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## Education

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2020-2024 (expected) **Doctor of Philosophy**, Health Policy and Management  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD  
Concentration: Health and Public Policy

2010-2013 **Bachelor of Arts**, Philosophy (*magna cum laude*)  
Wheaton College, Wheaton IL  
Minor: English

## Professional Experience

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2020-Present **Graduate Research Assistant**  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

- *Describing trends in harassing behavior towards public health researchers: a survey* (PIs: Tara Kirk Sell and Beth Resnick)
- *Understanding the factors influencing federal regulatory decision making* (PIs: Beth McGinty and Shelley Hearne)
- *The role of permit-to-purchase in the primary prevention of multiple forms of violence* (PI: Cassandra Crifasi)
- *Violent crime review commission to prevent gun violence in Hampton, VA* (PI: Cassandra Crifasi)
- *The Johns Hopkins COVID-19 civic life and public health survey* (PIs: Colleen Barry, Beth McGinty, Hahrie Han, and Adam Seth Levine)

2016-2020 **Multiple Roles**  
**Managing Research Director (2020)**  
**Senior Research Director (2019-2020)**  
**Research Director (2017-2018)**  
**Health Policy Analyst (2016-2017)**  
National Journal, Washington D.C.

2014-2016 **Research Program Coordinator**  
Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, Baltimore, MD

## Funding

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2020-present **Occupational Injury Epidemiology and Prevention Training Grant** (T42 OH0008428)  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
Amount: 100% salary support, tuition  
PI: Ram Ramachandran  
Role: Pre-doctoral Trainee

2023-2024

**Data privacy perspectives in the context of workplace safety** (T42 OH0008428)  
Pilot Project Research Training Award  
Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
Amount: \$8,000  
Role: Principal Investigator

## Publications

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Webster DW, Richardson J, Meyerson N, St. Vil C, **Topazian R**. Research on the Effects of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs: Observations and Recommendations. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Published online, 2023. doi:[10.1177/00027162231173323](https://doi.org/10.1177/00027162231173323)
2. **Topazian RJ**, McGinty EE, Han H, Levine AS, Anderson KE, Presskreischer RE, Barry CL. US Adults' Beliefs About Harassing or Threatening Public Health Officials During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *JAMA Network Open*. 2022;5(7):e2223491. doi:[10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.23491](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.23491)
3. **Topazian RJ**, Levine AS, McGinty EE, Barry CL, Han H. The influence of civic associations and exposure to ideological heterogeneity on public views on mask wearing and social distancing. *Preventive Medicine*. 2022;160:107098. doi:[10.1016/j.ypmed.2022.107098](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2022.107098)
4. **Topazian RJ**, Levine AS, McGinty EE, Barry CL, Han H. Civic engagement and psychological distress during the COVID-19 pandemic. *BMC Public Health*. 2022;22(1):869. doi:[10.1186/s12889-022-13289-4](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-022-13289-4)
5. Hatton CR, **Topazian RJ**, Barry CL, McGinty EE, Levine AS. Predictors of Public Support for Social Safety Net Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2022;63(1):77-84. doi:[10.1016/j.amepre.2022.01.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2022.01.013)
6. **Topazian RJ**, Hatton CR, Barry CL, Levine AS, McGinty EE. Public support for U.S. social safety net policies throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. *Preventive Medicine*. 2022;154:106873. doi:[10.1016/j.ypmed.2021.106873](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2021.106873)
7. Dukhanin V, **Topazian R**, DeCamp M. Metrics and Evaluation Tools for Patient Engagement in Healthcare Organization- and System-Level Decision-Making: A Systematic Review. *Int J Health Policy Manag*. 2018;7(10):889-903. doi:[10.15171/ijhpm.2018.43](https://doi.org/10.15171/ijhpm.2018.43)
8. Beach MC, **Topazian R**, Chan KS, Sugarman J, Geller G. Climate of Respect Evaluation in Intensive Care Units: Development of an Instrument (CORE-ICU). *Crit Care Med*. 2018;46(6):e502-e507. doi:[10.1097/CCM.0000000000003069](https://doi.org/10.1097/CCM.0000000000003069)
9. Weinfurt KP, Bollinger JM, Brelsford KM, Bresciani M, Lampron Z, Lin L, **Topazian RJ**, Sugarman J. Comparison of Approaches for Notification and Authorization in Pragmatic Clinical Research Evaluating Commonly Used Medical Practices. *Med Care*. 2017;55(11):970-978. doi:[10.1097/MLR.0000000000000762](https://doi.org/10.1097/MLR.0000000000000762)
10. Carrese JA, Geller G, Branyon ED, Forbes LK, **Topazian RJ**, Weir BW, Khatib O, Sugarman J. A Direct Observation Checklist to Measure Respect and Dignity in the ICU. *Critical Care Medicine*. 2017;45(2):263-270. doi:[10.1097/CCM.0000000000002072](https://doi.org/10.1097/CCM.0000000000002072)
11. **Topazian R**, Bollinger J, Weinfurt KP, Dvoskin, R, Mathews D, Brelsford K, DeCamp M, Sugarman J. Physicians' perspectives regarding pragmatic clinical trials. *J Comp Eff Res*. 2016;5(5):499-506. doi:[10.2217/cer-2016-0024](https://doi.org/10.2217/cer-2016-0024)

12. Geller G, Branyon ED, Forbes LK, **Topazian RJ**, Weir BW, Carrese JA, Beach MC, Sugarman J. ICU-RESPECT: An index to assess patient and family experiences of respect in the intensive care unit. *Journal of Critical Care*. 2016;36:54-59. doi:[10.1016/j.jcrc.2016.06.018](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrc.2016.06.018)
13. Weinfurt KP, Bollinger JM, Brelsford KM, Crayton TJ, **Topazian RJ**, Kass NE, Beskow LM, Sugarman J. Patients' views concerning research on medical practices: Implications for consent. *AJOB Empirical Bioethics*. 2016;7(2):76-91. doi:[10.1080/23294515.2015.1117536](https://doi.org/10.1080/23294515.2015.1117536)
14. Pasalic D, Gazelka HM, **Topazian RJ**, Bucchalter LC, Ottenberg AL, Webster TL, Swetz KM, Mueller PS. Palliative Care Consultation and Associated End-of-Life Care After Pacemaker or Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator Deactivation. *Am J Hosp Palliat Care*. 2016;33(10):966-971. doi:[10.1177/1049909115595017](https://doi.org/10.1177/1049909115595017)
15. Ottenberg AL, Mueller PS, **Topazian RJ**, Kaufman S, Swetz KM. "It's Not Broke, So Let's Not Try to Fix It": Why Patients Decline a Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Device. *Pacing Clin Electrophysiol*. 2014;37(10):1306-1314. doi:[10.1111/pace.12433](https://doi.org/10.1111/pace.12433)
16. Ottenberg AL, Cook KE, **Topazian RJ**, Mueller LA, Mueller PS, Swetz KM. Choices for patients "without a choice": Interviews with patients who received a left ventricular assist device as destination therapy. *Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes*. 2014;7(3):368-373. doi:[10.1161/CIRCOUTCOMES.113.000660](https://doi.org/10.1161/CIRCOUTCOMES.113.000660)
17. **Topazian RJ**, Hook CC, Mueller PS. Duty to speak up in the health care setting a professionalism and ethics analysis. *Minn Med*. 2013;96(11):40-43.

## Teaching Experience

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### Teaching Assistantships, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

2023	<b>Issues in Injury and Violence Prevention</b> , Jon Vernick <b>Public Health Policy</b> , Joshua Sharfstein <b>Research and Evaluation Methods for Health Policy</b> , Cassandra Crifasi <b>Fundamentals of Health Policy and Management</b> , Conan Dickson
2022	<b>Social Policy for Vulnerable Population in the U.S.</b> , Alene Kennedy-Hendricks <b>Issues in Injury and Violence Prevention</b> , Jon Vernick <b>Research and Evaluation Methods for Health Policy</b> , Cassandra Crifasi <b>Fundamentals of Health Policy and Management</b> , Conan Dickson
2021	<b>Social Policy for Vulnerable Populations in the U.S.</b> , Beth McGinty

### Guest Lectures

2019, 2018      **Practical Policymaking Considerations**, SUNY Upstate Medical University. Syracuse, NY.

## Honors and Awards

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2020-present	NIOSH Occupational Injury Epidemiology and Prevention Training Grant (award number T42 OH0008428)
2023-2024	NIOSH Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health Pilot Project Research Training Award (award number T42 OH0008428)
2023-2024	Susan P. Baker Scholarship in Injury Prevention and Control, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
2023-2024	Center for Qualitative Studies in Health and Medicine Dissertation Enhancement Award

## Professional Activities

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### *Academic Service*

- 2022-present      Doctoral Student Representative, Public Health Threats and Harassment Taskforce, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 2021-2022      Secretary, Department of Health Policy and Management Student Coordinating Committee

### *Society Membership*

- 2022-present      Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

## Presentations

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### *Scientific Meeting Poster Presentations*

1. **Americans' beliefs about harassing or threatening public health officials during the COVID-19 pandemic.** Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Conference, Washington D.C. Poster presentation. Fall 2022.
2. **Network analysis of pharmaceutical pricing policy proposals.** AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, Washington D.C. Poster presentation. Fall 2017.

### *Invited Seminars*

1. **Mapping the stakeholders behind 2020 presidential candidates.** Professional Women in Advocacy Conference, Washington D.C. Spring 2019.