## Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence Lecture Series 2017–18

# **Moral Failure and Health Care Costs:** How the Political System Gets Health Care Wrong

In the same year, 2015, that the Affordable Care Act added over 21 million people to health coverage, Americans' life expectancy declined for the first time in 22 years.

For two generations of health economists and policymakers, the seemingly inexorable rise in health spending has been the central health policy challenge. Many reasons have been offered to explain increases in health spending but these approaches fail to take account of social, economic, and political factors that damage Americans' health.

Jeff Goldsmith will discuss how the political system gets health care wrong, either with respect to the development and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or the current administrations efforts to repeal and replace the ACA.

Following the talk, we will hear responses from a panel of three medical center faculty members, Rena Conti, PhD, Elbert Huang, MD, and David Meltzer, MD, PhD.

#### TIME

Thursday, November 16, 2017, 5-6 p.m.

#### LOCATION

**Goldblatt Pavilion Room H-103** 

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to *bucksbaum*goldsmithpanel.eventbrite.com

### LEAD PRESENTER



## Jeff Goldsmith, PhD

President, Health Futures, Inc. Associate Professor of Public Health Sciences, University of Virginia

## UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PANELISTS



#### **Rena Conti, PhD** Associate Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Public Health Sciences

(Health Services Research)



## **Elbert Huang, MD, MPH, FACP** Associate Professor of Medicine; Director, Center for Translational and Policy Research of Chronic Diseases; Associate Director, Chicago Center for Diabetes Translations Research



### David Meltzer, MD, PhD

Professor of Medicine; Chief, Section of Hospital Medicine; Director, Center for Health and the Social Sciences (CHeSS); Director, Urban Health Lab



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