The staff and faculty of the PPC had another outstanding year of accomplishments. Some of the highlights include:

* Dr.Susan McKernan was awarded a two-year, $300,000 NIH grant for her project, "[Evaluation of Geographic Variation in Pedicatric Preventive Dental Services](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/06/27/mckernan-awarded-nih-grant)."
* Jerry Anthony, Researcher in the Social and Education Policy Research Program, was chosen as a [delegate to the first United Nations Habitat Congress (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi, Kenya](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/05/29/anthony-chosen-delegate-first-un-habitat-assembly).
* Karen Heimer presented, "[Violence Against Women: The Hidden Figures](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/01/31/heimer-delivers-36th-annual-presidential-lecture)" for the 36th annual UI Presidential Lecture.
* Chuck Connerly received the [Jay Chatterjee Award for Distinguished Service to Planning Education](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2018/11/12/connerly-receives-prestigious-ascp-award) from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.
* Peter Damiano, Julie Reynolds, Susan McKernan, and Ray Kuthy developed the [first standardized definition of the patient-centered dental home.](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2018/10/18/ppc-team-develops-definition-patient-centered-dental-home)
* Mark Berg, director of the PPC Crime and Justice Policy Research program, is part of a team of researchers from Iowa State University and Syracuse University, who were awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fund a [study to learn why death from opioid overdose is more prevalent in rural communities across the country than in urban areas](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2018/10/16/berg-team-studying-opioid-use-rural-communities).
* Several summer scholars-in-residence teams advanced their research in
  + [Leveraging communication and couple therapy to reduce emerging adult college student’s intimate partner violence following infidelity](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/07/02/mikucki-enyart-and-reed-fitzke-join-ppc-summer-scholars)
  + [Health care coordination networks](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/05/30/scholars-residence-study-care-coordination-networks)
  + [Women running for office](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/07/01/osborn-and-kreitzer-continue-study-women-running-office)
  + [Amplifying the perspectives of Latinx students identified as academically at-risk in a rural Iowa high school](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/07/22/summer-scholars-work-photovoice-study-latinx-students)
  + [Media, policy, and public opinion](http://ppc.uiowa.edu/news/2019/06/03/summer-scholars-seek-build-media-and-policy-program)