

DHERN April 2024 Newsletter

DHERN Announcements

1. Join us for our May meeting, featuring a **fireside chat on careers in disability health equity!** [Register here](#) for our virtual event on May 14th from 2 to 3pm EST. We are so excited to have the following experts join us:
 - a. **Silvia Lee**, Public Policy Director of the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
 - b. **Lisa Meeks**, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Learning Health Sciences at University of Michigan
 - c. **Stephanie DeLuca**, Health and Disability Policy Advisor to Senator Tammy Duckworth
 - d. **Corey Moore**, Chair and Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies at Langston University
2. **Save the date for the annual DHERN conference** on September 17th from 11 to 3 EST. We are thrilled to announce the topic of this year is Moving Disability Measurement Forward.
3. Missed our March meeting featuring Kara Ayers and her research on parents with disabilities? Watch [the recording on our website!](#)
4. Share your recent publications, upcoming events, job opportunities with the DHERN community! To contribute to the next newsletter, please send the following details to us at dhern@jh.edu by the 28th.
 - Name:
 - Email address for contact:
 - Details (for event or opportunity, include a brief description no more than 3 lines with dates and necessary links; for publication, include the full citation and an abstract):
 - Link for more information/publication:

Opportunities

- **EVENTS**
 - a. The Johns Hopkins Disability Health Research Center Seminar Series in Disability Health Research
 - Seminars are hosted on Zoom every Thursday from April 4 to May 9 from 3:30pm-4:30pm ET. [Registration is required.](#)
 - April 4, **Maria Town**, President and CEO, American Association of People with Disabilities

- April 11, **Alison Cernich**, PhD, Deputy Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
 - April 18, **Anjali Forber-Pratt**, PhD, Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, Invited Guest
 - April 25, **Scott Landes**, PhD, Associate Professor, Syracuse University
 - May 2, **Lydia X. Z. Brown**, Director, Public Policy at the National Disability Institute
 - May 9, **Rupa Valdez**, PhD, Professor, University of Virginia
- b. Health Disparities in the Medical Record and Disability Determinations: A Workshop
- April 4th (9am to 4pm) to April 5th (9am to 2:30pm) all Eastern time. Virtual and in person in Washington, DC. [Register here](#). A planning committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies) will plan and host a public workshop on the variety of different experiences with the U.S. healthcare system common to individuals facing barriers, including members of racial or ethnic minorities, and the consequences of those different experiences on an individual’s health status and medical record, which is relevant to SSA in disability determinations. The workshop shall include presentations with a focus on how individual's different experiences can manifest in records, as well as medical advances, developments, and research related to health inequities in the United States.
- c. WITH Wiki Scientists: Improving healthcare for adults with disabilities (course)
- Wiki Education invites disability studies scholars, medical practitioners, and other subject-matter experts to participate in a 6-week virtual Wiki Scientists course as they learn how to edit Wikipedia. In this course, we’ll take a deep dive into Wikipedia’s coverage of healthcare for adults with developmental disabilities and add high-quality information to Wikipedia in this topic area, informing the public with potentially life-changing knowledge. From April 18 – May 23, 2024, WITH Wiki Scientists will attend a series of virtual classes facilitated by Wiki Education’s Wikipedia experts. [Apply by April 15th](#).
- **GRANTS**
 - a. 2024–2025 RDRC and IRP Extramural Mentored Fellowships on Poverty, Retirement, and Disability Research
 - The University of Wisconsin-Madison Retirement and Disability Research Center (UW RDRC) and Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), have

funding to support the study of economically vulnerable populations related to poverty, retirement, and disability policy. Studies may be quantitative or qualitative in nature and may employ a mix of research designs and analytic methods. Proposals are invited from U.S.-based non-tenured junior faculty, postdoctoral researchers, or those in dissertator status. Junior faculty are particularly encouraged to apply. Application deadline: May 15th, 2024, 11:59pm CT. [Learn more and apply.](#)

- **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

- a. **[Executive Director:](#)** Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF), founded in 1979, is one of the nation's preeminent civil rights law and policy centers. Key responsibilities relate to strategy and planning, management, board partnership and stewardship, and communications, fundraising, and programming. DREDF and Vetted Solutions are committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation to candidates interested in applying for the position. To request an accommodation please contact Ari Benjamin at +1.703.220.7242 or ari@vettedolutions.com. For confidential consideration, please send a cover letter and resume to DREDFEDSearch@vettedolutions.com or call +1.202.544.4749.

- **CALL FOR PAPERS**

- a. **[Topical Collection on Disability and Women's Mental Health*](#)**. Co-Guest Editors Dr. Hilary Brown and Dr. Lesley Tarasoff are leading a call for papers for Archives of Women's Mental Health on disability and women's mental health. We are looking for original research, systematic reviews, and short communications investigating mental health outcomes and mental health care experiences among women with disabilities. We will consider quantitative study designs on populations with physical, vision, hearing, cognitive, and intellectual or developmental disabilities. We encourage the submission of studies that examine sex/gender differences in mental health in populations with disabilities; studies that examine mental health across the reproductive life course (e.g., related to pregnancy and parenting, the menstrual cycle, and the menopausal transition); studies that examine the intersecting impacts of ableism and other forms of oppression (e.g., racism) on disabled women's mental health; and studies from all global contexts. Submission deadline: September 30, 2024.
 - *Note that this is a revised call for the topical collection on Disability and Mental Health Across the Reproductive Life Course, which now has an expanded focus and extended submission deadline.

[Disability and Health Journal](#) Featured Article

- Johnston, A. W., Hensel, D. J., Roth, J. D., Wiener, J. S., Misseri, R., & Szymanski, K. M. (2024). **[Prevalence of sexual abuse and intimate partner violence in adults with spina bifida.](#)** Disability and Health Journal, 101617.

- a. People with disabilities and chronic medical conditions are known to be at higher risk of sexual abuse (SA) and intimate partner violence (IPV). People with spina bifida (SB) are vulnerable, but little is known about the prevalence of abuse in this population. To evaluate the prevalence and risk factors of SA and IPV in adults with SB. An anonymous international cross-sectional online survey of adults with SB asked about history of SA (“sexual contact that you did not want”) and IPV (“hit, slapped, kicked, punched or hurt physically by a partner”). A total of 19% reported a history of SA (78% no SA, 3% preferred not to answer). Twelve percent reported a history of IPV (86% no IPV, 2% preferred not to answer). People with SB are subjected to SA and IPV. Women and non-heterosexuals are at higher risk of both.

Health Affairs Featured Article

- Figueroa, J. F., Duggan, C., Macneal, E., Johnston, K. J., & Roberts, E. T. (2024). [Will CMS’s Proposed Rule Promote Integrated Care For Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries?](#) Health Affairs Forefront.
 - a. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently proposed several regulations aimed at reforming the Medicare Advantage program. The authors discuss the motivation for and potential benefits of these proposed rules and identify potential limitations to them, which will be critical to address as policy makers seek to expand integrated care plans.

DHERN Member Articles

- Jones, M. G., Clarke, P. J., Meshesha, H. S., Mulhorn, K. A., Traci, M. A., & Nieuwenhuijsen, E. R. (2024). [COVID-19, Disability, and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health: A Scoping Review of Early-Stage Pandemic Response.](#) AJPM focus, 3(1), 100152.
 - a. This study aimed to systematically identify the environmental factors that impacted people with disability during the COVID-19 pandemic. A scoping literature review was conducted using LitCOVID (January 1–July 31, 2020). Sixty-six articles met the inclusion criteria that (1) discussed disability and/or health conditions related to functioning and (2) considered environmental factors. A qualitative content analysis was conducted using codes from the WHO International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health.

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