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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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1. **William Chopik, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University

Prof. Chopik recently completed two studies that examined age bias: one examining which countries around the world showed the greatest implicit bias against older adults, and the other looking at individual states across the U.S. He said states with higher age bias also tended to have higher Medicare costs, lower community engagement and less access to care.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:59

**Age Bias
Aging
Medicare**

2. **Shujing Sun, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Information Systems in The Naveen Jindal School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas

Overcrowding in emergency rooms is a costly and concerning problem, compromising the quality of patient care. Prof. Sun investigated the potential of telemedicine as a generic solution to reduce ER congestion, and found that on-site nurse practitioners or physician assistants can effectively treat patients with minor conditions under the remote supervision of off-site physicians. She said even serious conditions such as a stroke can be better treated if emergency physicians can consult remote stroke specialists.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:16

**Emergency Medical Care
Public Health
Technology**

3. **Diana Enriquez**, doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University

Ms. Enriquez led a study that examined the impact of the COVID-19 lockdowns on black households. She found that low-income black households experienced greater job loss, more food and medicine insecurity, and higher indebtedness in the early months of the pandemic compared to white or latinx low-income households. She believes the outlook is still difficult for black households as the economy continues to struggle from government-ordered closings.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:02

**Minority Concerns
Poverty
Government Regulations**

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