

Simmons College to Host Public Forums on National Health Care Reform, Feb. 25, April 3 & 14



BOSTON (February 20, 2014) — In an effort to broaden public understanding of national health care reform, [Simmons College](#) will host a series of forums to explore changes in health care legislation from an economic, policy, and provider perspective. The forums, which will be held Feb. 25, April 3, and April 14, are free and open to the public. The gatherings are a joint collaboration among Simmons's [College of Arts and Science](#), [School of Nursing and Health Sciences](#), and [School of Management](#). The first forum, titled "Health Care Reform in the U.S.: Past, Present, and Future," is a lecture by [Dr. Jonathan Gruber](#), professor of Economics, M.I.T. and takes place Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Linda K. Paresky Conference Center in the Main College Building. [Gruber](#) played a significant role in the creation of former Governor Mitt Romney's Massachusetts Health Care Reform Plan and President Obama's Affordable Care Act. The second forum, titled "Empowering Older Adults to Take Charge of Their Health" take place April 3, from 5:00–6:30 p.m. in the Main College Building, Room C101. Among the guests featured are [Ruth Palombo](#) Ph.D., RD, a senior health policy officer at Tufts Health Plan Foundation who is considered a key player in Massachusetts policy planning for the health and well-being of older adults; and [Jennifer](#)

[Raymond](#), M.B.A., director of evidence-based programs at Hebrew SeniorLife. Raymond is considered a leader in evidence-based programs to keep seniors healthy. The final forum, titled "Moving Forward with Health Reform — Where?" takes place April 14, from 5:00–8 p.m. on the 5th floor of the School of Management and Academic Building. This gathering features a debate between [John McDonough](#), DPH, MPA, of Harvard University, who is considered a key figure in Massachusetts Health Reform and an architect of President Obama's Affordable Care Act; and [Joseph Antos](#) of the American Enterprise Institute, a nationally distinguished conservative critic of President Obama's health care reform law. Founded in 1899, Simmons College (simmons.edu) is a nationally recognized university located in Boston with a history of visionary thinking and social responsibility. It offers undergraduate education for women and the nation's first MBA program designed specifically for women. It also features renowned coeducational graduate programs in nursing and health sciences; liberal arts, including education and behavior analysis; library and information science; social work; and business. Follow us on Twitter at [@SimmonsCollege](#) and [@SimmonsNews](#).