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Pushing Boundaries: Conceptual Frameworks to Help you Position and Extend your Violence Prevention Work



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Description: Preventing violence is a goal we all feel passionate about, but with such a big and complex problem it can be difficult to know where to start. Whether you are a researcher, practitioner or policy maker interested in preventing or responding to violence, you need to make decisions on where it is best to put your effort.

Conceptual frameworks can help us navigate and improve our ability to make strategic decisions regarding which risk and protective factors to address or which actions might best move the field forward. Drawing from the fields of social epidemiology, mental health promotion, intersectoral action and research impact, the goal of this workshop is to give you some conceptual maps to guide your work -- beyond the ecological model. Come along for a lively discussion, an opportunity to expand your worldview, and some suggestions to sharpen your focus.

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The Resilience Equation: How High Dosages of Strengths Can Counter Even High Burdens of Trauma



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Description: There have been 3 great revolutions in trauma science—the first, in the mid-to-late 20th century, when social science principles were applied to trauma for the first time, leading to the discovery that trauma is a much bigger public health problem than previously recognized. Some of the most impactful social science ever conducted this revolution led to huge changes in policy and practice worldwide. In the second revolution, around the turn of the century, we learned that each dose of trauma adds to our cumulative lifetime burden, in part because of the biological effects of exposure to chronic stress. Just like much of the harm from alcohol, drugs, or even the sun comes from repeated exposure, the same is true for trauma. Now we are at the cusp of the third revolution, which is showing that the dose-response concept applies to strengths too, and that we can overcome even high doses of trauma with sufficient “doses” of psychosocial strengths. This is the **resilience equation**: we can add up good stuff to overcome bad stuff. This workshop will identify the key psychosocial strengths people need to overcome trauma, focusing on meaning making, regulation, interpersonal relationships, and environmental influences. Easily accessible tools, such as mindfulness, narrative, and shinrin yoku (“forest bathing” or spending time in natural environments) build our resilience portfolios and minimize the aftereffects of trauma. Even after considerable trauma exposure, it is still possible to thrive and put together the pieces.

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Understanding and Utilizing Meta-analysis in Violence Prevention Research

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Richard Marx, Ph.D.- is an Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Development at San José State University. Dr. Marx earned their PhD in Community Research and Action from the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University, where they studied and worked at the Meta-Analysis Institute at the Peabody Research Institute. Dr. Marx's interdisciplinary, community-engaged research and practice focus on reframing dominant visions of queer young people, so that they are no longer viewed as deviant, damaged, or at-risk, but rather as the gifted, complex people they are. They have conducted meta-analyses on topics as disparate as Gender and Sexuality Alliances in schools, later school start times, and sexual assault prevention programs, all with the aim of leveraging advanced statistical methods to inform policy and practice to help children, youth, and families live full and complete lives.

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Description: In the field of violence prevention research, meta-analysis is a powerful tool for synthesizing evidence and drawing robust conclusions. However, for many researchers in the field, navigating the complexities of meta-analysis can pose significant challenges. This pre-conference workshop aims to bridge this gap by offering a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of meta-analysis for violence prevention researchers. Attendees will learn the essentials of meta-analysis, starting with an exploration of its purpose, methodology, and key statistical concepts. Through interactive sessions and practical examples, participants will gain proficiency in interpreting and critically evaluating meta-analysis articles, enabling them to extract meaningful insights and apply them to their own research endeavors. Moreover, this workshop will empower attendees to identify potential topics and outcomes for meta-analyses within the realm of violence prevention. By collaborating with experienced facilitators, participants will learn how to formulate research questions, select appropriate studies, and navigate potential challenges in conducting a meta-analysis. By the conclusion of the workshop, attendees will emerge equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to engage with meta-analysis literature effectively, as both consumers and producers of knowledge.

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Publishing your Gender-Based Violence Research: Demystifying the Publication Process



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For more than 40 years, Dr. Renzetti's research has focused on the violent victimization experiences of socially and economically marginalized women and girls. She is editor of the peer-reviewed, international and interdisciplinary journal *Violence Against Women*, which she founded in 1995 and which is currently published 16 times a year by Sage Publications. Dr. Renzetti is also the editor of the Gender and Justice book series for University of California Press, co-editor of the Interpersonal Violence book series for Oxford University Press, and editor of the Family and Gender-based Violence book series for Cognella. She has written or edited 26 books as well as numerous book chapters and journal articles based on her research. Most recently, Dr. Renzetti collaborated with co-PI, Dr. Diane Follingstad, on a Department of Justice-funded evaluation of the horticultural therapy program for battered women and their children at Greenhouse 17 (formerly the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program) in Lexington, KY. She also studies the problem of domestic sex trafficking, including identifying gaps in the knowledge base and in rigorous and reliable data collection, and assisting health care providers and law enforcement in identifying domestic sex trafficking victims. She also conducts research on the effects of religiosity and religious self-regulation on intimate partner violence perpetration and victimization. She has held elected offices in several national and regional professional associations, including the American Sociological Association, the American Society of Criminology, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and the Eastern Sociological Society. Her research and community service has been recognized with awards from the American Sociological Association, the American Society of Criminology, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, the University of Delaware, Artemis Center (an advocacy organization for domestic violence victims in Dayton, OH), and the YWCA of Dayton (OH).

Description: This workshop is designed especially for graduate students, early-career academics, and advocates and practitioners in the GBV field, who would like to learn more about navigating the publication process. The workshop will cover both journal and book publishing and is intended to make the process both more transparent and less intimidating. The workshop will cover such topics as identifying an appropriate journal or publisher for your manuscript, manuscript preparation and submission, and handling publication decisions. The workshop facilitator has been a journal editor for 30 years and also edits three book series. Participants are encouraged to raise questions and share anecdotes about their own publication experiences with the group.

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Setting a Strategic Research Agenda on Adverse Relationship Pressures at the Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and Close Relationships

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Timothy J. Valshtein, Ph.D.- Tim Valshtein's research lies at the intersection of self-regulation and close relationships and seeks to better understand a.) the process by which individuals pursue and form romantic relationships, and b.) how perturbations in these processes may undergird problematic relationship behaviors. Recent work includes modeling the process of disengagement from romantic courtship, developing a new measure of presumptuousness in the romantic context, refining understandings of the psychology of gaslighting, and examining how long-distance couples navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. He is also broadly interested in pedagogical best practices, and advanced quantitative methods including issues in measurement, longitudinal data, survival analysis, case-control matching, and innovative ways to use data for justice-oriented research.



Abriana Gresham, Ph.D.- Abriana Gresham's research focuses on understanding the causes and consequences of intimate partner violence, drawing from relationship, stress, and affective sciences to understand this phenomenon. Specifically, her work uses a multi-method approach that integrates self-report, behavioral, and physiological data to understand (1) how power and dominance in romantic relationships contribute to intimate partner violence; (2) how experiencing intimate partner violence contributes to negative health outcomes; and (3) why and how violent relationships might be maintained over time.

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Description: There is significant literature on risk factors for intimate partner violence (IPV); however, adverse features of the socioecological system that may catalyze subsequent IPV remain understudied. Incorporating relationship science may enhance current understandings of the processes underlying these Adverse Relationship Pressures (ARPs). To do this, increased synchronization of research agendas, development of shared frameworks, and refinement of best practices across disciplines is warranted.

In this workshop, we will introduce attendees to a conceptual model of ARPs as a way of organizing the “gray areas” between intimate partner violence and close relationship processes. Then, using a topic map of cross-cutting themes from IPV and close relationships research, we will facilitate a discussion of key issues in this research space.

Next, workshop participants will break into small groups and work collaboratively to evaluate the topic map categories, based on a standardized set of evaluation criteria and guidelines. Finally, participants will complete a survey where they can report on which topics should be prioritized. Beyond anchoring the shared collaborative research agenda, this panel discussion will promote cross-disciplinary connections, connections with community partners, discussions of novel funding mechanisms, and ultimately give way for a new ARPs working group.

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Description: The CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) has helped protect Americans from injury and violence for more than 30 years. NCIPC's vision is to prevent injuries and violence through science and action. In order to do so, NCIPC conducts and supports research to identify factors affecting risk for injury and violence as well as develop and test prevention strategies to understand efficacy and effectiveness in various communities. NCIPC collaborates with partners outside of the federal government to carry out its vision¹, and this is most often accomplished through announcements of Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO).

This 3-part workshop will provide an overview of NCIPC's research priorities, offer lessons from current and past funded NCIPC researchers, and walk participants through the process of identifying appropriate NOFOs, applying for funding including building and submitting an application, and the review process. This workshop is designed for any researcher new to applying to NCIPC NOFO, including both junior and experienced researchers. Panelists will share valuable insights including elements needed to craft a compelling application, pitfalls to avoid, and tips for navigating application submission systems. In addition, NCIPC staff will provide a detailed description of the application review process, including how applications progress through primary and secondary review. Finally, information on professional development resources (i.e., writing workshops) that participants can access at a later time will be provided.