

# Gabriella Aboulafia

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>Harvard University</b><br><i>PhD in Health Policy (Political Analysis track)</i>                                                                                                                                                                  | 2027 (expected) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dissertation:</b> Essays on the Politics of Health Insurance in the United States</li> <li>• <b>Committee:</b> Benjamin Sommers (chair), Andrea Campbell, Adrianna McIntyre, Daniel Schneider</li> </ul> |                 |
| <b>Harvard Kennedy School of Government</b><br><i>Master in Public Policy</i>                                                                                                                                                                        | 2023            |
| <b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b><br><i>BS in Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management</i>                                                                                                                         | 2019            |

## PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS

### Published:

- Aboulafia, Gabriella, Amanda Chen, and David Grabowski. "Asset Spend-Down and Medicaid Enrollment in Nursing Homes," *JAMA Netw Open* 2025;8(12):e2546876. DOI: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.46876
- Aboulafia, Gabriella and Daniel Schneider. "Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance for Workers in the Hourly Service Sector," *JAMA Health Forum* 2025;6(11):e254747. DOI: 10.1001/jamahealthforum.2025.4747
- Aboulafia, Gabriella and Adrianna McIntyre. "How Should Children's Medicaid Eligibility Be Monitored?," *AMA J Ethics* 2025;27(9):E686-694. DOI: 10.1001/amajethics.2025.686
- Aboulafia, Gabriella, Jonathan Gruber, and Benjamin D. Sommers. "The Past and Future of Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act—Support or Sabotage?," *JAMA* 2025;334(2):115-118. DOI: 10.1001/jama.2025.7109
- Smith, Rebecca B., Gabriella Aboulafia, and Benjamin D. Sommers. "Who Enrolls in Coverage and Who Remains Uninsured? Medicaid Take-Up Before and After the Affordable Care Act and During Unwinding," *The Milbank Quarterly* 2025;103(2):349-389. DOI: 10.1111/1468-0009.70020
- McIntyre, Adrianna, Benjamin D. Sommers, Gabriella Aboulafia, E. John Orav, Arnold M. Epstein, and Jose F. Figueroa. "Experiences with Medicaid Unwinding Among Low-Income Adults in 4 Southern States," *Health Affairs Scholar* 2025;3(5):qxaf083. DOI: 10.1093/haschl/qxaf083
- McIntyre, Adrianna, Benjamin D. Sommers, Gabriella Aboulafia, Jessica Phelan, E. John Orav, Arnold M. Epstein, and Jose F. Figueroa. "Coverage and Access Changes During Medicaid Unwinding: A Survey of Low-Income Households in Four Southern States," *JAMA Health Forum* 2024;5(6):e242193. DOI: 10.1001/jamahealthforum.2024.2193
- McIntyre, Adrianna, Gabriella Aboulafia, and Benjamin D. Sommers. "Preliminary Data on Unwinding Continuous Medicaid Coverage," *N Engl J Med* 2023;389:2215-2217. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMp2311336

### Under Review or In Revision:

- Aboulafia, Gabriella, Jonathan Gruber, and Benjamin D. Sommers. "The Rise and Fall (and Rise) of the Affordable Care Act: Varying Impacts on Coverage Over Time and Place," Conditional acceptance at *Journal of Health Economics*.
- Aboulafia, Gabriella, Benjamin D. Sommers, Daniel Schneider, and Adrianna McIntyre. "Scheduling Volatility as a Barrier to Medicaid Work Requirement Compliance Among Hourly Service-Sector Workers," Revise and Resubmit at *Health Affairs*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- The Policy Feedback Effects of Medicare Advantage (with Adrianna McIntyre)
- The Political Consequences of the Expiration of the Enhanced and Extended Marketplace Subsidies (with Adrianna McIntyre)
- Tort Immunity and Nursing Home Outcomes (with Deepon Bhaumik, David Grabowski, and Jill Horwitz)

## SELECTED OTHER WRITING

- Hacker, Jacob and Gabriella Aboulafia. "The Public Option Revisited," *Economic Security Project*. In press.
- Aboulafia, Gabriella. "Could Medicaid Losses Dampen Voter Turnout?," *Tradeoffs Research Corner*. November 6, 2023.

- Aboulafia, Gabriella. “Opinion: Texas children at risk as pandemic-era Medicaid coverage ends,” *Austin American-Statesman*. July 23, 2023.
- Collins, Sara R., Munira Z. Gunja, and Gabriella N. Aboulafia. “U.S. Health Insurance Coverage in 2020: A Looming Crisis in Affordability—Findings from the Biennial Health Insurance Survey, 2020,” Survey brief, *Commonwealth Fund*. August 2020.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Fellow for GHHP 99: Global Health and Health Policy Capstone with Prof. David Cutler (Harvard College). 12 undergraduate students, required weekly seminar. Spring 2026
- Primary Instructor for HLTHPOL 3020: Graduate Reading Course for Political Analysis (Harvard GSAS). Four doctoral students, required weekly seminar. Spring 2026
- Teaching Fellow for 17.30: Making Public Policy with Prof. Andrea Campbell (MIT). 18 undergraduate students, required weekly seminar. Fall 2025
- Teaching Fellow for API 201: Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods I with Profs. Jonathan Borck and Teddy Svoronos (Harvard Kennedy School). 30-50 Master’s students, optional weekly review session. Fall 2024, Fall 2025

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Fellow, Economic Security Project 2026-
- Distinction in Student Teaching Award (Harvard Kennedy School) 2025, 2026
- James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy (Harvard University) 2024-2025
- AHRQ T32 Kirschstein National Research Service Award Trainee 2023-2025
- Dean’s Award for Excellence in Student Teaching (Harvard Kennedy School) 2023
- Graduate Prize Fellowship (Harvard University). *Recognizes a select group of prospective PhD students who show exceptional promise to expand the diversity of experience and thought on Harvard’s campus.* 2023
- Winston Health Policy Scholar. *Scholarship award that recognizes excellence and achievement for students in master’s degree programs in health administration, health policy, and public health.* 2022
- Harvard Kennedy School Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy’s Policy Analysis Grant Award. *To conduct research for Policy Analysis Exercise (MPP capstone).* 2022
- Undergraduate Class Marshal (UNC-Chapel Hill). *Selected by faculty for qualities of dependability and responsibility to represent the student body at School functions.* 2019

## REFEREE SERVICE

*Health Affairs, Health Affairs Scholar, Health Services Research, JAMA Health Forum, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Graduate Student Representative, Health Politics Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) 2026-
- Methods and Data Council, AcademyHealth 2023-2025
- Annual Research Meeting (ARM) Abstract Reviewer, AcademyHealth 2024, 2027
- Harvard Undergraduate Public Policy Leadership Conference Application Review Team 2022

## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, David Grabowski (Harvard Medical School) 2024-
- Research Assistant, Adrianna McIntyre (Harvard Chan School of Public Health) 2022-
- Research Assistant, Austin Frakt (Harvard Chan School of Public Health) 2022-2024
- Research Assistant, Jose F. Figueroa (Harvard Chan School of Public Health) 2022-2024

- Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, US Department of Health and Human Services) Summer 2022
- Program Assistant, Health Care Coverage and Access (The Commonwealth Fund) 2019-2021

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- “Federalism in Practice: State Policy Discretion and Coverage and Market Outcomes in the ACA,” APPAM (*panel presentation*) 2026 (*upcoming*)
- “The Rise and Fall (and Rise) of the Affordable Care Act,” APSA Health Politics Section Meeting (*poster*) 2025
- “Health, Health Care Costs, and Attitudes Towards Government,” APSA Annual Meeting (*panel presentation*) 2024
- “Pandemic-Era Coverage Changes and Health Insurance Inequality Among Hourly Service-Sector Workers,” (with Daniel Schneider) AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (*Selected as one of two student abstracts to be presented at the State Health Policy Research Interest Group discussion*) 2024
- “Disruptions in Coverage and Economic Adversity: Findings from a Survey of Adults with Low Incomes,” (with Adrianna McIntyre and Benjamin Sommers) AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (*poster*) 2024
- “The Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Women’s Health and Remaining Challenges,” (with Munira Z. Gunja and Sara R. Collins) AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (*poster*), virtual 2020

## MEDIA MENTIONS

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- Denean, A, “Millions losing Medicaid coverage over missed calls, paperwork and confusion about rules.” *The National Desk*. August 9, 2023.
- Klibanoff, E, “500,000 Texans have been dropped from the Medicaid rolls since April.” *Texas Tribune*. July 17, 2023.
- Mastroianni, B, “Millions May Lose Medicaid Coverage, Here’s How to Check Your Status.” *Health*. March 15, 2023.