Title	Bad Jobs, Bad Health? How Work and Working Conditions Contribute to
	Health Disparities
Author	Sarah A. Burgard and Katherine Y. Lin
Source	American Behavioral Scientist
Pub Date	2013
Keywords	work, jobs, health
Abstract	In this review, we touch on a broad array of ways that work is linked to health and
	health disparities for individuals and societies. First focusing on the health of
	individuals, we discuss the health differences between those who do and do not
	work for pay, and review key positive and negative exposures that can generate
	health disparities among the employed. These include both psychosocial factors
	like the benefits of a high-status job or the burden of perceived job insecurity, as
	well as physical exposures to dangerous working conditions like asbestos or
	rotating shift work. We also provide a discussion of the ways differential exposure
	to these aspects of work contributes to social disparities in health within and
	across generations. Analytic complexities in assessing the link between work and
	health for individuals, such as health selection, are also discussed. We then touch
	on several contextual-level associations between work and the health of
	populations, discussing the importance of the occupational structure in a given
	society, the policy environment that prevails there, and the oscillations of the
	macroeconomy for generating societal disparities in health. We close with a
	discussion of four areas and associated recommendations that draw on this corpus
	of knowledge but would push the research on work, health, and inequality toward
	even greater scholarly and policy relevance.