PREVENTION SCIENCE

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Esmeralda (Esme) Castro, a first-year doctoral student in Prevention Science, Promising Scholar, and extern at Kidsports in Eugene. Esme will be surveying parents of youth participating in the Kidsports' P.E. Fusion program to assess change in youth's physical literacy and social emotional health after their participation in the program. P.E. Fusion aims to help youth stay healthy and equips them for life's challenges by teaching persistence, resilience, and positive, productive thinking. Esme will also conduct psychometric testing of the physical literacy measure she is using in her research."

We also want to congratulate *Mark Hammond* for his first author publication: Hammond, M., Khurana, A., & Stormshak, E. A. Adolescent measures of family socioeconomic status: Reliability, validity, and effects on substance use behaviors in adolescence and young adulthood. *Preventive Medicine Reports*.

ALUMNI CORNER

Dr. Maria Schweer-Collins is a 2020 graduate of the Prevention Science Doctoral Program. Following graduation, she began a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Oregon's Prevention Institute. In collaboration with Drs. Leslie Leve (UO) and Carly Dierkhising (Cal State Los Angeles), Maria is running her first grant as a Multiple Principal Investigator. The longitudinal extension, funded through the National Institute of Justice, will specify developmental trajectories of delinquency and crime from adolescence into adulthood among a sample of justice-involved females, many of whom also experienced child maltreatment. The study aims to identify potential targets for subsequent intervention to prevent sustained delinquency and multiple-systems involvement among trauma-exposed women. You can read more about the study here.

Here are some additional alumni updates!

- Prevention Science PhD graduate, *Nicholas Parr*, is a Research Scientist in the Evidence Synthesis Program Coordinating Center at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Portland, OR.
- Prevention Science MS graduate, *Rene Maldonado*, is a Project Assistant at the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging, and Prevention Science MS graduate, *Lindsey Nichols*, is in the Counseling Psychology doctoral program at UO.
- We love hearing from you! Send us updates and let us know if we can share them in our newsletter: prevsci@uoregon.edu

PROGRAM NEWS & UPDATES

A reminder of methodology course requirement for Prevention Science doctoral students:

Taking EDUC 614, 620, 640, 642, 644 plus either HLM I or SEM I fulfills your methodology course requirements. Another course of relevance for masters and doctoral students is EDUC 630 (Qualitative Methodology I). And, this spring Dr. Emily Tanner-Smith will be offering Meta-Analysis I, PREV 610, and Dr. Dave DeGarmo will be teaching Adaptive Designs, PREV 610.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Society for Prevention Research's Diversity Network Committee is sponsoring a 4-part presentation series. The series will feature prevention scientists from underrepresented groups who primarily conduct research with understudied groups. The series also promotes a forum for guest speakers to share reflections as researchers from underrepresented groups and to promote discussions about diversity and inclusion in professions related to prevention science and public health. To learn more, visit:

https://www.preventionresearch.org/diversity-network/dnc-speaker-series/

FEATURED FACULTY

Professor Muruthi is in his second year at the COE as an assistant professor of Counseling Psychology and Human Services. His formal assignments are primarily with the FHS and Prevention Science programs. James' research interests are in health disparities among underserved aging minorities. His research aims to develop and apply community-informed frameworks and interventions for promoting health among aging minorities. Away from the scholarly corridors of HEDCO, James enjoys time with his family and social dancing. He is also a wannabe road biker.