



HIGH-IMPACT RESEARCH

Each year, La Follette School faculty members receive accolades for their research while the school and the broader UW–Madison campus place high in several world rankings.

AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

- Associate Professor Greg Nemet received a prestigious Andrew Carnegie fellowship to support his research and writing on how a diverse set of policies and international-knowledge flows have led to inexpensive solar energy.
- Four faculty members – Mark Copelovitch, Jason Fletcher, Don Moynihan, and Dave Weimer – received major research awards from UW–Madison.
- Professor Dave Weimer received the 2017 Excellence in Mentoring Award in the Field of Public Policy from the American Political Science Association.

RESEARCH IN TOP JOURNALS

- Professor Susan Webb Yackee won the Beryl Radin Award from the Public Management Research Association for Best Article in *the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* published during 2016.
- Assistant Professor Rourke O’Brien and colleagues published an article in *The Lancet Public Health* about how immigration policy changes affect health outcomes.
- A report in the *American Journal of Public Health* by Professor Pam Herd and colleagues discussed the implications of unintended pregnancies for mental health in later life.
- In *Research on Aging*, faculty members Geoffrey Wallace, Bob Haveman, and Barbara (Bobbi) Wolfe examined changes in health over the retirement years and estimated the effects of health changes in retirement on wealth.
- The journal *Environmental Research Letters* selected a paper by Associate Professor Greg Nemet and two colleagues as one of the 10 “milestone articles” during the journal’s first 10 years of publication.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

- Professor Jason Fletcher’s book *The Genome Factor* explores the latest discoveries being made at the scientific frontier where genomics and social sciences intersect. Fletcher and Dalton Conley are among the first social scientists working with geneticists to understand the role of genes in human social dynamics and inequalities.
- Professor Barbara (Bobbi) Wolfe and faculty affiliate Seth Pollak demonstrated the potential of brain research to inform policy tied to reducing negative consequences to growing up in poverty.
- Professors Pam Herd and Tim Smeeding and two colleagues received funding from AARP’s Innovation Challenge to identify policy solutions for strengthening Social Security. Their proposal would create a new Minimum Benefit Plan (MBP) for low-income retirees.
- As director of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, Professor Pam Herd is a co-principal investigator on The Human Microbiome in Health and Disease project, which received a UW2020: WARF Discovery Initiative award.
- Professor Menzie Chinn served as a Wim Duisenberg fellow at the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt, Germany, doing research on exchange rate modeling.
- With funding from the Herb Kohl Public Service Research Competition, faculty members are pursuing nonpartisan research that informs public policy and governance debates and advances evidence-based decision-making:
 - Yang Wang is studying the impact of minimum-wage increases on the health of immigrants in Wisconsin.
 - Barbara (Bobbi) Wolfe’s project seeks to establish a state-based national network linking neuroscience to poverty, expose graduate students to emerging research in this area, and amplify novel research by UW–Madison faculty members with community leaders, state policy-makers, and national media.
 - Don Moynihan is studying how different management interventions affect the behavior of public officials, and ultimately the performance of public organizations.
 - The research competition supports La Follette School students who work alongside faculty members as project assistants, collecting original data, analyzing existing data, and producing research reports.