

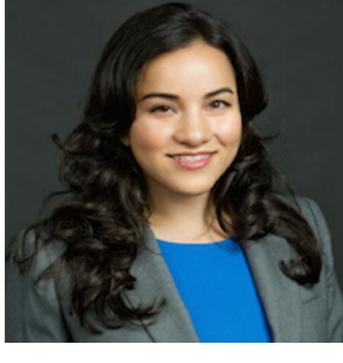
POPULATION STUDIES CENTER NEWSLETTER

The PSC will be closed next Thursday and Friday which means there will not be a newsletter next week. We hope you have a great weekend!

Upcoming Events



Penn Sociology presents: **Shantee Rosado** "Blanco y Negro: The Role of Language in Second-Generation Latinos' Racial Ideologies" Race, Ethnicity & Immigration Workshop
November 17



PSC presents: **Corrine Low** "Betting the House: How Assets Influence Marriage Selection, Marital Stability, and Child Investments"
2017 PSC Colloquium Series
November 20

Kevin Volpp and David Mandell will lead the new NIMH-funded Penn ALACRITY Center

Researchers at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania will receive \$6.4 million in funding from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to create a new center to improve mental health service delivery through behavioral economics and implementation science. The Penn ALACRITY Center—one of two NIMH-funded Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness—will launch with three projects to enhance treatment for people served through publicly-funded mental health systems. ALACRITY Centers are designed to carry out transdisciplinary projects that would not be possible using standard research-project grant processes. Penn's center comprises collaboration between the [Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research \(CMHPSR\)](#) and the [Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics \(CHIBE\)](#), both in the Perelman School of Medicine. Read more about the projects [here](#).



Like listening to podcasts?

Interested in global issues? Check out [Hot & Bothered](#), a new climate politics podcast co-hosted by [Daniel Aldana Cohen](#). Also be sure to listen to [The Global Cable](#), the official podcast of Perry World House. Episodes include conversations with policy experts, global leaders, and Penn faculty.



Community-Driven Research Day December 5th!

Community-Driven Research Day (CDRD) encourages collaboration between researchers and community-based organizations (CBOs)/community groups who have research questions that they are interested in answering, specifically in ways that address local solutions to

health challenges. Through an interactive poster session, CBOs and community groups will highlight their research questions to program participants who will include area non-profits, community groups, public sector partners, and researchers from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, The University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Drexel University, and Thomas Jefferson University. The deadline to submit a presentation is November 21st! Details about submission and registration [here](#).

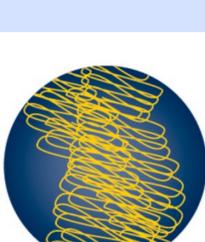
RWJF 2017 Call for Proposals

Social connections can help us thrive. But too many people feel disconnected from society and from life, and that contributes to a host of physical, mental and emotional health problems. School children, teens, new mothers, immigrants, LGBT people, people living in remote areas, even millennials with thousands of Facebook friends, often feel excluded or like they don't belong. We want to learn about solutions that have worked in other countries to address social isolation across all ages and life stages, so that we can strengthen social connection in the United States. With this call for proposals (CFP), RWJF is looking for the best ideas from around the world that address social isolation and promote positive, healthy social connections, and well-being. The deadline for this CFP is December 21st! Details about eligibility and requirements [here](#).



Sleep and School Start Times

Alison Buttenheim is cited in a new article written by Isabel Fattal in *The Atlantic* about the complexities of policy change as it relates to school start times. Although people are not in agreement about what time high school should actually start, it is clear that many are slow to challenge the status quo. Buttenheim and a team of researchers wrote "[Applying behavioral insights to delay school start times](#)" published in *Sleep Health*. They suggest 4 strategies to influence decision-making processes and demonstrate how they can be applied to efforts aimed at changing school start time policies. Read the Atlantic article [here](#).



Genomics for Social Scientists

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The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize researchers with genetic data and provide instruction on how to incorporate genetic information into social science analyses. This one-week genomic data workshop will focus on providing hands-on training for researchers working at the intersection of genetics and social science research, using data from the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) as a model. Using tutorial versions of the HRS core survey data and HRS genetic data files, the workshop will instruct on several current methods of genomic analyses. Lectures will also discuss issues surrounding collection of samples, working with labs, ethics, and collaboration with biological experts. Apply to participate in this workshop by January 12, 2018! Details about the application, cost, and course outline [here](#).



R-Ladies Philly!

Ring in the new year with a resolution to use R more! Who are we? We are a few women in Philadelphia who use R and wanted to have a friendly community to extend our R skills and network with other women R users. We learned about the international R-Ladies community and decided to try it in our city. Anyone with an interest in R is welcome. You can be an R expert or novice. When? This January will be the first meeting. We plan to have an informal mixer to introduce ourselves and find out what topics are of the most interest for future meetings. After this first meeting, we hope to start a monthly schedule of interactive workshops led by volunteers. If you have anything you want to share, a problem you are working on, or an idea for a collaborative project, we want to hear about it! If you are completely new to R, bring your computer, and we can walk you through setting up R and RStudio or answer any setup questions you have been working through.

Irma Elo's recent paper in *SSM-Population Health* (with Mehta, Stenholm, Aromaa, Heliövaara, and Koskinen) "[International Differences in the Risk of Death from Smoking and Obesity: The case of the United States and Finland](#)" is featured on the Research Spotlights web page of the [NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(OBSSR\)](#) and in the monthly newsletter.



Call for Papers
[Second International Seminar on the Active Ageing Index](#)
Deadline: November 17, 2017



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