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## **Catherine P. Bradshaw, Ph.D., M.Ed., Named New Editor of Prevention Science**

The Society for Prevention Research President Deborah Gorman-Smith, Ph.D., announced the appointment of Catherine P. Bradshaw, Ph.D., M.Ed., as the new editor of *Prevention Science*, the official journal of the Society for Prevention Research. Dr. Bradshaw is currently Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Professor in the Department of Human Services at the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. She also holds an appointment at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health where she serves as the Deputy Director of the Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence and the Co-Director of the Center for Prevention and Early Intervention.

“SPR sought a prevention scientist with an outstanding research record and a demonstrated commitment to high-quality empirical prevention research to succeed Dr. Robert McMahon as editor of *Prevention Science*. We are very fortunate that Catherine Bradshaw is willing to serve SPR in this important capacity,” says Dr. Gorman-Smith. “She also brings a clear vision to continue the advancement of the journal and its central role in the field for the next five years.” Her primary research interests focus on the development of aggressive behavior and school-based prevention. She collaborates on research projects examining bullying and school climate; the development of aggressive and problem behaviors; effects of exposure to violence, peer victimization, and environmental stress on children; and the design, evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based prevention programs in schools. She presently collaborates on federally supported randomized trials of school-based prevention programs, including Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and social-emotional learning curricula. She received a career development award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for her research on the use of evidence-based violence prevention programs in schools and collaborates on federally-funded research grants supported by the NIMH, NIDA, CDC, and the Institute of Education Sciences. She also received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from President Obama in 2009.

Dr. Bradshaw will replace Robert J. McMahon, Ph.D., who will have served as the second editor of *Prevention Science* from January 2007 to December 2013. Dr. McMahon is the B.C. Leadership Chair in Proactive Approaches to Reducing Risk for Violence among Children and Youth in the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University, a Research Scientist at the Child & Family Research Institute, and Director of the Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence at Simon Fraser University and CFRI. In the seven years of Dr. McMahon’s term as editor, the journal has grown in importance in the prevention science community and established itself as the premier journal for the field of prevention. “It is a tremendous honor to have the opportunity to work collaboratively with the associate editors and the editorial board to help disseminate high quality prevention science research. And never before has the need been greater for translating cutting-edge prevention science findings for practice and policy,” says Dr. Bradshaw. Dr. Bradshaw’s appointment is effective January 1, 2014.

Dr. Bradshaw has been an active member of the scientific community. She is currently a member of the Society for Prevention Research, the Society for Research in Child Development, the Society

for Research on Adolescence; and has served in leadership roles as board member of the Association for Positive Behavior Support and as conference reviewer for the Society for Research in Child Development. She serves as an associate editor on the Journal of Research on Adolescence and she is a board member of Behavioral Disorder, Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, Journal of School Violence, School Psychology Quarterly, Journal of School Psychology, and Journal of Elementary Education.

Dr. Bradshaw received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Richmond (1997), her M.Ed. in counseling and guidance from the University of Georgia, and her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Cornell University (2004). Prior to joining the University of Virginia in January 2013 she was an Associate Professor and the Associate Chair for Prevention in the Department of Mental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

*The Prevention Science journal, a bi-monthly publication, is the official journal of the Society for Prevention Research. Additional information on SPR and the journal is available at [www.preventionresearch.org](http://www.preventionresearch.org) or by calling 703-934-4850, ext. 213.*

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