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Annals of Behavioral Medicine

Increased Impact Factor announced

The latest Journal Citation Reports have recently been released and we are delighted to reveal that the latest Impact Factor for Annals of Behavioral Medicine has risen to **3.118**.

To celebrate this new Impact Factor, we have curated a selection of highly cited articles from recent years and made them free to read online. https://academic.oup.com/abm/pages/highly_cited

NIH News

Rigorous Resources for Rigorous Research

Over two years ago, NIH rolled out a policy to enhance reproducibility of its supported research through rigor and transparency. Applicants and reviewers were required to devote more attention to four areas: the rigor of the prior research (scientific premise), the rigor of the proposed research (scientific rigor), consideration of biological variables including sex, and the authentication of key biological and/or chemical resources. When the 21st Century Cures Act was passed later that same year, we were required, amongst other things, to assemble a working group of the Advisory Council to the NIH Director (ACD). These experts were charged with recommending ways to further enhance reproducibility of the research we fund, while being informed by the current policy.

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OBSSR News

A Better Lens for Viewing NIH Funding of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

“Let’s not fly blind” has been a frequent call to action at OBSSR in recent years. We are responsible for coordinating the behavioral and social sciences research (BSSR) at the NIH but that is a difficult task without the data and analytics to determine what types of BSSR are being funded or not and why. To understand the BSSR portfolio, we rely heavily on the Research Condition and Disease Categorization (RCDC) tools available to us. RCDC reports that in Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17), the NIH funded 10,649 grants (3,124 new or competing) that were coded as BSSR. Because grants have multiple RCDC codes, we can determine how many BSSR grants are also coded as Alzheimer’s (760), Serious Mental Illness (581), Cancer (857) or Heart Disease (256).

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Conferences

Registration is now open for the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science conference, Oct. 3-5 in Washington, DC. The theme is “Pushing the Boundaries of Population Health Science: Social Inequalities, Biological Processes, and Policy Implications.”

Register here: <https://rwjf.ws/2NU6deZ>

Funding Opportunities

The [National Cancer Institute \(NCI\) Director](#) has announced an investment in special priority areas through the use of Administrative Supplements in response to immediate public health needs and timely research opportunities.

The NCI Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) is pleased to welcome Administrative Supplement applications to extend grant funding in two areas relevant to cancer prevention and control:



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1. [Pediatric Cancer Control Research Across the Lifespan](#) (NOT-CA-18-088); and
2. [Integrative Data Analysis in Cancer Control and Population Sciences](#) (NOT-CA-18-087).

DCCPS intends to fund several supplements to parent awards this Fiscal Year to currently-funded NCI grantees. The proposed project and budget periods must be within the existing award. Requests for no-cost extensions on the parent grant to accommodate a supplement will not be permitted.



Please see the NIH Guide notices of NOT-CA-18-088 and NOT-CA-18-087 for details. Investigators are encouraged to contact the NCI Program Director on their parent grant for questions, or email

ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov to be directed to the appropriate person.

Submissions must be received by August 17, 2018 at 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health

Prevention Research in Mid-Life Adults (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=306798>

Prevention Research in Mid-Life Adults (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=306799>

Modular R01s in Cancer Control and Population Sciences (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=307518>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research for a Culture of Health

2018 Call for Proposals

Release Date: July 18, 2018 | Application Deadline: October 10, 2018, 3:00 p.m. ET

Purpose

Systems for Action (S4A) is a signature research program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that builds a Culture of Health by rigorously testing new ways of connecting the nation's fragmented medical, social, and public health systems. Studies conducted through the S4A program test innovative mechanisms for aligning the delivery and financing systems for medical, social, and public health services, with a focus on estimating their impact on health and health equity. S4A uses a wide research lens that includes and extends beyond medical care and public health to incorporate social service systems—such as housing; transportation; education; employment; food and nutrition assistance; child and family support; criminal and juvenile justice; and economic and community development.

https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2018/systems-for-action--systems-and-services-research-to-build-a-cul.html?cid=xsp_rwjfstaff_unpd_ini:s4acfp_dte:20180718

Graduate Scholarship in Cancer Nursing Practice

Application Deadline: November 1, 2018

Save the Date: Informational Call on September 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm EDT

The award provides support for students in programs of study that will qualify them to practice as an advance practice nurse with a specialization in oncology. This scholarship is available to graduate students pursuing a master's degree in



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nursing or a doctorate of nursing practice. Students in qualifying post-master's certificate programs may also apply. Applicants must be accepted to an accredited graduate nursing degree program and be licensed registered nurses at the time the scholarship begins. The program of study must be offered within an academic institution (non-profit only) in the United States that can award an advanced nursing practice degree with demonstrated integration of cancer nursing content, or the applicant must demonstrate previous advanced practice oncology nursing training. The student must be advised by a faculty member responsible for the oncology nursing content in the curriculum or program of study proposed for the applicant.

The annual scholarship stipend is \$10,000, and includes subsistence and tuition expenses. Scholarships are awarded for a minimum of one and a maximum of two years of funding. Continued funding is contingent upon satisfactory progress in the graduate program as documented in the student report.

For more information about the scholarship—**including instructions to join the call**—consult our web site: www.cancer.org/research. Choose “Apply for a Grant” > “Grant Types.

American Cancer Society - Doctoral Scholarships in Cancer Nursing

Application Deadline: October 15, 2018

Save the Date: Informational Call for Applicants and Advisors on August 30, 2018 at 3:00 pm EDT

Doctoral Scholarships in Cancer Nursing provide support for study in a doctoral degree program in nursing or a related area that will prepare the graduate for a career as a cancer nurse scientist. Applicants must possess a current license to practice as a registered nurse, and be enrolled in or applying to an accredited doctoral degree

program. Students must project a full-time program of study that integrates cancer nursing and provides evidence of faculty support. Awards are made for up to two years, with possibility of renewal based on satisfactory progress. The yearly stipend is \$15,000 per year, which includes subsistence and tuition expenses.

For more information about the scholarship—**including instructions to join the call**—consult our web site: www.cancer.org/research. Choose “Apply for a Grant” > “Grant Types.

Honors & Awards

Congratulations to Lisa Kiser on completing her Doctorate of Nursing Practice with Frontier University this June. Title of DNP Project: *Improving Equitable Access to Cervical Cancer Screening and Management in an Urban Federally Qualified Health Center.*

Funding & Awards

****5 grants funded since the June newsletter****

1. **Badger, T., Crane, T., Segrin, C., Wong, D.** (2018) Title: Improving Informal Caregivers' and Cancer Survivors' Psychological Distress, Symptom Management and Health Care Use. Agency: NCI
2. Haynes, P., **Silva Torres, G.E.**, et. al. (2017) Title: Examining Sleep and Social Rhythms as Mechanisms for Weight Gain After Job Loss. Agency: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (continuation)
3. Kraft, A., **Loescher, L.**, et. al. (2017) Title: University of Arizona Cancer Center – Cancer Center Support Grant. Agency: NCI (continuation)
4. **Menon, U., Pares-Avila, J., Szalacha, L.** (2018) Title: Integrated Second Language Learning for Chronic Care: A Model to Improve Primary Care for Hispanics with



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- Diabetes. Agency: Ohio State University (continuation)
5. Ruiz, J., **Pace, T.**, Laudenslager, M. (2018) Title: Ethnicity, Stress and The Relational Environment Study (ESTRES). Agency: Sarver Heart Center, (Intramural Grant)

6. **Morrison, H.**, (2018) Title: CAREER: Investigating the diversity of microglia forms and functions and relevance to brain regions, sex and age. Agency: NSF
7. Simpson, R. & **Gordon, J.** (2018) Title: Promoting Behavioral Health, Cognitive, Sensorimotor and Immune Function using Guided Imagery to Augment Exercise Training in an Isolated and Confined Spaceflight Analog Environment. Agency: NASA
8. Solomon, T., **Pool, N.**, Reader, T. (2018) Title: Community Approaches to Health in Pima County, AZ (REACH Pima) Agency: Pima County, AZ

Research & Scholarship Updates

Pending Grant Proposals

Proposals submitted since the June newsletter

1. **Gordon, J.** (2018) Title: Development and Evaluation of a Responsiveness-Based Multimedia Intervention to Improve Support for Smoking Cessation. Agency: Oregon Research Institute
2. **Gordon, J.** (2018) Title: The Impact of Environment Factors on Ethnically Diverse Adolescents' Attitudes and Use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems: A Longitudinal Study of Exposure to Tobacco Outlets and Marketing. Agency: Oregon Research Institute
3. Lifshitz, J., Akhter, M., **Morrison, H.**, Rowe, R., Subbian, V. (2018) Title: Analytical Modeling of Acquired Neurological Injury with Rich Experimental Data Sets. Agency: NIH
4. **Love, R.** (2018) Title: Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program-Supplemental Funding. Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
5. **Menon, U.**, Lance, M.P., **Szalacha, L.**, Yellowhair, M. (2018) Title: Dissemination of a Colorectal Cancer Screening Program Across American Indian Communities in Southern Plains and Southwest United States. Agency: NCI

Articles Submitted

1. Dixon, H., Conneely, K., Gluck, R., Munoz, A., Rochat, C., Mendoza, H., Hartzell, G., Ressler, K., Bradley, B., **Pace, T.W.W.**, Umpierrez, G., Schwartz, A., Michopoulos, A., & Gillespie, C. The differential effects of PTSD, MDD, and dissociation on CRP in trauma-exposed women. *Biological Psychiatry*.

Articles Published

1. Paik, G. J., Henker, H., Sereika, S., Alexander, S., **Piotrowski, K. A.**, Appel, N., . . . **Henker, R.** (2018). Accuracy of Temporal Artery Thermometry as an Indicator of Core Body Temperature in Patients Receiving General Anesthesia. *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing*. doi:10.1016/j.jopan.2018.05.001

Articles in Press

1. Marshall, C.A., Curran, M.A., Brownmiller, G., Armin, J., Hamann, H.A., Crist, J.D., Niemela, M., **Badger, T.A.**, & Weihs, K.L. Oregon's Familias en Acción replicates benefits for underserved cancer co-



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survivors through Un Abrazo Para la Familia. *Psycho-Oncology*.

7. **Vital, V.**, Somos Nosotros: This is Us. National Association of Hispanic Nurses 43rd Annual Conference Latino Health Care: Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity. Cleveland, OH. July 31-August 3, 2018

Presentations

1. **Kahn-John, M., McEwen, M.** Round table Scholars session. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars & Mentors Meeting. Summer Institute, 2018.
2. **Martin-Plank, L.M.** Promoting Exercise in Older Adults: Jumping Through Hoops or Slow Dancing. American Association of Nurse Practitioners Conference. Denver, CO. June, 2018.
3. **Ortiz-Dowling, E.M.**, Phillips, L., **Crist, J.D.**, **Shea, K.D.** Gender Differences in End-of-Life Care in Older Mexican American Adults. Betty J. Cleckley Minority Research Award, Aging and Public Health, 2018 Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA. November, 2018. (*Finalist*, winner to be determined)
4. **Ortiz-Dowling, E.M.**, Phillips, L., **Crist, J.D.**, **Shea, K.D.** Gender Differences in End-of-Life Care in Older Mexican American Adults. The International Conference on Aging in Americas. Tucson, AZ., September, 2018. (poster presentation)
5. Pincus, D., Taylor-Swanson, L. Conboy, L., Butner, J., **Koithan, M.** & Yang, R. Nonlinear Datapalooza 2.0: A New Kind of Conference for a New Kind of Science. New England Complex System Institute. Cambridge, MA., July 2018. (poster presentation)
6. Taylor-Swanson, L., Wong, A., Conboy, L., **Koithan, M.**, Pincus, D., & Butner, J. Attractor dynamics during the menopausal transition and early post-menopause. New England Complex Systems Institute. Cambridge, MA., July, 2018. (podium presentation)