

JSPH Fellows Reflect

As the first year of our health economics and outcomes research fellowship draws to a close, we reflect upon our collective experiences and realize how far we have come in just one short year. The Health Economics and Outcomes Research fellowship at the Jefferson School of Population Health (JSPH) has not only developed us into budding health services researchers, but also leaders in our profession. One of the positives was working closely with so many passionate health policy professionals at JSPH. The talented minds who work at JSPH are always enthusiastic and willing to offer any assistance, whether we needed career advice or an excuse to grab a cup of coffee. Even though we were each assigned one formal mentor to oversee our professional development, we have been greatly influenced and shaped by the faculty. From our interactions with JSPH, affiliated partnerships and sponsors, we have come away from the first year of the fellowship with not just one mentor, but a deep and diverse network of mentorship and support.

Working in an integrated system such as Jefferson provided us with many opportunities to gain experience in health services research

and to see firsthand how that research affects policy at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and their physician practice group. We both enrolled in Masters programs at JSPH and the online coursework has broadened and deepened our knowledge of health policy, the US healthcare delivery system, and research methods.

We have taken advantage of professional development opportunities such as national conferences for Population Health, Quality, Healthcare Improvement, and Outcomes Research. We have presented posters and podium presentations of our research at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) national meetings. We ended our first year with a bang, as both of us received prestigious awards at this past ISPOR meeting!

The first year at our JSPH fellowship has proved to be an amazing experience and we feel well-prepared to face new challenges in our second year. We look forward to continued growth and success next year! ■

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Dominique Comer will continue her second year at JSPH, and will be supported by Post Doctoral Fellowship award on Health Outcomes from the PhRMA Foundation. She anticipates taking on greater responsibility and autonomy with her various projects, focusing on health disparities and health policy. Zoe Clancy received the award for Best Student Podium Presentation at ISPOR. She will continue her fellowship by transitioning to Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC in Titusville, NJ. She will be working on projects with Health Economics and Outcomes Research team members across many therapeutic areas. She is looking forward to learning about HEOR in a new setting and expanding her HEOR "toolkit."

For more information on the HEOR Fellowship Program at JSPH visit: <http://tinyurl.com/8898ktf> or contact Joseph.Jackson@jefferson.edu.