

DHERN May 2023 Newsletter

We have 8 announcements this month.

1. DHERN Disability Health Equity Flash Talks are set! Join us on May 30th and July 25th, 2023, from 2-3ET to learn from experts across the country. Zoom registration below. Schedule includes:
 - a. May 30, 2-3PM ET. Virtual, register here - <https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrdu2ggzsuHtMv1NYK1-gKLWQDRj63WX2s>
 - i. **Presenter:** Mackenzie Jones, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Montana Disability and Health Program
Title: COVID-19, Disability, and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health: A Systematic Review of Early-Stage Pandemic Response
 - ii. **Presenter:** Stephanie Van, Johns Hopkins University
Title: Healthcare Inequities Impacting Patients with Disabilities: A Case Report
 - iii. **Presenter:** Nastassia Vaitiakhovich, Syracuse University
Title: Health Disparities among US Adults with Intellectual Disability: Findings from the NHIS, 1997 to 2018.
 - b. July 25, 2-3PM ET. Virtual, register here - <https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0sc-ygpzkjHdV5RDuw9z-zQsBfKHrI0qwT>
 - i. **Presenters:** Dr. Alan Martino, Eleni Moumos and Dr. Erin Brennand, University of Calgary
Title: The Experiences and Priorities of Women Labelled/With Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities Regarding Sexual Health and Pregnancy
 - ii. **Presenter:** Jan Wozniak, Toronto Metropolitan University
Title: Autism, social anxiety, and stress: Recommendations from autistic adults on improving research, practice, and public awareness
 - iii. **Presenters:** Ashley Scott and Salina Tewolde, Boston University
Title: Medicaid enrollment, service use, and racial disparity among adults with Down syndrome, 2011-2019
2. Hold the date for the upcoming DHERN virtual conference, “Redefining Health for Disability Equity”: September 21, 2023 11a-3p ET!
3. Share your recent publications, upcoming events, job opportunities with the DHERN community! To contribute to the upcoming newsletter, please send the following details to us at ccerill1@jhu.edu by April 28th.
 - Name:
 - Email address for contact:
 - Twitter handle for contact and/or organization:

- 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:
4. CALL FOR PAPERS: The [Disability and Health Journal \(DHJO\)](#) is planning an [online-only special supplement issue dedicated to Community Living Policy](#), guest edited by Joe Caldwell and Ari Ne'eman.
 - We invite submission of original research papers. We seek papers that focus on focus on all types of disabilities. Papers using qualitative and quantitative methods are welcome, as are rigorous systematic reviews and policy analysis. We are particularly interested in papers that make use of causal inference research designs, though we also welcome high-quality descriptive work. While submissions focusing on all age groups are welcome, we anticipate that the bulk of the special supplement will focus on people with disabilities under age 65, owing to their underrepresentation in other work. Priority will be given to submissions that include researchers with disabilities. Topics with a community living policy focus for this issue include, but are not limited to, the following: experiences, disparities and outcomes of individuals receiving, and outcomes of HCBS, accessible housing, direct support workforce and caregiver supports, and employment.
 - Submission deadline: September 1, 2023. For questions, please contact Joe Caldwell (joecaldwell@brandeis.edu) or Ari Ne'eman (aneeman@brandeis.edu).
 5. CALL FOR PAPERS: Drs. Lesley Tarasoff and Hilary Brown are Co-Guest Editors for a special collection for [Archives of Women's Mental Health](#) on Disability and Mental Health Across the Reproductive Life Course. [The call for papers can be found here.](#)
 - We are looking for original research, systematic reviews, and short communications investigating mental health outcomes and mental health care experiences among women with disabilities related to the menstrual cycle, fertility/conception and pregnancy, postpartum and parenting, and the menopausal transition. We will consider quantitative study designs on populations with physical, vision, hearing, and intellectual or developmental disabilities. We encourage the submission of interdisciplinary studies, studies that examine the intersections of ableism and other forms of oppression such as racism, and studies from all global contexts.
 - The submission deadline is November 30, 2023. Given your expertise, we hope that you will consider submitting your work. We would also appreciate it if you could circulate this call to others who may be interested.
 6. JOB POSTING: The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University invites applications and nominations for a faculty position in disability policy, housed at The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy. We are seeking a scholar whose research and teaching apply to issues of disability policy. The specific focus within this broad field is open, and applicants with expertise in areas such as health, poverty, community-living policy, employment, housing, civil rights, and intersectionality are welcome to apply. The Heller School is looking for candidates

who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship with a record of funded research and public engagement. We hope to identify a future colleague for whom our tagline, “knowledge advancing social justice,” resonates. The open rank position carries an appointment outside the tenure structure, commensurate with the candidate’s qualifications.

- [Apply for this faculty position here](#) and send questions to mmitra@brandeis.edu.

7. SUMMER SCHOOL: 2023 Radboud University - Intellectual Disability and Health: Reducing Inequity

- This summer school offers a concise introduction in ID health needs and how research and practice can help reduce inequities. We will discuss different healthcare systems for people with ID globally and share ideas on how we can improve healthcare for people with ID. We will use health related priority areas to represent the key topic of each day and you will gain state of the art in-depth knowledge from multidisciplinary and international experts. [Learn more here](#).
- Contact tim.pelle@radboudumc.nl with questions.

8. **Disability and Health Journal Featured Article**

Aram, J., Slopen, N., Arria, A. M., Liu, H., & Dallal, C. M. (2023). **Drug and alcohol use disorders among adults with select disabilities: The national survey on drug use and health.** *Disability and Health Journal*, 101467.

- The most recent pre-pandemic years (2018–2019) of the cross-sectional National Survey on Drug Use and Health (n = 83,439) were used to examine how the presence of any disability, and specific disabilities, were associated with past year drug and alcohol use disorders. Adults with any disability had increased odds of drug (aOR = 2.7; 95% CI = 2.5–3.0), and alcohol use disorder (aOR = 1.8; 95% CI = 1.6–2.0), compared to adults without disability. Examining specific types of disabilities, adults with cognitive limitations only had increased odds of drug (aOR = 3.1; 95% CI = 2.6–3.6), and alcohol use disorders (aOR = 2.2; 95% CI = 1.9–2.5), compared to adults without disability. Adults with two or more types of limitations had increased odds of drug (aOR = 3.7; 95% CI = 3.3–4.3), and alcohol use disorders (aOR = 2.3; 95% CI = 2.0–2.6). The presence of disability, especially cognitive limitation only, or two or more types of limitations, is associated with elevated odds of drug and alcohol use disorder among US adults.