



## **New Jersey Policy Perspective Adds Two New Analysts to Lead Health Care and Immigrants' Rights Research**

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**May 27, 2020** – New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP) announced today two new additions to its research team. **Dr. Brittany L. Holom** joins NJPP as Senior Policy Analyst and will lead the organization's health care research and analysis; **Vineeta Kapahi** joins as Policy Analyst and will research issues related to immigrants' rights and economic security.

"We are so thrilled to have Brittany and Vineeta, two incredible analysts and experts with a wealth of experience and knowledge, join the NJPP team," **said Brandon McKoy, President of NJPP.** "Brittany's academic and professional background in public health is truly impressive and she's going to help expand our work in new and exciting ways that connect health to everything from wages to the environment. Vineeta, in addition to a deep history of work in immigration organizing and advocacy, showed her depth of knowledge and data savvy as our Crotty Fellow in 2019, and it's a real honor to get to work with her in a bigger way. With these two new hires, NJPP is very well positioned to tackle the challenges of today while thinking big about the solutions of tomorrow."

Holom has extensive experience as a researcher and lecturer, and her policy interests include health care system reform, the role of social and cultural factors in access to and use of health services, and health outcomes. Prior to joining NJPP, she taught classes on health care systems, human security, post-Soviet politics, human rights, and development at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and in the Department of Political Science at The College of New Jersey. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Russian Language and Literature and Political Science from the University of Notre Dame, and her Master's and Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University.

"Having lived and worked in New Jersey for almost a decade, I am excited to have this chance to give back to my community through this position at NJPP," said **Brittany L. Holom**. "I studied policy and politics with the goal of helping to improve health and health care systems, and I am looking forward to continuing NJPP's excellent work in this area."

Prior to joining NJPP, Kapahi worked alongside immigrant communities as a social worker, organizer, and researcher for almost a decade. In the summer of 2019, Vineeta served as NJPP's Kathleen Crotty Fellow, where she authored a landmark report on the benefits of expanding New Jersey's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Prior to that, she was the Manager of Policy and Volunteer Engagement at Womankind, a nonprofit organization that addresses gender-based violence. Vineeta completed her undergraduate studies at Bard College at Simon's Rock and Rice University and holds master's degrees from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College and the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.

"I am excited to join the NJPP team as a policy analyst," said **Vineeta Kapahi**. "I look forward to contributing to research that promotes equity in access to critical resources and opportunities for all New Jersey residents, regardless of their zip code or where they were born."

Brittany and Vineeta's first day with NJPP was May 18.

Founded in 1997, NJPP is a "think and do" tank, driving policy change to advance economic, social, and racial justice through evidence-based independent research, analysis, and advocacy.

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