deck toward an autism diagnosis for a baby disinterested in eye contact, amounting to a double genetic hit: “Those two [factors] are colliding with each other developmentally. Neither one is sufficient on its own, but the combination is particularly deleterious,” says John Constantino, professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at Washington University in St. Louis.

The Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program — Time for a Reboot
The New England Journal of Medicine | 5/15/19
The Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP) was established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2010 with a goal of reducing preventable hospitalizations by imposing financial penalties on hospitals with higher-than-expected 30-day readmission rates…. [Co-authored by Karen E. Joynt Maddox, Department of Medicine, Cardiovascular Division, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis.]

Trump administration postpones some Medicare drug-cost proposals
CNBC | 5/17/19
“Some Medicare beneficiaries may find it harder to access particular drugs without bureaucratic hassle, but other beneficiaries who do not take drugs in these classes may not see a change,” said Rachel Sachs, associate law professor at Washington University in St. Louis who specializes in health policy law.
Staunching the blood: Washington U. professor aims to save lives through teaching
St. Louis Post-Dispatch | 5/19/19
[Dr. Laurie] Punch, now an associate professor of surgery at Washington University, is passionate about treating the wounds that are left by bullets, both physical and psychological. Her passion has led her to advocate locally with Stop the Bleed, a national program dedicated to educating the public about how to take care of a gunshot victim in the crucial moments before professional help arrives….

MRSA patient in coma awakes after hearing 'Heaven'
KFVS-TV (Cape Girardeau) | 5/21/19
It’s a statistic that makes a lot of sense to Gautam Dantas, Ph.D. a professor of pathology and immunology at Washington University in St. Louis. “You can go from that purposeful puncture providing the route of entry for MRSA getting beyond your body’s normal defense mechanisms,” Dr. Dantas said. [Story also shared on three more TV stations in Texas and Arkansas.

Prototype diagnostic patch picks up on a chemical below the skin
Chemical and Engineering News | 5/24/19
While at Georgia Tech as a graduate student, Chandana Kolluru wondered if they could make a simple device that skips the extraction steps. She read about plasmonic paper developed by Srikanth Singamaneni of Washington University in St. Louis, for embedding nanoparticles into paper, which boosts the Raman signal from adhered molecules (ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces 2010, DOI: 10.1021/am1009875).

Hospitals want readmissions program to account for social determinants
Modern Healthcare | 5/25/19
Rather than wait for more research, the CMS has other data sources it can use now to address social determinants, said Dr. Karen Joynt Maddox, assistant professor of medicine at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis who has studied the readmissions program.