**“Brown Bag” Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM**

**(2-021) “BROWN BAG” SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS I**

**(2-021A) BLUEPRINTS FOR HEALTHY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: DEMONSTRATION OF NEW WEBSITE, Grand Ballroom A**

Convener: Sharon Mihalic, University of Colorado Boulder

Blueprints for Violence Prevention has been rebranded as Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development. Blueprints has now expanded its scope to identify programs that have the highest standards for promoting education, behavior, emotional well-being, physical health and positive relationships. Blueprints programs have undergone rigorous evaluations and proven to be effective, providing a standard for quality programming. Each Blueprints program has been reviewed by an independent advisory panel that looked at research on the program’s impact, practical focus and potential for use within public systems. With funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Blueprints has developed a new website that highlights the expanded list of model and promising programs. Easy-to-use program searches allow users to match programs to identified needs. Searches can be run using criteria such as risk and protective factors, program outcomes achieved, type of program, or targeted population (i.e., age, gender, race/ethnicity). The website includes fact sheets with in-depth descriptions of the programs, as well as information on costs, funding strategies, and cost-benefit information. Also available are full write-ups describing all evaluations of a program, including methodology and outcomes. Join this webinar for a walk-through of this new and valuable resource for identifying evidence-based programs.

**(2-021B) COUPLE RELATIONSHIPS AND PREVENTION RESEARCH, Seacliff A**

Convener: Deborah Capaldi, Oregon Social Learning Center and Pajarita Charles, University of Chicago

The purpose of this special interest group is to provide an opportunity for SPR attendees to network and discuss issues related to moving the science of prevention research related to couple relationships forward. It will focus on research related to couple strengthening efforts and their potential for promoting family stability and improving adult and child outcomes. Participants will discuss the state of research in this area as it pertains to a number of domains such as partner violence, economic disadvantage, and the transition to parenthood. Attendees will discuss ways in which couples research may become more integrated and what promising or evidence-based practices are emerging. Critical areas in need of further research will also be identified. It is anticipated that this meeting will generate ideas for future research avenues as well as foster new collaborations among prevention scientists whose work focuses on couple relationships.

**(2-021C) INTERSECTORAL PREVENTION RESEARCH AND PRACTICE EDUCATION, Seacliff B**

Convener: Doris Boutain, PhD, RN, and Jenny Tsai, PhD, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC, RN, University of Washington

The purpose of this SIG is to discuss research measures and educational approaches about intersectoral collaborations for prevention. The World Health Organization defines intersectoral collaboration as a joint effort of more than one sector, or type of institution, working in union to address a common purpose. Intersectoral collaborations for prevention are recognized as a new direction for addressing multiple health and social issues such as obesity, violence, substance use, and chronic disease prevention. Intersectoral collaborations are needed to sustain effective prevention research and educate a community-based workforce to prevent today’s complex health and social issues. Explorations about how to measure intersectoral collaborations in research and educate future practitioners is needed. SIG participants will discuss their current or planned intersectoral collaborations for prevention research and education.

**(2-021D) OPTIMIZING PREVENTIVE INTERVENTIONS, Seacliff C**

Convener: Linda Collins and Kari C. Kugler, The Pennsylvania State University

This SIG is for people who are interested in exploring how the Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST) can be applied to build better behavioral interventions and improve existing interventions. Projects using MOST are currently funded by NIDA, NCI, NIDDK, and NHLBI. After a very brief (5 minute) introduction to MOST, we will spend the remainder of the hour brainstorming and discussing potential applications to the work of the attendees in specific.

**(2-021E) PREVENTION WITHOUT BORDERS: THE CROSS-NATIONAL GENERALIZABILITY OF ETIOLOGIC MODELS AND EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS, Seacliff D**

Convener: Eric Brown, University of Washington

The identification and dissemination of empirically-validated preventive interventions continues to improve. At the same time prevention science and public health promotion have adopted a more global perspective to moving science to practice. However, this global perspective raises questions about the cross-
national generalizability in the effectiveness of interventions and underlying etiologic models (e.g., risk factors) that inform the development of interventions. This SIG is intended to foster discussion on these issues and help participants remain current on relevant existing and emerging research in this area.

(2-021F) SUICIDE PREVENTION, Bayview A
Convener: Jane Pearson, National Institute of Mental Health

The Suicide Prevention (SP) Special Interest Group will provide an opportunity for SPR attendees to network and discuss issues relevant to moving the science of suicide prevention forward. Topics to be discussed might include: reactions to the recently released draft prioritized research agenda; the benefits and challenges of adding suicidal outcomes (suicide attempts; deaths) to ongoing substance abuse and mental health prevention trials; linking data sources to better identify selected and indicated target populations for suicide prevention (e.g., foster care and criminal justice populations); public policy issues around suicide prevention (e.g., screening in various settings; means restriction); and universal intervention opportunities outside of school settings (e.g., workplace; faith communities; social media).

The SP SIG is intended to be an opportunity and resource for researchers, clinicians, and policy makers who have an interest in preventing suicide morbidity and mortality.

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(3-022) “BROWN BAG” SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS II

(3-022A) AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PREVENTION RESEARCH, Seacliff A
Convener: Kathy Eitz, National Institute on Drug Abuse

The purpose of this brown bag is to convene individuals focused on prevention research among American Indian and Alaska Native populations. The primary purpose will be an opportunity to network, but information on NIDA and NIH programs will be shared and attendees will be asked to offer suggestions to further develop AI/AN prevention research.

(3-022B) EVALUATING MULTILEVEL AND COMPLEX PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES, Seacliff B
Conveners: Jeremy Segrott and Adam Fletcher, Cardiff University

The aim of this SIG is to share experiences and ideas from different international contexts on the evaluation of multilevel and complex interventions. We will discuss four main issues: a) developing theoretical frameworks and outcome measures for complex/multilevel intervention evaluations; b) designing evaluations with a particular focus on randomised controlled trials; c) key challenges encountered during the evaluation process, and strategies that might overcome them; and d) translating the findings from complex intervention evaluations into policy, practice, and other geographical contexts.

(3-022C) INTEGRATING MINDFULNESS AND OTHER CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES WITH PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS AND WITH FAMILIES, Seacliff C
Conveners: Larry Dumka, Arizona State University and Larissa Duncan, University of California, San Francisco

In this SIG, program developers can share experiences with using mindfulness training and other contemplative practices in preventive interventions. SIG participants can describe or learn about theoretical rationales for inclusion of mindfulness/contemplative activities, examples of actual activities, delivery modalities, recipient reactions, and methods for evaluating effectiveness. Other discussion topics may include how to get started in this area of research and training needs for intervention facilitators.
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**3-022D** INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, Seacliff D
Convener: Erica Woodin, University of Victoria

The Intimate Partner Violence Special Interest Group will provide an opportunity for SPR attendees to network and discuss issues related to the prevention of psychological, physical, and sexual forms of intimate partner violence (IPV). Topics to be discussed might include research on the etiology of IPV, the evaluation and dissemination of universal and targeted prevention programs for IPV, and public policy issues around IPV awareness and prevention. The IPV SIG will provide a valuable professional resource for researchers, clinicians, and policy makers who have an interest in preventing violence in close relationships.

**3-022E** USING TECHNOLOGY-BASED APPROACH TO PREVENTION OF DEPRESSION ON TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS NAVIGATING THROUGH PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS, Bayview A

Conveners: Benjamin Van Voorhees, University of Illinois at Chicago and Tracy Gladstone, Wellesley College

This SIG discussion will focus on 4 themes: (1) implementation of Information and Communication Technologies for behavioral health in primary care settings; (2) development and design of an internet-based depression prevention program for teens and young adults; (3) retention and use of internet-based depression prevention program from teens of different SES and ethnic backgrounds; (4) future directions would be open for suggestions and/or discussions to topics such as: use of social media to recruit for behavioral health studies and/or use of Natural Processing Language software in internet-based health prevention programs.

**3-022F** PREVENTION ECONOMICS PLANNING AND RESEARCH (PEPR) GROUP, Bayview B
Convener: Daniel Max Crowley, Duke University

Think we can build more efficient prevention efforts? Interested in conducting economic or benefit-cost analyses of prevention? The Prevention Economics Planning and Research Group (PEPR) invites researchers interested in collaborating around the development and evaluation of efficient prevention programs to attend its annual SIG meeting. The goal of PEPR is to facilitate high-quality evaluations of prevention program and system efficiency in order to develop prevention’s value to practitioners, policy-makers, and society. In particular, PEPR seeks to increase SPR members’ interest around the development of more efficient prevention efforts through the application of innovative methods from economics as well as systems and market science. We will be updating new and existing members on the past year’s SIG related activities.

**3-022G** SUSTAINING COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION STRATEGIES, Garden Rooms A/B

Conveners: Doris Boutain, PhD, RN, and Jenny Tsai, PhD, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC, RN, University of Washington

The purpose of this SIG is to discuss institutional sustainability and readiness measures for community-based prevention. Sustaining effective research-based prevention strategies in community-based settings is challenging, and needed in the context of diminishing resources. Institutional readiness for prevention resources, programs, and policies influences sustained actions in practice. However, the concepts of institutional sustainability and readiness are not often researched concurrently. This lack of research is particularly acute in nontraditional community-based settings. SIG participants will explore the question: What are the research-based institutional measures of readiness and sustainability associated with effective prevention policies and programs? SIG participants will also discuss their current or planned research about community based prevention sustainability.

**3-022H** PREVENTION RESEARCH AND LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER YOUTH, Pacific A

Convener: Jeffrey Poirier, American Institutes for Research

This brown bag SIG will focus on prevention and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) populations, in particular children and youth. Given the potential breadth of this topic, this short session will explore prevention of behavioral health challenges as well as social barriers (e.g., stigma) that impact well-being. Participants will be asked to share related ideas and perspectives for informing future prevention research and its application to real-world issues. This session will be an opportunity to make connections and, ideally, find areas of mutual interest for future collaboration.