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### RESEARCH PROGRAM

My research focuses on the effects of health care policies on financial hardships as well as the effects of health insurance eligibility on maternal, child, and reproductive health outcomes.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Policy; Medicaid; Maternal and Child Health; the Affordable Care Act; Health Disparities; Financial Exposures in Health Care; Sexual and Reproductive Health; Health Care Access

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. (expected May 2021)	Columbia University School of Social Work Social Policy Analysis and Economics Dissertation: The Effects of Health Insurance Eligibility Policies on Maternal Care Access and Childbirth Outcomes Committee: Heidi Allen, Jane Waldfogel, Julien Teitler, Jamie Daw, Kristen Underhill
M. Phil (October 2019)	Columbia University in the City of New York
MPH (May 2015)	Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Health Policy and Management, Health Policy Analysis certificate
Study Abroad (May-June 2013)	Syracuse University, Graduate Study Abroad Program Comparative Health Policy: The Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Morocco
BA (May 2013)	Sarah Lawrence College Health, Science, and Society, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Eliason, E.** (2020). Medicaid Expansion Adoption is Associated with Lower Maternal Mortality. *Women's Health Issues*, 1-6. 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2020.01.005. *Selected as Women's Health Issues Editor's Choice article*

**Eliason, E.** (2019). The Dependent Coverage Provision and Young Adult Women's Utilization of Sexual and Reproductive Health Services. *Preventive Medicine*, 129, 105863. doi: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2019.105863

Zewde, N., **Eliason, E.**, Allen, H. L., & Gross, T. (2019). The Effects of the ACA Medicaid Expansion on Nationwide Home Evictions and Eviction-Court Initiations: United States, 2000–2016. *American Journal of Public Health*, 109 (10), 1379-1383.

Allen, H. L., **Eliason, E.**, Zewde, N., & Gross, T. (2019). Can Medicaid Expansion Prevent Housing Evictions? *Health Affairs*, 38(9), 1451–1457. doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2018.05071

Filo J., Wu A., **Eliason E.**, Richardson T., Thines B., Harmon F.G. (2015). Gibberellin Driven Growth in *elf3* Mutants Requires PIF4 and PIF5. *Plant Signaling and Behavior*, 10(3), 1-9.

## **UNDER REVIEW**

Allen, H., Zhang, Y., **Eliason, E.**, Spishak-Thomas, A., Frankel, C. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and their Relationship with Depression among Adults in a Low-Income Uninsured Population”

**Eliason, E.**, MacDougall, H., & Peterson, L. “Extraordinary Collection Actions among U.S. Nonprofit Hospitals”

## **WORKING PAPERS**

**Eliason, E.**, Daw, J., & Allen, H. “Comparing Public and Private Insurance for Pregnant Women: Medicaid versus Marketplace Eligibility for Maternal Care Access and Childbirth Outcomes”

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**Eliason, E.**, Daw, J., & Allen, H. “Improving Access to Care and Childbirth Outcomes for Pregnant Women: The Role of Presumptive Eligibility Policies in Medicaid”

**Eliason, E.** & Allen, H. “Association of Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions with Fertility”

**Eliason, E.**, Daw, J., Admon, L. “Unstable Insurance Coverage for Pregnant Women and Racial Disparities in Maternal Care Access”

Laughney, C. & **Eliason, E.** “Adults Reporting Same-Sex Sexual Partners and All-Cause Mortality as of 2015”

Allen, H., **Eliason, E.**, Spishak-Thomas, A. “The Health Effects of Insurance-Subsidized Healthy Foods at Walmart”

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

- 2019-2020 Lead Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, (\$2,000)  
2017-2019 Doctoral Fellowship, Columbia School of Social Work, (\$20,000/year)  
2018-2020 Doctoral Summer Funding, Columbia School of Social Work, (\$6,000/year)  
2020 Doctoral Travel Grant, Columbia School of Social Work, (\$1,000/year)  
2017-2019 Doctoral Travel Grant, Columbia School of Social Work, (\$750/year)  
2018 Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute Scholarship, Columbia University (\$250)

## TRAININGS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020- present Policy Fellow, U.S. Policy Communication Training Program, Population Reference Bureau  
2019- present Foundational Teaching Development Program, Columbia Center for Teaching and Learning  
2020 Training in Remote Teaching on Zoom, Columbia University School of Social Work  
2019-present Fellow, Columbia Population Research Center

## PRESENTATIONS

**Eliason, E.** “Can Medicaid Expansion Lower Pregnancy Mortality and Late Maternal Deaths?” Podium Presentation and Poster Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, 2020. (In-person meeting cancelled due to COVID-19). *Nominated for Best Student Poster of AcademyHealth 2020 Annual Research Meeting.*

**Eliason, E.** “Association of Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions with Fertility.” Oral Presentation. Population Association of America, 2020. (In-person meeting cancelled due to COVID-19).

**Eliason, E.** “The Effect of the Dependent Coverage Provision on Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Utilization Among Young Adult Women.” Poster Presentation. Society for Social Work and Research, 2020.

Allen, H., Zhang, Y. (presenting) **Eliason, E.**, Spishak-Thomas, A., Frankel, C. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and their Relationship with Depression among Adults in a Low-Income Uninsured Population.” Oral Presentation. Society for Social Work and Research, 2020.

Allen, H., **Eliason, E.** (presenting), Zewde, N., Gross, T. “Can Medicaid Expansion Prevent Housing Evictions?” Oral Presentation. Health Affairs Culture of Health Forum: Housing and Health, 2019.

**Eliason, E.** “The Effect of the Dependent Coverage Provision on Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Utilization Among Young Adult Women” Poster Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, 2019.

Allen, H. (presenting), **Eliason, E.**, Zewde, N., Gross, T. “Health Insurance and Housing Stability: The Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Evictions” Oral Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, 2019. *Awarded Best of AcademyHealth 2019 Annual Research Meeting.*

**Eliason, E.** “The ACA Medicaid Expansion is Associated with a Lower Maternal Mortality Rate in the United States.” Poster Presentation. AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, 2019.

Allen, H., **Eliason, E.**, Zewde, N., Gross, T. “Can Medicaid Expansion Prevent Housing Evictions?” Oral Presentation. AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, 2019.

Allen, H. (presenting), **Eliason, E.**, Zewde, N., Gross, T. “Can Medicaid Expansion Prevent Housing Evictions?” Oral Presentation. Society for Social Work Research, Annual Research Meeting, 2019.

Allen, H., **Eliason, E.**, Zewde, N., Gross, T. (presenting) “Can Medicaid Expansion Prevent Housing Evictions?” Oral Presentation. American Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

**Eliason, E.** “America’s Apprehension Surrounding Reproductive Health Technologies.” Oral Presentation. Annual Undergraduate Conference on Health and Society, 2011.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2019- present      Principal Investigator  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
The Effects of Health Insurance Eligibility Policies on Maternal Care Access and Childbirth Outcomes
- 2020-present      Co-Principal Investigator  
Co-Principal Investigators: Hannah MacDougall & Lauren Peterson  
Columbia University School of Social Work/University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration  
Community Benefit Reporting among Nonprofit Hospitals in the United States
- 2019-present      Doctoral Research Assistant  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
Leveraging Medicaid in the “Fourth Trimester:” A Path to Averting Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in the U.S.  
PIs: Heidi Allen, Jamie Daw, Kristen Underhill
- 2019-present      Co-Principal Investigator  
Co-Principal Investigator: Caitlin Laughney  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
Adults Reporting Same-Sex Sexual Partners and All-Cause Mortality

2019 Principal Investigator  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
The Effect of the Dependent Coverage Provision on Sexual and  
Reproductive Health Services Utilization Among Young Adult Women

2019-2020 Doctoral Research Assistant  
Columbia University School of Social Work/ Providence Center for  
Outcomes Research and Education  
The Health Effects of Childhood Trauma in Low-Income Adults: ACE  
Scores & the Oregon Health Insurance Experiment  
PIs: Heidi Allen, Bill Wright

2019 Doctoral Research Assistant  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
The Effect of Medicaid on Chronic Conditions Care and Physical Health  
Outcomes: Evidence from The Oregon Health Insurance Experiment  
PI: Heidi Allen

2018-2020 Principal Investigator  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
The Association between Medicaid Expansion Adoption under the  
Affordable Care Act and Maternal Mortality in the United States

2018-2019 Doctoral Research Assistant  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
Can Medicaid Expansion Prevent Evictions?  
PIs: Heidi Allen, Tal Gross

2017-present Doctoral Research Assistant  
Columbia University School of Social Work  
Evaluating the Health Effects of Insurance-Subsidized Healthy Foods at  
Walmart  
PI: Heidi Allen

2015 Research Consultant  
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare  
PI: Peter Arno

2014 Graduate Research Assistant  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
PI: Miriam Laugesen

2011-2012 Laboratory Research Assistant  
Claremont McKenna College Keck Science Department  
PI: Bryan Thines

2011-2012                    Laboratory Research Assistant  
University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine  
PI: Stuart Meyers

2010                            Laboratory Research Assistant  
Sarah Lawrence College Biology Department  
PI: Drew Cressman

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Health and Mental Health Policy  
Program Evaluation  
U.S. Health Care System  
Social Policy  
Social Determinants of Health  
Public Health Social Work

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**

05/2020- 07/2020        Columbia University School of Social Work  
Adjunct Professor– Program Evaluation in Social Services

05/2019- 08/2019        Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work  
Adjunct Professor– Seminar in Social Welfare Policy II: Health and  
Mental Health Systems

#### **GUEST LECTURER**

10/2019                    Columbia University School of Social Work  
Guest Lecturer – Seminar on Policy Practice I

#### **TEACHING ASSOCIATE**

08/2019- 12/2019        Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
Teaching Associate – Research Methods: Large Scale Data Analysis

05/2019- 07/2019        Columbia University School of Social Work  
Teaching Associate – Program Evaluation in Social Services

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

01/2019- 05/2019        Columbia University School of Social Work  
Hybrid Classroom Teaching Assistant – Seminar on Policy Practice II

08/2018- 12/2018        Columbia University School of Social Work  
Hybrid Classroom Teaching Assistant – Seminar on Policy Practice I

01/2015-05/2015        Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Health Policy and Political Analysis

09/2014 - 12/2014 Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Foundations of Public Health

### **PROFESSIONAL POLICY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

11/2015 – 01/2020 Research Scientist – Medicaid Analyst, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY

09/2014 – 05/2015 Medicaid and CHIP Graduate Intern, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services New York Regional Office, New York, NY

06/2014 – 08/2014 Policy, Planning, & Communications Graduate Intern, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Adolescent Health, Rockville, MD

06/2013 – 08/2013 Research Consultant, Children’s Defense Fund - Children’s Health Policy Division, New York, NY

03/2014 – 05/2014 Health Policy and Communications Intern, Children’s Defense Fund - Children’s Health Policy Division, New York, NY

09/2012 - 01/2013 Health Policy and Community Access Intern, Commission on the Public’s Health System, New York, NY

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

2020-present Doctoral Student Committee Representative - Society for Social Work and Research, Communications Subcommittee

2020 Student Booth Representative - Columbia University School of Social Work Booth at Society for Social Work and Research

2019-2020 Student Representative, Committee on the Doctoral Program - Columbia University School of Social Work

2019-present Doctoral Student Peer Mentor, Peer-to-Peer Doctoral Student Mentoring Program - Columbia University School of Social Work

2019-present Founder of Peer-to-Peer Doctoral Student Mentoring Program - Columbia University School of Social Work

2018, 2019, 2020 Student Representative, Admitted Students Day for Doctoral Program - Columbia University School of Social Work

2018, 2019 Student Representative, Prospective Student Day for Doctoral Program - Columbia University School of Social Work

- 2018 Student Representative, Orientation for Doctoral Program - Columbia University School of Social Work
- 2014-2015 Co-President, Students for a National Health Plan - Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Chapter
- 2014-2015 Student Mentor for International MPH Students - Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
- 2012-2013 Executive Board Member, VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood - Sarah Lawrence College Chapter
- 2012-2013 Student Peer Mentor - Sarah Lawrence College

## ACADEMIC REVIEW EXPERIENCE

### AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER

Health Economics  
 Public Health Reports  
 Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research

### ABSTRACT REVIEWER

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting  
 Society for Public Health Education Annual Conference

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, AcademyHealth  
 Member, Society for Social Work and Research  
 Member, National Association of Social Workers  
 Member, Council on Social Work Education  
 Member, Population Association of America

## SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

### INTERVIEWS

**Eliason, Erica.** Interview with Christopher Werth. *WNYC New York Public Radio*, Interviewed March 3, 2020.

**Eliason, Erica.** Interview with Jacqueline Howard. "Medicaid expansion tied to fewer maternal deaths, study finds." *CNN Health*, Interviewed December 12, 2019, Published March 3, 2020. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/03/health/medicaid-maternal-mortality-study/index.html>

### WRITTEN MATERIALS

Allen, Heidi & **Eliason, Erica.** "A Healthy House from Medicaid?" *Public Health Post*, October 15, 2019. <https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/healthy-house-from-medicaid/>



## COVERAGE

Barna, Mark. "Medicaid expansion helps pregnant women." *The Nation's Health*, May 2020, 50(3) 8. <http://thenationshealth.aphapublications.org/content/50/3/8>

Zephyrin, Laurie, Coleman, Akeissa, Nuzum, Rachel, & Getachew, Yaphet. "Increasing Postpartum Medicaid Coverage Could Reduce Maternal Deaths and Improve Outcomes." *Commonwealth Fund*, November 21, 2019. <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2019/increasing-postpartum-medicaid-coverage>

Aron-Dine, Aviva. "New Research: Medicaid Expansion Saves Lives." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, November 6, 2019. <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/new-research-medicaid-expansion-saves-lives>

Dowson, Doug. "How Medicaid reduces evictions." *The Economist*, October 21, 2019. <https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2019/10/21/how-medicaid-reduces-evictions>

Brey, Jared. "Researchers Assess Link Between Healthcare and Evictions." *Next City*, October 17, 2019. <https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/researchers-assess-link-between-healthcare-and-evictions>

Searing, Adam & Ross, Donna. "Medicaid Expansion Fills Gaps in Maternal Health Coverage Leading to Healthier Mothers and Babies." *Georgetown University Center for Children and Families*, May 2019. <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Maternal-Health-3a.pdf>

Rosenberg, Jamie. "Medicaid Expansion Linked to Lower Maternal Mortality Rates." *American Journal of Managed Care*, February 6, 2019. <https://www.ajmc.com/conferences/academyhealth-2019/medicaid-expansion-linked-to-lower-maternal-mortality-rates>