



Call for Papers for a Special Issue:

Prevention Science and Youth Conduct Problems: Development, Prevention, and Treatment

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The journal *Prevention Science* (ISSN: 1389-4986, IF: 3.931 [2021]) is soliciting letters of intent to prepare a manuscript for consideration in a forthcoming Special Issue entitled “***Prevention Science and Youth Conduct Problems: Development, Prevention, and Treatment.***” This Special Issue will be presented in recognition of Professor Robert J. McMahon’s scientific contributions and in honor of his retirement in September 2023 from his positions as Professor within the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University, BC Leadership Chair in Proactive Approaches to Reducing Risk for Violence among Children and Youth, and Director of the Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence, Canada. In addition to his numerous academic, research, and mentoring achievements, Dr. McMahon was the Editor-in-Chief of *Prevention Science* from 2007-2013.

Over four decades, Dr. McMahon’s many scientific impacts fall within three key themes surrounding the development, prevention, and treatment of youth conduct problems. First, as one of the founding PIs of the Fast Track Project, Dr. McMahon provided significant contributions to understanding and designing multicomponent preventive interventions. Fast Track is a longitudinal, multisite collaborative study aimed at preventing serious conduct problems (Conduct Problems Prevention Research Group, 2020) and has demonstrated positive intervention effects through age 25 years. Second, alongside his mentor Rex Forehand, Dr. McMahon developed, evaluated, and disseminated a social learning-based parenting intervention for young children with

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conduct problems and their families, known as Helping the Noncompliant Child (Forehand & McMahon, 1981; McMahon & Forehand, 2003). Helping the Noncompliant Child has demonstrated positive effects on outcomes 10-14 years post-treatment and was adapted to be included as part of the parenting component of Fast Track. Finally, Dr. McMahon has conducted extensive research on risk and protective factors in the development and maintenance of conduct problems, including parent (e.g., monitoring, harsh and inconsistent discipline), child (e.g., depression, callous-unemotional traits), and contextual (e.g., neighborhoods, schools) factors.

This Special Issue will bring together a selection of original theoretical, empirical, and systematic/meta-analytic papers on the development, prevention, and treatment of conduct problems, and broadly externalizing psychopathology, as inspired by Dr. McMahon's scientific career contributions encompassed within three broad aims: **1) multicomponent preventive interventions for conduct problems; 2) family-based treatments for conduct problems; and 3) risk and protective factors in the development and maintenance of conduct problems.** We invite novel, cutting-edge manuscripts that engage the science and legacy of Dr. McMahon's work, showcasing research within the fields of prevention and intervention science and developmental psychopathology. Manuscripts should reflect on future directions and important next steps to deepen our understanding of how to assess, prevent, and treat youth conduct problems.

Authors interested in contributing a manuscript for this Special Issue should submit a letter of intent by **October 1, 2023**, including the following: (1) tentative title; (2) brief description in 500 words or less (structured as Background, Methods/Sample, Proposed Analyses); (3) brief justification of how the proposed submission contributes to one or more of the aims of the Special Issue; (4) names and affiliations for all authors; and (5) contact information for the Corresponding Author. The Guest Editors will review the letters of intent to ensure fit with the Special Issue and will work to select an inclusive set of papers.

Letters of intent should be sent electronically as a PDF or word file to Sarah Racz (sracz@umd.edu), Natalie Goulter (ngoulter@sfu.ca), and Yao Zheng (yao.zheng@ualberta.ca) with the subject line noted as "Special Issue of Professor Robert J. McMahon's Retirement." All letters of intent will be reviewed by **November 1, 2023**, and invited contributors will be asked to submit a full manuscript through the online review system by **March 1, 2024**. Invited contributors may be asked to serve as reviewers for other invited manuscripts. Manuscripts will be sent out for full peer review in accordance with the standard *Prevention Science* review guidelines.

Questions concerning letters of intent can be directed to the Guest Editors (Sarah Racz, Natalie Goulter, and Yao Zheng). Manuscript formats can include original empirical submissions, systematic reviews, methodological papers, meta-analyses, brief reports etc. For additional information on the journal and author guidelines, see <http://link.springer.com/journal/11121>.

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