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Dr. Yuhua Bao is Assistant Professor in the Division of Health Policy in the Department of Public Health at Weill Cornell Medical College. She is a health economist specializing in mental health policy and is a recipient of a National Institute of Mental Health Mentored Career Development Award. Her current research focuses on payment and performance evaluation policies to promote integrated behavioral health care in general medical settings such as primary care and home health care. In addition, she conducts studies to understand mechanisms underlying racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health care, and to identify policies to eliminate such gaps. Dr. Bao maintains interests in methodological issues in health services research including modeling service utilization and costs, making causal inferences based on observational data, and decision analytical methods to assess

stakeholder preferences. Her work has appeared in leading health services research and clinical journals such as *Health Services Research*, *Medical Care*, and *Archives of General Psychiatry*. One of her studies published in the journal *Health Services Research* received the John M. Eisenberg Article of the Year Award for excellent original research in health care policy in 2007. Prior to coming to Cornell, she held research and faculty positions at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Dr. Bao received her B.A. from Fudan University in Shanghai, China, her M.A. from the University of Alabama, and her Ph.D. from the RAND Graduate School in Santa Monica, California.

1. *If you had not entered your current profession, what would you have liked to do?*

I would have liked to become a journalist, that is, a reporter, writer, or editor.

2. *Who was your most influential teacher, and why?*

My high-school Chinese teacher who taught me integrity by living it herself.

3. *What is the best piece of advice you have received, and from whom?*

"Know where your heart is, focus on it, and don't get distracted." From several people.

4. *How do you relax?*

Making jewelries from beads with my daughter.

5. *What is your worst habit?*

Putting things off rather than dealing with them right away.

6. *If you knew you had a week to live, how would you live those days?*

Be a stay-home wife and mom.