Faculty Scholars in the News
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Recovering from the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focus on Older Adults
4/26/20 | Journal of Aging and Social Policy
Nancy Morrow-Howell, PhD, Natalie Galucia & Emma Swinford of the Friedman Center for Aging are featured for the first time in this journal.

KTRS Interview on COVID-19
4/24/20 | KTRS
Dr. Hilary Babcock speaks with KTRS about COVID-19.

Gloves, Whether For Protection Or Self-expression, Are Having A Moment Amid Coronavirus – As Demi Lovato And Jared Leto Show
South China Morning Post | 4/23/20
Dr. Jason Newland discusses the role that glove use has in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

See How Much More People Are Calling For Help Because Of Coronavirus In N.J.
NJ | 4/23/20
Dr. Matthew Kreuter is mentioned in this article for research on the disparate impact underprivileged residents in New Jersey are facing during COVID-19.

Donnybrook STL Interview
Donnybrook STL | 4/23/20
Dr. Jason Purnell, Director of Health Equity Works and leader of the COVID-19 Regional Response team is interviewed about how to deal with the most vulnerable populations during the pandemic.

How The COVID-19 Pandemic Will Leave Its Mark On U.S. Health Care
Vox | 4/22/20
Dr. Karen Joynt-Maddox discusses the ways in which some components of the U.S. healthcare system will recover and some will be forever changed after COVID-19.

How COVID-19 Lives In The Air
CTV | 4/21/20
Can respiratory droplets travel more than six feet? This is discussed in this interview with Dr. Pratim Biswas.
For Young People, The Coronavirus Is Changing More Than How They Go To School
MTV | 4/21/20
“And without a clear end, that means you have to create a new baseline, and a new normal that you can survive,” says Dr. Jessi Gold commenting on the way young people’s lives have changed during COVID-19.

‘A New Greatest Generation’: How Our Natural Resilience May Surprise Us
Elemental | 4/21/20
“People tend to be as resilient as they need to be,” says Dr. Thomas Rodebaugh as he discusses how this crisis will shift our perspectives on what’s “bad” and our appreciation for what’s “good”.

St. Louisans Are Gardening To Manage Stress, Find Purpose Amid Coronavirus Isolation
St. Louis Public Radio | 4/21/20
Dr. Lindsay Stark comments on how gardening is providing social benefits during COVID-19, including a much needed sense of control.

Few Confirmed Coronavirus Cases In Rural Ohio, Mostly Due To Testing Issues, Officials Say
The Columbus Dispatch | 4/17/20
“Access to resources is a problem and bouncing back won’t be easy,” says Dr. Timothy McBride about rural areas and the Coronavirus pandemic.

Colin Kaepernick Launches COVID-19 Relief Fund For Black And Brown Communities
HuffPost | 4/17/20
Dr. Hedwig Lee is mentioned in this article about how black and brown communities are most in need during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Archcity Defenders And Close The Workhouse Campaign Release Interviews Of Inmates In St. Louis City Jails
The St. Louis American | 4/16/20
Dr.’s Laurie Punch and Jason Purnell are mentioned in this article about how inmates in the jail known as The Workhouse are being left vulnerable to infection. These two doctors, among others, signed a document requesting inmate releases all over the state.

Health Care Workers Speaking Truth On Social Media: Amplify And Protect Their Voices
Stat | 4/16/20
This article was written by Dr. Jessica Gold and speaks to the ways in which health care professionals have decided to share their experiences with COVID-19 and the very real anxiety they have.
What The US Can Learn From Other Countries About When To Lift A Lockdown, And What Can Happen If We Lift It Too Early
Business Insider | 4/15/20
“There’s no one signal you can follow to know when to stop lock down,” says Dr. Abigail Carlson on knowing when the time is right to lift a lock down.

Can A Long-used Antidepressant Stop Covid-19’s Deadly ‘Cytokine Storm’?
St. Louis Post-Dispatch | 4/14/20
Dr.’s Eric Lenze and Caline Mattar are cited in this article concerning his team’s study on “whether a long-used antidepressant can reduce the likelihood that COVID-19 will turn deadly.”

Tracking COVID-19 Cases By ZIP Code Highlights Inequity In St. Louis Region
STL Public Radio | 4/14/20
Dr. Laurie Punch comments on how deep structural racism in St. Louis has led to the Coronavirus hitting certain ZIP codes much harder than others.

Health Policy Experts Identify Underserved Communities That Need Extra Care
Fox 2 | 4/14/20
Housing, food and testing are the three ways in which Dr. Karen Joynt-Maddox says St. Louis needs to improve in order to protect its vulnerable populations.

It Shouldn’t Be A Surprise That African Americans Are Dying In St. Louis
Post Dispatch | 4/14/20
Drs. Hedwig Lee and David Cunningham discuss how a history of systemic racism in St. Louis has primed African Americans to be most vulnerable to deadly Coronavirus results.

Rural Missourians Will Rise To The Occasion
Springfield News Leader | 4/11/20
Dr. Beth Prusaczyk authors this article on how rural Missourians will do their best and better during COVID-19.

Coronavirus: Why There’s No Quick Fix For A COVID-19 Vaccine
This Week in Asia | 4/11/20
Dr. Michael Kinch discusses the logistics behind why there is no quick journey to a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Pandemic Will Cleave America in Two
The Atlantic | 4/10/20
Dr. Hedwig Lee predicts that when we look back on the impact of the Coronavirus, we will see that patterns concerning the most deaths and most complications fall along racial lines.
Kansas City Metro Leaders Are Frustrated By Missouri Hospitals Not Disclosing COVID-19 Details
NPR | 4/10/20
As hospitals are working to coordinate shared resources, Dr. Karen Joynt-Maddox comments on how a lack of hospital data is harming that process.

Why There Are So Many Different Guidelines For Face Masks For The Public
NPR | 4/10/20
Dr. Ross Brownson comments on the reasons why so many different guidelines exist for wearing face masks in public.

The Science of Helping Out
Dr. Patrick Hill gives his input on how helping others can look during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Across The St. Louis Region, Black Residents Disproportionately Hit By The Coronavirus
St. Louis Post-Dispatch | 4/09/20
As black St. Louis residents are disproportionately hit by the Coronavirus, an effort called the COVID-19 Regional Response Team brought together over 43 St. Louis area nonprofits, social service agencies and governments “to help people navigate resources and get help with needs”. Faculty Scholar, Dr. Jason Purnell is leading the effort.

Black People Are Dying Of COVID-19 At Alarming Rates. Here’s Why.
HuffPost | 4/08/20
On Coronavirus numbers in black populations, Dr. Hedwig Lee says, “We knew that groups with pre-existing health vulnerabilities would have a higher risk of death. But still, it’s sobering to see the numbers.”

Is ‘Flattening The Curve’ Enough? Graphs Shows The U.S. Also Needs To ‘Raise The Bar’ By Increasing Hospital Capacity And Staff To Slow The Spread Of Coronavirus
DailyMail | 4/08/20
CHEP co-director Karen Joynt-Maddox is mentioned in this article about refocusing on “raising the line” of the healthcare system’s capacity, as well as flattening the curve.

‘The Overwhelming Majority Are Black And Brown’ | ICU Doctor Notes Racial Disparity In Covid-19 Patients
KSDK | 4/07/20
“I’ve seen what bullets do to us. I’m worried the virus will do even more,” says Dr. Laurie Punch on the impact the Coronavirus could have on black and brown people in particular.
**The Us Doesn’t Just Need To Flatten The Curve. It Needs To “Raise The Line.”**
Vox | 4/07/20
CHEP co-director Karen Joynt-Maddox is mentioned in this article that urges us to focus on “raising the line” of the healthcare system’s capacity, as well as flattening the curve.

**A Call-to-action Moment’: Data Shows Stark Racial Disparities in Coronavirus Deaths**
ABC 6 | 4/07/20
Dr. Christine Ekenga is mentioned in this article on the stark racial disparities in Coronavirus deaths. She discusses what the numbers indicate so far.

**Local Hospitals Face Furloughs Amid Covid-19 Crisis**
News Channel 5 Nashville | 4/07/20
As unprecedented circumstances befall hospitals, many have furloughed or laid off staff, causing them to be temporarily unavailable to provide certain treatments. Dr. Timothy McBride comments.

**‘False-Negative’ COVID-19 Results Hit Close To Home For Mike Bush**
KSDK 5 | 4/07/20
Dr. Jason Newland discusses false-negative results for coronavirus and how they can provide a false sense of security.

**Why Coronavirus Is Killing Black Americans At Staggering Rates**
Mic | 4/07/20
Dr. Jason Purnell discusses the ways in which decades of disenfranchisement have primed Black Americans to be in such a vulnerable position during an outbreak such as COVID-19.

**8 Coping Strategies From a Psychiatrist Who’s Also Anxious and Afraid**
Self | 4/07/20
Dr. Jessica Gold provides more insight into the best ways to cope with anxiety and fear during these challenging circumstances, as she copes with them herself.

**Trump Suggests Hydroxychloroquine May Protect Against Covid-19. Researchers Say There’s No Evidence Of That**
CNN | 4/05/20
Dr. Alfred Kim claims that President Trump’s comments on hydroxychloroquine as treatment for COVID-19 are detrimental to those who require the drug to treat their disease, such as lupus patients.

**Wash U Doctor Answers Your Coronavirus Questions**
KSDK | 4/05/20
Dr. Jason Newland answers coronavirus questions on KSDK.
**New York Is Merging All Its Hospitals To Battle The Coronavirus**
Vox | 4/03/20
“My impression is that now more than ever, we need to recognize that health is a public good,” says Karen Joynt- Maddox in this article about unprecedented hospital mergers in New York during COVID-19.

**2 Infectious Disease Experts Explain How The Coronavirus Pandemic Is Different From A Flu Pandemic**
Business Insider | 4/03/20
Abigail Carlson provides input on how the Coronavirus pandemic differs from a flu pandemic.

**Amid Calls For Missouri Order, Some Say Problem Is Bigger Than Limited Testing Shows**
Kansas City Star | 4/03/20
Tim McBride is mentioned in this article about how limited Coronavirus testing in Missouri affects decisions being made about handling the virus.

**Amid Calls For Missouri Order, Some Say Problem Is Bigger Than Limited Testing Shows**
Kansas City Star | 4/02/20
Timothy McBride comments on how Missouri Coronavirus numbers don’t tell the whole story, as limited testing and other factors interfere with our ability to make accurate statistical assumptions.

**Health Care Workers Aren’t Just “Heroes.” We’re Also Scared And Exposed.**
Vox | 4/02/20
This article co-written by Dr. Jessica Gold provides insight on how health care workers aren’t only heroes, they are also scared and exposed.

**Watch Your Well-being During Coronavirus Distancing**
The Telegraph | 4/02/20
Graham Colditz wrote this article about how to watch after your well being in the era of social distancing.