

Health Politics and Policy Research Conference 2025

Conference Program (05 29 2025)

Friday May 30 – Sunday June 1; Dartmouth College, Hanover NH

<https://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/public-policy/health-politics-and-policy-conference-2025>

I. Schedule Overview

Friday, May 30

- 5:15 p.m. Welcome Drinks
[Sawtooth Kitchen](#), Under Allen Street, Hanover NH
- 6 p.m. Dinner
[Sawtooth Kitchen](#), Under Allen Street, Hanover NH

Saturday, May 31

- 8 a.m. Breakfast
[Hanover Inn](#), Hayward Room, 2 E. Wheelock Street, Hanover NH
- 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Conference Panels, Lunch, Editors Session, Plenary Session, and Graduate Student Happy Hour Reception
[Haldeman Center](#), 29 North Main Street, Hanover NH
Meetings will take place on the lower level and first floor of the Haldeman Center.
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
[Venue Hanover](#), 44 South Main Street, Hanover, NH

Sunday, June 1

- 8 – 10 a.m. Breakfast & Informal Panel Conversation
[Hanover Inn](#), Hayward Room, 2 East Wheelock Street, Hanover NH

II. Full Schedule of Events

Friday May 30

Shuttle service will be provided between the Dartmouth Coach drop off location at Rauner in Hanover, the Lebanon area conference hotels, and Sawtooth Kitchen from 2:05 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Friday. Please see the full shuttle schedule (enclosed and online) for details.

5:15 p.m. **Welcome Drinks**
[Sawtooth Kitchen](#), Under Allen Street, Hanover NH

6 p.m. **Dinner**
[Sawtooth Kitchen](#), Under Allen Street, Hanover NH

Saturday May 31

Shuttle service will be provided between the Lebanon area conference hotels and the Hanover Inn from 7:45 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, and again between Hanover and the Lebanon area conference hotels and the dinner location from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday evening. Please see the full shuttle schedule (enclosed and online) for details.

8 a.m. **Breakfast**
[Hanover Inn](#), Hayward Room, 2 E. Wheelock Street, Hanover NH

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Conference Panels, Lunch, Editors Session, Plenary Session, and Graduate Student Reception**
[Haldeman Center](#), 29 North Main Street, Hanover NH
Events will occur on the lower level and first floor of Haldeman Center.

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Panel – “The Political Economy of U.S. Health and Social Policy Investments and Protections”
Haldeman 041, Lower Level

Panelists:

Nuannuan Xiang (Columbia), “Health Insurance Is Not for Public Health: A Revised Explanation for the Failure of the First American Health Insurance Movement”

Anna Kirkland (Michigan), “The Troubles with Health Care Civil Rights”

Ashley Fox (University at Albany, SUNY), “Which US States are Most Generous in their Medicaid Policies and Why?”

Denise Payán (UC Irvine), “Factors Related to Implementation of State and Local Policies to Restrict the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products in California: A Mixed Methods Study”

Gregory Schober (University of Texas at El Paso) and Alfonso Rojas-Alvarez (University of Texas at El Paso), “Social Policy Retrenchment and Pathways to Health in a US-Mexico Border City”

Discussant: Lilla Orr (Richmond); Chair: Alex Garlick (Vermont)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Break

Russo Gallery and Patio, 1st floor

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Panel – “Reproductive Rights, and the Rural Urban Divide”

Haldeman 041, Lower Level

Panelists:

Liana Woskie (Tufts) and Kimberly Turner (Brown), “Female Sterilization, Abortion Policy & Social Resistance”

Miranda Yaver (Pittsburgh), “Administrative Burdens in Accessing Abortion Post-Dobbs v. Jackson”

Caitlin McMurtry (Brown), “Radicalized by Dobbs? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of College-Educated Women’s Abortion Opinions Before and After the End of Roe v. Wade

Alee Lockman (Texas A&M), “Role of Social Identity in Alcohol and Cancer Awareness Among Rural Young Adults”

Michael Shepherd (Michigan), “Women’s Experiences and Attitudes toward Gun Violence and Firearms Policy Across the Rural-Urban Divide”

Discussant: Sarah Gollust (Minnesota); Chair: Timothy Callaghan (Boston University)

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.: Lunch & Meet the Editors Discussion

Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Discussion 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Russo Gallery and Patio, 1st floor

Meet the Editors Discussion Panelists:

Sarah Gollust (Minnesota / *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*)

Justin Parkhurst (LSE / *Social Science & Medicine*)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Panel – “Pandemic Preparedness and Disease Prevention in a Polarized Society”

Haldeman 041, Lower Level

Panelists:

Scott Greer (Michigan), “Domestic Sources of International Scientific Resilience: International collaboration and embedded autonomy in health research”

Matt Motta (Boston University), “Quantifying the Rise in Anti-Vaccine Policymaking Across State Legislatures Through the State Vaccine Policy Project (SVPP)”

Ann Keller (Berkeley), “Pandemic Magical Thinking: A content analysis of public health guidance criticism during Covid-19 in the United States”

Timothy Callaghan (Boston University), “Runaway Polarization is Making Us Sick. Social Science Could Offer an Antidote.”

Jake Haselswerdt (Missouri), “Who Cares About Mental Health? Benchmarking the Issue Importance of Mental Health for American Voters”

Discussant: Christopher Ojeda (UC Merced); Chair: James Brasfield (Webster)

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Break

Russo Gallery and Patio, 1st floor

Note: Graduate Student Poster Session presenters will set up their posters during this break, in the 1st Floor Russo Gallery

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Plenary Discussion – “Democracy, Health Politics, & 2025”

Haldeman 041, Lower Level

Panelists: Colleen Grogan (Chicago), Andrea Campbell (MIT), Holly Jarman (Michigan), Christopher Ojeda (UC Merced)

Moderators: Charley Willison (Cornell), Herschel Nachlis (Dartmouth)

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Graduate Student Poster Session and Happy Hour

Russo Gallery and Patio, 1st floor

Group on “Pandemic Politics”

Presenters: Robert Brehm (Virginia), Jiaqin Pan (Georgia State), Onsel Gurel Bayrali (SUNY Binghamton)

Discussants: Caitlin McMurtry (Brown), Timothy Callaghan (Boston University), Jake Haselswerdt (Missouri)

Group on “Political Behavior, Trust, and Engagement in Health Politics”

Presenters: Praneetha Vissapragada (Michigan), Simone Matecna (Harvard), Payton Robinette (Vanderbilt)

Discussants: Matt Motta (Boston University), Denise Payán (UC Irvine)

Group on “American Health Policy and the Administrative State”

Presenters: Lauren Peterson (Chicago), Natalie Hernandez (Yale), Gaby Aboulafia (Harvard)

Discussants: Michael Shepherd (Michigan), Scott Greer (Michigan)

Group on “States and Society in Health Politics”

Presenters: Grant Goehring (Boston University), Emma Willoughby (Michigan), Trenton Ullrich (Cornell)

Discussants: Nuannuan Xiang (Columbia), Ashley Fox (University at Albany, SUNY)

6:30 p.m.

Dinner

[Venue Hanover](#), 44 South Main Street, Hanover, NH

Sunday June 1

Shuttle service will be provided between the Lebanon area conference hotels and the Hanover Inn at 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. These are the final two pickups (there are not Sunday return trips). Please see the full shuttle schedule (enclosed and online) for details.

8 – 10 a.m.

Breakfast & Informal Panel Conversation

Hanover Inn, Hayward Room, 2 East Wheelock Street, Hanover NH

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.: Informal Panel Conversation – “Practitioner, Policymaker, and Community Collaborations in Health Policy”

Panelists: Adam Seth Levine (Johns Hopkins), Holly Jarman (Michigan), Scott Greer (Michigan)

III. Participants

Please see Conference Web Site for full Participant list:

<https://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/public-policy/health-politics-and-policy-conference-2025>

IV. Contacts

For organizational, logistical, and event-related questions (including travel and lodging):

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VI. Shuttle Schedule

Please find a full schedule on the conference web site, at Lodging, Hotels, and Shuttle, & Travel.