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A Note from the Steering Committee Chair



Welcome to the Spring 2013 issue of ECPN Connections! In this issue we are excited to preview the ECPN activities at the SPR conference in San Francisco. On page 2, check out the great tips that were collected to get the most out of your conference experience, I second "Go to the Dance!" A preview of the ECPN sessions can be found on page 5. We have some excellent sessions lined up for you this year including a mock grant review at the ECPN luncheon, a session on budgeting, and a session on collaborations. We will also have an ECPN social on Thursday at 8:15pm where you can learn more about joining the ECPN steering committee and meet fellow ECPNers.

As always, the newsletter highlights the accomplishments of our talented and productive ECPN members. We are always looking for ECPN news so if you have received a grant, gotten a paper published, or have another award or accomplishment to share, please send them along, we love bragging about ECPNers! In this issue, you will also meet two of our steering committee

members, Sarah Lindstrom Johnson and Sarah Chilenski. Sarah and Sarah's contributions to the steering committee cannot be understated as each has chaired several ECPN sessions, participated in subcommittees, and are just great people to have on the steering committee.

As I wrap up this final note, I am also wrapping up my tenure as Chair. Over the past two years I have had the extreme pleasure of serving on the ECPN steering committee with an amazing, dedicated, and extremely hard-working group of individuals who have made my time as Chair a wonderful experience I am so honored to have had. I want to thank each of them for their service and look forward to continuing friendships and collaborations over the years. I know Jessica Duncan Cance, our next Chair, is going to do a tremendous job and I look forward to what comes next for ECPN!

Finally, I would like to thank Marie-Helene Véronneau, MeLisa Creamer, Katrina Debnam, Natalie Golaszewski and all other collaborators who have again done an excellent job putting this newsletter together!! We hope to see you in San Francisco and don't forget to stop by our table to say hello and enter the raffle for a free SPR membership. And, go like SPR on Facebook!

Mark your Calendars!

SPR 21st Annual Meeting

**The Science of Prevention:
Building a Comprehensive National
Strategy for Well-Being**

May 28 - 31, 2013

Preconference Workshops
May 28, 2013

Hyatt Regency San Francisco,
San Francisco, CA

Members of the ECPN Steering Committee

David Acevedo, Crystal Barksdale, Sharon Brenner, Jessica Duncan Cance, Sara Champlin, Sarah Chilenski, Brittany Rhoades Cooper, MeLisa Creamer, Max Crowley, Katrina Debnam, Nadine Finigan, Natalie Golaszewski, Kerry Green, Sarah Lindstrom Johnson, Brandi Martell, John Monopoli, Keryn Pasch, Kelly Rulison, Valerie Shapiro, Amanda Sisselman, Jeff Temple, Marie-Hélène Véronneau.

We would love to hear from you!

If you have comments or ideas about the newsletter, or if you would like to share good news (publications, grants, new position), contact Marie-Hélène Véronneau at: veronneau.marie-helene@uqam.ca. The next issue of the newsletter will come out in Fall 2013.

News from ECPN Members

PUBLICATIONS

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Howard, D. E., **Debnam, K. J.**, & Wang, M. Q. (2013). Ten-year trends in physical dating violence victimization among US adolescent females. *Journal of School Health*, 83(6), 389-99. DOI: 10.1111/josh.12042

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<http://digitalcommons.library.tmc.edu/childrenatrisk/vol14/iss1/4>.

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GRANTS

Keryn Pasch received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research grant to use eye-tracking technology to better understand youth attention to fast food advertising on television.

Marie-Hélène Véronneau received a Junior 1 Research Scholar career award from the Québec Research Funds – Health Research for her program of research, “Mental health from adolescence through adulthood: Social determinants in the school context” (2013–2017).

Tips for a successful SPR meeting

Natalie Golaszewski & Katrina Debnam

The annual Society for Prevention Research conference is right around the corner. For most of us, this is the time to finalize travel plans, prepare papers/posters, and explore the conference schedule. We decided it would be a good idea to share some of the ECPN Steering Committee members' suggestions for getting the most out of your SPR Conference experience.

1. **Network during every social opportunity**
2. **Connect with other early career peers, and don't be afraid to approach senior scientists**
3. **Prepare a 15-30 second "elevator speech" about your research interests and goals**
4. **Attend sessions relevant to your research interests and challenge yourself by attending sessions outside your "silo"**
5. **Dress professionally at all times**
6. **Socialize during poster sessions and talk to the presenters about their findings and how their work is related to your interests**
7. **If possible, tag along with your mentors to some social events—they are great resources**
8. **Bring and collect business cards**
9. **Follow-up with key people you found interesting after the conference**
10. **Go to the dance, on Thursday night!!**

Job and Training Announcements

Postdoctoral fellow, University of South Carolina

The Department of Psychology at the University of South Carolina invites applications for a postdoctoral fellow in quantitative psychology, statistics, and methodology. The successful applicant for this position will work on an NIH funded study to develop and evaluate methodology for evaluating differences in the effects of contextual factors and randomized interventions. The postdoc will work with a team of researchers on analysis of existing data, Monte Carlo simulations, development of new statistical methods, and will take the lead on scientific publications. Opportunities will be provided for training in finite mixture models, multilevel models, the evaluation of statistical methodology, and the application of statistics to the areas of prevention and public health. Candidates must have a thorough grasp of basic and advanced multivariate analyses, have experience programming in R, and have a doctoral degree in bio statistics, education, psychology, public health, statistics, or a related discipline (ABD candidates will also be considered). Experience with finite mixture models, Monte Carlo simulations, and a track record of publications in the social sciences are desired. This is a two year position with the possibility of additional years of funding and consistent with the NIH guidelines on postdoctoral salaries the pay will be between \$39,000 and \$45,000 a year depending on qualifications. Consideration of applications continues until the position is filled. For more information, please contact Dr. M. Lee Van Horn, vanhorn@sc.edu

Postdoctoral position, University of Chicago

The postdoc position would be to conduct analyses and write papers related to HIV prevention and network analysis among Black MSM on the South Side of Chicago as well as Indian MSM in Southern India. This would be on data recently collected, as well as data that is in the process of being collected. In the latter case, data manipulation would be required. This data analysis and paper writing component of the position would be approximately 70% of the effort. The postdoc would also be assisting with generation of survey materials and conducting periodic analytic checks of field staff to ensure data quality and integrity. This component would be approximately 15% of the effort. The post-doc would also be assisting with HIV prevention NIH grant submissions put forth by faculty in the BSD and at SSA. This component would be approximately 15% of the effort. The post-doc's salary, however, will not be contingent upon success in grant acquisition.

For more information, or if you wish to apply, please send a cover letter, a CV, and three references to John Schneider at schnei1@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu.

Training Programs

- The University of Kansas Summer Institutes (aka "Stats Camps"):

http://crmda.ku.edu/mw_main/index.php?title=Summer_Institutes_in_Statistics

- SPR's list of academic trainings in prevention science:

www.preventionresearch.org/conferences/training/

We like you. We hope you "like" us.

Jeff R. Temple

Co-chair of the SPR Member Communications Task Force



I was a Facebook holdout for years. I would proudly claim that I preferred my contact in the physical form, and that I didn't care what a high school classmate, who I have not thought of in over 15 years, had for dinner last night.

Upon learning that several professional societies and colleagues were sharing resources via social media, I decided to take the leap and join Facebook's BILLION other active monthly users. In realizing that the Internet is not a fad after all, the SPR Member Communications Task Force made the same decision, and set up a Facebook page.

Please come visit, "like", share, and comment on our page: www.facebook.com/PreventionResearch. Recent additions to our timeline include a news release announcing Dr. Catherine Bradshaw as the new Editor of the *Prevention Science* journal, a list of prevention-focused training programs, and a link to the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development website.

This is a fluid project and we are definitely open to feedback. Let us know what you like and dislike about the SPR page, or what you generally like/dislike about similar Facebook pages. Our goal is to not only become a go-to location for news and information about prevention science,

but a place for established, early career, and student researchers to network, share study findings, or just coalesce with like-minded folks.

By the way, I had pizza last night and the Instagram I snapped using the 1977 filter looked amazing – at least that's what the kid who sat next to me in algebra commented.

See y'all in San Francisco, where you can bet we will be snapping photos and posting them to the SPR Facebook page.

Come and visit our table at the SPR meeting!

*We all love the session breaks for the endless coffee and treats, but now there is another reason: the ECPN Table. Drop by to meet other ECPNers, pick up information about ECPN conference sessions and upcoming training events, and pick up your ECPN badge tag. All you need to be an ECPN member is to be a student or to be within 10 years post-degree. Take a look at our jobs board and share information about open postings. At specific times, representatives from funding agencies will be present to answer your questions. We look forward to seeing you! Make sure you enter our raffle for two free SPR memberships, which come with a subscription to the *Prevention Science* journal.*

The ECPN Steering Committee is working hard behind the scenes. Students, postdocs, new faculty members and new researchers collaborate on a variety of projects (like this newsletter and the ECPN-sponsored presentations at the annual meeting).

In this issue, we highlight the contribution of early career professionals who have proved to be valuable members of our network.

Meet Sarah Lindstrom-Johnson



Sarah Lindstrom Johnson, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Sarah

holds a doctorate in Public Health from the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She received a dissertation award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for her mixed methods research on school violence prevention. Following her doctoral studies, Sarah received a postdoctoral fellowship in Health Resources and Services Administration funded by the Center for Health Disparities training grant through the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Sarah's research focuses on understanding the impact of violence on adolescent development and creating appropriate preventive interventions using the principles of positive youth development. She currently serves as the Assistant Director for Research and Evaluation (Co-Investigator) on a large school-based trial to improve school climate with Dr. Catherine Bradshaw. For this trial Sarah co-developed the school climate survey instruments and the web-based data

collection system to capture the survey results from students, parents, and staff members in 58 high schools across Maryland. Sarah also co-developed an observational assessment of the school physical environment using the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design for this project. In addition, Sarah is the project director (Co-Investigator) of a randomized trial of mentoring intervention with assault injured youth. This project is funded by the NIH and is in partnership with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America. Finally, Sarah leads a very active violence prevention writing group for early career researchers in JHU's Schools of Public Health, Medicine, and Nursing.

Despite her busy work schedule, Sarah has been an active member of the ECPN steering committee since 2009 and currently serves as the Membership Chair. Sarah is also a proud mom of a beautiful 2-year old son to whom she and her husband lovingly devote all of their free time. Learn more about Sarah's research interests on Thursday, May 30th from 3-4pm when she will be presenting on "Examining the Built Environment of Schools Using the School Assessment for Environmental Typography (SAfETy)."

Meet Sarah Chilenski



Sarah M. Chilenski is a Research Associate at the Prevention Research Center at Pennsylvania State University. She received her Ph.D. in Human Development and

Family Studies from Penn State in 2006. Her primary interest is examining how communities, schools, and universities collaborate in the pursuit of quality youth prevention and health promotion programming. She has worked for 15 years on the implementation and/or evaluation and research sides of community coalitions and other community prevention programs. Over time she has developed expertise in using mixed methodologies to answer research questions and to evaluate substance abuse and delinquency prevention and treatment programs. She has a strong value in communities being able to use the data that is collected through prevention research trails to improve their prevention activities.

These interests and values led her to current work, conducting research and co-leading evaluation activities of the dissemination of the PROSPER model. She is also the Principal Investigator of the Implementation Evaluation of Evidence2Success, a new city/community prevention system

currently under development and being piloted by the Annie E Casey Foundation and several other partners. Findings from this project will be integrated to improve current on-the-ground implementation activities in the pilot city, and improving the model before testing again in two new cities sometime next year.

When Sarah is not putting together a project evaluation / data feedback report, she contributes to SPR and ECPN, taking on a number of roles throughout the years, from reviewing abstract submissions for the conference, to judging the student poster competition, to chairing the awards committee, to co-developing ECPN symposia, to participating on the training committee. In her spare time she likes to swim, bike, and run, and she finds the most joy in being a mom to her 3-year old son, Daniel. To catch Sarah at SPR this year, swing by the symposium, "Scaling up Systems for Community-Based Prevention: Factors, Findings and Lessons On Adoption and Sustainable Implementation" on Thursday, 10:15-11:45. In this symposium, she will be presenting some findings from PROSPER expansion in her presentation, "The Process of Scaling-up a Prevention System to Ensure High Quality Program Implementation At the Community-Level".

ECPN Sessions at the Annual Meeting

ECPN SESSION I

How to Effectively Manage your Funds and Budget

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013

Time: 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm, Grand Ballroom B



ECPN SESSION II

The 3 Cs of Successful Early Career Collaborations: Co-investigating, Co-authoring, and Consulting

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2013

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Garden Room B

The purpose of this session will be to discuss effectively managing funds and the budget for a newly funded study or prevention program in a real-world setting. This can become complicated, especially if when combining various sources of funding to work on a project (e.g., university funding, NIH grant, and foundation money), or if a single source of funding can be used for multiple projects (e.g., startup funds). This session will have a panel of experienced scientists working in academic or research institute settings share a few tricks with early career preventionists to help them get their budget in order—before, during, and after the completion of the research project.

Co-chairs:

Marie-Hélène Véronneau, PhD, Université du Québec à Montréal

Jessica Duncan Cance, PhD, University of Texas at Austin

Collaboration is critical for the success of early career prevention scientists. It allows us to work with people who have different skill sets, gain new perspectives, tackle interdisciplinary research questions, and work with more senior colleagues. In this session, successful mid-career prevention scientists will discuss their own collaboration experiences and provide insight into how to establish productive collaborations, how to find research partners in a new institution, and how to identify and say “no” to projects that are not a good fit. Practical topics such as determining how to charge for time as well as navigating the differing priorities of senior and junior faculty will also be discussed.

Co-Chairs:

Kelly Rulison, PhD, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Sarah Lindstrom Johnson, PhD, Johns Hopkins University

Other ECPN-Sponsored Activities at the Meeting

ECPN LUNCHEON (*REGISTRATION REQUIRED*)

Peeking Behind the Doors of the NIH Grant Review Process 2.0

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013

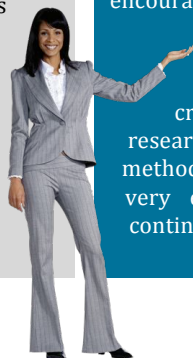
Time: 11:45 am – 1:15 pm, Grand Ballroom B

This year's ECPN sponsored luncheon will explore the NIH review process and provide insight into what actually happens when your grant goes to committee. The session will begin with an overview of the NIH grant submission process for three mechanisms often engaged by early career researchers (F's, K's and small R's) presented by a representative from the National Institutes of Health. Then a live mock review session will be held. In this session experienced NIH-funded researchers will score and discuss successful applications. At the end of the luncheon, the audience will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the panel's scoring decisions as well as general questions about submitting NIH grants as an early career researcher.

Co-Chairs:

D. Max Crowley, PhD, Duke University;

Valerie B. Shapiro, PhD, University of California-Berkeley



SOCIAL HOUR & STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : Thursday May 30, 2013

Time : 8 :15 pm – 9:15 pm,
Grand Ballroom B



Come and meet other ECPN members.

Whether you wish to learn how to become more involved in ECPN or simply wish to meet other early career people at the meeting, we will be happy to see you there.

Everybody is welcome!

Be sure to check out the 5th annual ECPN student poster contest!

Both undergraduate and graduate students were encouraged to enter. The posters will be displayed during the Wednesday and Thursday evening SPR poster sessions, and winners will be announced on Thursday at the awards presentation. Judging criteria included innovation, importance of the research topic to the field, quality, use of advanced methods, and contribution to prevention science. We are very excited that the ECPN Student Poster Contest continues to be an annual event.