CHAS celebrates 50 Years of Research and Education

CHAS supports Research that focuses on health services and health policy with a particular emphasis on policy and services for disadvantaged and vulnerable populations.

CHAS supports Education through the innovative health policy and research training program for graduate professional students at the University of Chicago, the Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy (GPHAP) as well as stipend support for PhD students in SSA.
CHAS retrospective

A recognition of the ideas and people responsible for 50 years of contribution of Center for Health Administration Studies/Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy
Michael Davis and Founding Inspiration
Director, GPHA 1934-1935

• Came with PhD in sociology from Columbia U and experience modernizing the Boston Dispensary system, clinics for individuals of limited and moderate means
•Founded GPHA program at the University of Chicago in 1934 as first hospital administration program in country
• Believed health care administration required business acumen and social vision
Michael M. Davis
Founder of the Program
1934
Ideas animating Michael Davis

- **Interdisciplinary** inquiry into the social and economic aspects of medical care
- View that progress would come through advance of medical care technology, enlarging power of consumer through group payment (whether insurance or taxation), financing physician services through governmental and voluntary leadership, medical leadership
In the words of Michael Davis...

“America challenges physicians to accept the primary responsibility of the public in deciding how the people will spend their money for medical care and asks physicians to cooperate, as only physicians can, in working out the organization and the ways of payment that will conduce the scope and quality of the care as well as to the economics of the patient.” (May 23, 1963)
George Bugbee, Professor of Hospital Administration, Director GPHA Director/CHAS 1962-72

“Going to the University of Chicago led to the university assuming the assets and liabilities of the Health Information Foundation (that ultimately resulted in) a fund of about a million dollars, which did not escape the notice of the university principals and gave a certain freedom for what eventually we called the Center for Health Administration Studies…”
Ideas animating George Bugbee

Universal health insurance:

“The date of enactment of universal coverage by the federal government for expenses incident to medical care cannot be predicted with certainty, but there is general agreement, in and out of government, that action is not only imminent, but in order.”
(February 28, 1975)
Odin Anderson, Director GPHA/CHAS
1972-1980

CHAS flourished under Anderson’s direction:
• expanding its national and international health services research program
• serving as a national model and reference point for health services research
• Bringing social science research methods, especially survey methodology to health services research
National health insurance a continuing concern

After reviewed history of failed national health insurance proposals, Cohen concluded “As we survey the situation today, there does not appear to be any ‘perfect’ medical care plan which will satisfy everyone.” (Wilbur Cohen upon leaving the office of HEW, 1970).
Ronald Andersen, Director GPHA/CHAS 1980-1990
Andersen ideas with colleagues Luanne Aday & Gretchen Fleming:

- Helping to define the field of health service research
- Developing conceptual models to guide the study of health beliefs and health care access
Edward Lawlor, Director CHAS/GPHAP 1990-2002
Lawlor institution builder

• First Center director after move from business school to SSA
• Emphasized health policy by adding Policy to Graduation Program in Health Administration and Policy
Harold Pollack, Director CHAS and Colleen Grogan, Director GPHAP
2003-2011
Productive Pollack Grogan era

• Enriched traditional interdisciplinary perspective as economist and political scientist
• Used Michael Davis Lectures to attract leadership in health policy and research to contribute to national dialogue on health reform
• Reached out to new partners to develop GPHAP as a model interdisciplinary graduate research program in health policy and services
Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy

- Innovative
- Internships
- Interdisciplinary
GPHAP: an early and recent class

Class of 1963

Class of 2012
Jeanne Marsh, Director CHAS
Colleen Grogan, GPHAP
2011-present
Consistent themes: CHAS/GPHAP over 50 years

- Organization and financing of health care especially for vulnerable
- Engagement with health care policy formation
- Focus on health care access and equity
- **Interdisciplinarity** including the social, policy and medical sciences, especially medical sciences
Michael Davis:

“Yesterday is no remedy for the needs of tomorrow and the evils of today should by no means be tolerated because they were worse yesterday. In order to build its own future, each generation must learn both to utilize its past and escape it.”
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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