**Faculty Scholars in the News**
**January 2020**

**Binge Drinking and Heavy Alcohol Consumption May Damage the Heart**
Reuters | 1/2/2020
Dr. **David Brown**, faculty scholar and professor of medicine at the School of Medicine comments on this recent study.

**Extending ‘Healthspan’: Brain Scientists Tap Into The Secrets of Living Well Longer**
Kaiser Health News | 1/2/2020
Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Faculty Scholar **Tim Peterson** talks about the switch in terminology from “life span” to “healthspan” and the reasons behind the change.

**Libberty Vittert: Got a Resolution for the New Year? Here’s a Statistician’s Advice on How to Keep It**
Fox Business | 1/2/2020
Do you feel bad when you fail on New Year’s Resolutions? Professor of the Practice of Data Science at the Olin Business School, **Libberty Vittert** weighs in.

**10 Health Policy Questions to Answer in 2020**
Politico | 1/6/2020
Law Professor and Faculty Scholar **Rachel Sachs** says in 2019, government programs failed to advance certain goals like reducing drug prices. What will happen in 2020?

**Superbugs threaten Pregnant Women and Their Babies**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch | 1/6/2020
Commentary on infant and maternal mortality by Faculty Scholars **Caline Mattar**, MD and **Megan Foeller**, MD.

**Air pollution is a silent killer, even when it meets EPA standards**
Public Radio International | 1/7/2020
Nephrologist, epidemiologist and Institute Faculty Scholar, **Ziyad al-Aly** co-authored a study comparing records of 4.5 million veterans who died in the last decade due to exposure to ultra-fine particulates where they lived.

**The 2020 RHSU Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings**
Education Week | 1/8/2020
Congratulations to Education Dean and Faculty Scholar **William F. Tate** who made the biggest single leap from last year, climbing 110 spot to 52nd place!

**Nearly half of college students DISAPPROVE of US killing Iran Gen. Soleimani: Survey**
Campus Reform | 1/8/2020
Law Professor and Faculty Scholar, **Leila Sadat** weighs in on the argument against the “intentional killing” of Soleimani.
Faculty scholar and assistant professor of psychiatry, Dr. Jessi Gold and a Yale colleague weigh in on the criminal trial of shamed Hollywood Producer, Harvey Weinstein.

Unlikely housemates: How a St. Louis startup matches empty nesters, millennials
Faculty scholar and professor in psychological and brain sciences, Brian Carpenter discusses how he drafted 40 students to compare and contrast matches for this unique housing scenario.

Study: Executive Health Programs are a Crock
In a JAMA Internal Medicine research letter, Dr. David Brown, at WUSM and Institute Faculty Scholar writes that executive screening programs may not contribute to healthcare’s goal of evidence-based cost-effective equitable care.

President Trumps trade deal with China
Director of The Africa Initiative, Dr. Benjamin Akande was featured on the Mark Reardon Show discussing President Trump’s trade deal with China.

Previously unseen mutations in stem cells of young donors can be passed to recipients, study finds
Pediatric Oncologist and Institute Faculty Scholar, Dr. Todd Druley’s study in Science Translational Medicine emphasizes that patients should continue to receive stem cells to treat leukemias or anemias when recommended.

Leaders Use Shortcut to Assess Who Trusts Them
Do your employees trust you? How do you know? In a new study, Faculty Scholar, Andrew Knight, associate professor at the Olin Business School and colleagues explored what underlies an accurate sense of trust.

Missouri governor denounces expanding government health care
The Center for Health Economics and Policy’s study concerning how Medicaid expansion could produce savings for Missouri is cited.

Missouri has a Medicaid crisis involving 100,000 children, and Parson ignores it
Center for Economics and Policy Co-Director, Dr. Tim McBride discusses Governor Parson’s reaction to the current “Medicaid Crisis” involving Missouri children.

The New Drugs of 2019
Michael Kinch, Institute Faculty Scholar and head of WUSTL’s Center for Research Innovation in Biotechnology says there is a worrisome trend in the number of companies directly contributing to the development of approved drugs.
Keeping lead out of drinking water when switching disinfectants
The Source – Washington University in St. Louis | 1/22/2020
Faculty Scholar and Walter E. Browne Professor of Environmental Engineering, Daniel Giammar asks what happens to your drinking water when you change disinfectants?

Orthophosphate Added to Chloramine-Treated Water can Prevent Lead Contamination
AZoCleantech | 1/23/2020
A study performed at the McKelvey School of Engineering shows how adding orthophosphate to water can help prevent lead contamination. Daniel Giammar, faculty scholar and Walter E. Browne Professor of Environmental Engineering also reports in this online environmental publication.

Making Friends with your Bathroom Scale
The St. Louis American | 1/23/2020
Institute Deputy Director, Dr. Graham Colditz says even though the scale can be intimidating, weighing yourself on a regular basis is good for your health!

Here are 3 Things Gov. Parson’s Budget Could Mean for Springfield
Springfield (MO) News Leader | 1/25/2020
A report from the Center for Health Economics and Policy at Washington University’s Institute for Public Health suggests Medicaid Expansion could drive down costs by helping patients address problems before they become expensive emergencies.

Health Systems try to Trim Waste to Reduce Healthcare Spending
Modern Healthcare |1/25/2020
How can health systems trim the fat to reduce healthcare spending? Co-Director of the Center for Health Economics and Policy, Karen Joynt Maddox weighs in, in this month’s Modern Healthcare.

Can helping older adults find their 'next act' pay off for colleges?
Education Dive | 1/27/2020
Psychology and brain sciences professor and Institute Faculty Scholar, Brian Carpenter, is featured in this article about how higher education institutions are designing immersive learning experiences for older adults.

1 in 4 kids who get antibiotics in children’s hospitals are prescribed the drugs incorrectly
The Source, Washington University in St. Louis | 1/28/2020
The overuse of antibiotics poses an increasing threat to children who develop — or already have — drug-resistant infections. Faculty Scholar and WUSM Professor of Pediatrics, Jason Newland, MD breaks down this new research.

The Need to Incorporate Additional Patient Information Into Risk Adjustment for Medicare Beneficiaries
JAMA Network: Viewpoint | 1/30/2020
Center for Health Economics and Policy Co-director, Karen Joynt Maddox, MD, MPH co-authored an article featured in this month’s JAMA Network concerning the importance of fair and accurate risk adjustment is essential to the payout of Medicare health plans.
Trump Administration Unveils a Major Shift in Medicaid
The New York Times | 1/30/2020
Allowing states to exclude certain drugs from Medicaid coverage appears to be a policy reversal, according to Rachel Sachs, associate law professor and Institute faculty scholar at Washington University in St. Louis.

Faculty Scholar Named APS Fellow
The Source, Washington University in St. Louis | Jan. 2020
Thomas Rodebaugh, Institute faculty scholar and professor of psychological and brain sciences in Arts & Sciences has been named an APS Fellow by the Association of Psychological Science. Congratulations!