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**Erica Eliason**, “The Effects of Health Insurance Eligibility Policies on Maternal Care Access and Childbirth Outcomes”

*Sponsor: Heidi Allen*

**Kimberly N. Spencer-Suarez**, “Reintegration in the Red: Navigating Child Support Arrears after Prison”

*Sponsor: Craig Schwalbe*

**Yi Wang**, “Disparities in Child Development by Parental Education”

*Sponsor: Jane Waldfogel*

**Yalu Zhang**, “Consequence and Policy Response of Health-Induced Poverty among Older Adults: Evidence from the United States and China”

*Sponsors: Qin Gao and Heidi Allen*

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