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**Veterans Administration/ Boston University School of Public Health**

**Bedford, MA**

**2015-2017**

- Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Center for Health Organization and Implementation Research
- Conducted policy research on: predictors for opioid overdose, co-morbid mental illness, addiction and homelessness, racial disparities in the Drug Treatment Court System and barriers to care for veterans leaving prison

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**

**Baltimore, MD**

**2010-2015**

- Ph.D. in Health Policy and Management
- Health and Public Policy Track; Injury Prevention and Research focus
- Dissertation: “The Integrated Disability Evaluation System and PTSD: The Political Life-Cycle of Military Policy from Concept to Evaluation”, Committee: Drs. Ellen MacKenzie, Shannon Frattaroli, Lainie Rutkow, Stephen Wegener, Adam Sheingate and Renan Castillo (alternate)
- Dissertation research includes primary qualitative data collection and analysis and survey development, data collection and quantitative analysis

**Harvard University**

**Cambridge, MA**

**2001-2005**

- B.A. with honors in Social Anthropology
- Certificate of Public Health Policy, June 2005
- Thesis: “Facing Morality: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Israeli Soldiers Serving During the Intifada,” awarded *magna cum laude* written thesis and *suma cum laude* for oral thesis defense, Advisor: Dr. Arthur Kleinman

**Funded Research:**

*Veteran Sex Offender Access to Housing and Health Services after Release from Incarceration: Obstacles and Best Practices* 2016-2017

National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans Intramural Research Funding Request for Proposals; National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs –\$21,730

**Publications:**

**Molly M. Simmons**, Carrie M. Farmer, Samantha Cherney, Heather Krull. Evolution of Department of Defense Disability Evaluation and Management of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Overview of Policy Changes, 2001–2018. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, in press

**Molly M. Simmons**, Charles C. Engel, Emily Hoch, The Neurological Effects of Repeated Exposure to Military Occupational Blast – Implications for Prevention and Health: Literature Review in support of the Seventh Department of Defense State-of-the-Science Meeting, in press

**Molly M. Simmons**, Bo Kim, Justeen Hyde, Tiffany Lemon, Kirsten Resnick, D. Keith McInnes, Protecting the Public’s Health through successful Re-Entry for Sex Offender After Incarceration, under review at Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Vera Yakovchenko, Jemeille Ackourey, **Molly M. Simmons**, David Smelson, Debra A. Pinals, Rhiana Kohl, D. Keith McInnes, Differences between Veterans and Non-Veterans in a Release Cohort from Massachusetts’ Prisons: Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Needs, Offense Type, Sex-Offender Registry Status, and Risk of Recidivism, under review at Health & Justice

Engel, Charles C., Hoch, Emily, **Simmons, Molly M.** The Neurological Effects of Repeated Exposure to Military Occupational Blast – Implications for Prevention and Health: Proceedings, Findings, and Expert Recommendations from the Seventh Department of Defense State-of-the-Science Meeting, CF-380/1-A, Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2019, from [https://www.rand.org/pubs/conf\\_proceedings/CF380z1.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/conf_proceedings/CF380z1.html)

Kim B, Bolton RE, Hyde J, Fincke BG, Drainoni ML, Petrakis BA, **Simmons MM**, McInnes DK. Coordinating across correctional, community, and VA systems: applying the Collaborative Chronic Care Model to post-incarceration healthcare and reentry support for veterans with mental health and substance use disorders. Health & Justice. 2019 Dec 12;7(1):18.

Kim B, McCullough M, **Simmons MM**, Bolton R, Hyde J, Drainoni M, Fincke BG, McInnes DK. A novel application of process mapping in a criminal justice setting to examine implementation of peer support for veterans leaving incarceration. Health & justice. 2019 Dec;7(1):3.

Breslau, Joshua, McBain, Ryan K., **Simmons, Molly M.** Identifying Safety-Net Resources at Health Centers to Prevent Infectious Disease Transmission Resulting from the Opioid Epidemic, RR-2724, Mar 2019, from <https://aspe.hhs.gov/system/files/pdf/260981/RR2724.pdf>

Friedberg, Mark W., Peggy G. Chen, **Molly Simmons**, Tisamarie Sherry, Peter Mendel, Laura Raaen, Jamie Ryan, Patrick Orr, Carol Vargo, Lindsey Carlasare, Christopher Botts, and Kathleen Blake, The Effects of Alternative Payment Models on Physician Practices: Follow-Up Study. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2018. [https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_briefs/RB10039.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB10039.html).

**Simmons MM**, Gabrielian S, Byrne T, McCullough MB, Smith JL, Taylor TJ, O’Toole TP, Kane V, Yakovchenko V, McInnes DK, Smelson DA. A Hybrid III stepped wedge cluster randomized

trial testing an implementation strategy to facilitate the use of an evidence-based practice in VA Homeless Primary Care Treatment Programs. *Implementation Science*. 2017 Apr 4;12(1):46.

**Simmons MM**, Fincke BG, Drainoni ML, Kim B, Byrne T, Smelson D, Casey K, Ellison ML, Visher C, Blue-Howells J, McInnes DK. A two-state comparative implementation of peer-support intervention to link veterans to health-related services after incarceration: a study protocol. *BMC Health Services Research*. 2017 Sep 12;17(1):647.

**Simmons MM**, Swedler DI, Kerr ZY. Injury Surveillance of Head, Neck, and Facial Injuries in Collegiate Ice Hockey Players, 2009–2010 Through 2013–2014 Academic Years. *Journal of athletic training*. 2017 Aug;52(8):776-84.

David K. Jones, **Molly Simmons**, Sandro Galea, “Improved Health: A Bipartisan Opportunity to Expand the Scope of Health Reform”, *American Journal of Public Health* 107, no. 9 (September 1, 2017): pp. 1383-1384.

Carrie M. Farmer, Heather Krull, Thomas Concannon, **Molly Simmons**, Francesca Pillemer, Teague Ruder, Andrew Parker, Maulik P. Purohit, Liisa Hiatt, Benjamin Batorsky, Kimberly A. Hepner. Understanding Treatment of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in the Military Health System. RAND Report, April 18, 2016

Swedler, DI, **Simmons MM**, Hemenway D, Dominici F. Firearm Prevalence and Homicides of Law Enforcement Officers in the United States. *American Journal of Public Health*. August 13, 2015

Swedler DI, Kercher C, **Simmons MM**, Pollack KM. 2013. Occupational Homicide of Law Enforcement Officers in the U.S., 1996-2010. *Injury Prevention*, May 31, 2013.

#### **Conference Presentations:**

**Simmons, MM**, McInnes, DK, Kim, B, Hyde, J, Lemon, T, Resnick, K. Veteran Sex Offender Access to Housing and Health Services after Release from Incarceration: Obstacles and Best Practices. November 13, 2018 American Public Health Association Annual Conference, San Diego CA

Swedler DI, **Simmons MM**. What do we know about take-away homicides of American law enforcement officers? November 13, 2018. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

Swedler DI, **Simmons MM**, Madigan D, Mabila SL. Levels of evidence for drug-involved truck crash fatalities in the United States. October 31, 2016. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

**Simmons MM**, Frattaroli S, Rutkow H. Collaborating with policymakers to produce applied research: A case study of the military's Integrated Disability Evaluation System. June 2016. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Boston, MA

**Simmons MM**, Frattaroli S, Rutkow H. Collaborating with policymakers to produce applied research: A case study of the military's Integrated Disability Evaluation System. November 2015. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

**Simmons MM**, Swedler DI, Kerr Z. Head, neck and facial injuries in collegiate ice hockey players, 2009-2014. November 2015. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Swedler, DI, **Simmons MM**, Hemenway D, Dominici F. Firearm Prevalence and Homicides of Law Enforcement Officers in the United States. November 2015. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

**Simmons MM**, Bowman S., Swedler DI Emergency Department Utilization for Skiing and Snowboarding Injuries. November 2014. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Swedler DI, **Simmons MS**, Verma SK, Lombardi DA. Fatalities in Drug-Involved Truck Crashes in the United States, 2000-2013. National Occupational Injury Research Symposium. May, 2015. Kingwood, WV

Castillo RC, Heins SE, Feldman DF, Roberts E, Wu A, **Simmons, M**, Medford A, Trujillo A. Development and cost implications of quality of care indicators for shoulder and back injuries. June, 2013. Academy Health Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD

Bowman S, **Simmons M**. Emergency Department Utilization for Skiing and Snowboarding Injuries, February 28, 2013. Association for Marketing and Health Care Research Annual Meeting, Big Ski, MT

Swedler D, **Simmons M**, Kercher C, Pollack K. Occupational homicide of law enforcement officers in the United States, 1996-2009. November 2, 2011. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

**Conference Posters:**

**Simmons, MM**, Skolnik A, Wehler C, Smelson D, Jurasic M, Jones J, Gibston G. Increasing Utilization Among Clinicians of an Oral Health Education Tool. July 2017. VA HSR&D, Arlington, VA

**Simmons, MM**, Skolnik A, Wehler C, Smelson D, Jurasic M, Jones J, Gibston G. Increasing Utilization Among Clinicians of an Oral Health Education Tool. June, 2017. Academy Health. New Orleans, LA

**Simmons MM**, Swedler DS, Ney J, Harnish A, McInnes D, Smelson D. Predictors of Overdose among Homeless Individuals with Co-Morbid Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder. June, 2017. Academy Health. New Orleans, LA

**Simmons MM, MacKenzie E, Wegener ST, Castillo R.** An Evaluation of the experience of the military's new Integrated Disability Evaluation System for Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. November 2016. American Public Health Association, Denver, CO

**Simmons MM, Smelson D, McInnes DK, Harnish A.** Policy implications for specialty courts: how characteristics and treatment needs of individuals in drug, mental health and veterans' courts compare to those seeking traditional mental health services. November 2016. American Public Health Association, Denver, CO

**Simmons MM, MacKenzie E, Wegener ST, Castillo R.** An Evaluation of the experience of the military's new Integrated Disability Evaluation System for Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. June 2016. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Boston, MA

**Simmons MM, Frattaroli S, Rutkow H.** A case study of the military's Integrated Disability Evaluation System: Utilizing the political process to advance the public's health. November 2014. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

**Simmons M, Frattaroli S, Rutkow H.** A case study of the military's Integrated Disability Evaluation System: Utilizing the political process to advance the public's health. June 2014. AcademyHealth Annual Conference. San Diego, CA

**Simmons M, Bowman S., Swedler DI** Emergency Department Utilization for Skiing and Snowboarding Injuries. June 2014. AcademyHealth Annual Conference. San Diego, CA

**Research Experience:**

**RAND Corporation** **Boston, MA**  
Associate Policy Researcher **2017-present**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development** **Bedford, MA**  
Post-doctoral Research Fellow **2015-2017**

**RAND Corporation** **Washington, DC**  
Adjunct Staff **October 2014-June 2015**

**RAND Corporation** **Boston, MA**  
Summer Associate **June 2014-October 2014**

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health** **Baltimore, MD**  
Graduate Research Assistant **2011**

**National Park Service** **Washington, DC**  
Risk Management Intern **2010**

**Non-Research Work Experience:**

**Congressman Peter DeFazio**  
Press Secretary

**Washington, DC**  
2007-2010

**Congressman John Sarbanes**  
Legislative Correspondent/Legislative Aide

**Washington, DC**  
2006-2007

**Awards and Honors:**

Best Student Abstract, Law Section American Public Health Association	2015
Center for Qualitative Studies in Health, Dissertation Award Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	2014-2015
Nancy Robertson Fellowship in Injury Prevention Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	2010-2012
William Hadden Fellowship in Injury Prevention Insurance Institute for Highway Safety	2010-2012
Cordeiro Health Policy Thesis Research Grant Kennedy School of Government	2004-2005
Certificate in Health Policy Harvard University	2005
Crichton Summer Travel Grant Harvard Medical School	2005

**Peer Review:**

Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene, ad hoc reviewer  
Journal of Social Science and Medicine, ad hoc reviewer  
Journal of Health Security, ad hoc reviewer  
2016 Annual Meeting Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association, Injury Control and  
Emergency Health Services Section

**Grant Review:**

National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research 2019-2020

**Professional Leadership Positions:**

**Co-Chair, Student Coordinating Committee**  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Department of Health Policy and Management

2011-2012

**Professional Memberships**

AcademyHealth  
American Public Health Association

2014, 2016-present  
2012-present