



SPR 29th ANNUAL MEETING

SPR 2021 FELLOWS AND AWARDS

Guillermo Prado, PhD

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Thursday, June 3, 2021

5:05 pm – 5:35 pm, Eastern

SPR 2021 FELLOWS

This year, we are pleased and proud to present the ninth cohort of *SPR Fellows*. The *SPR Fellowship* is an honor that the Society for Prevention Research bestows upon a small and select group of members who have a particularly distinguished record of contributions in the field of prevention research. A distinguished record reflects a substantial body of work that has had a broad and significant impact on prevention science.

[Bonnie Leadbeater, PhD](#)

Professor Emeritus
Department of Psychology
University of Victoria

SPR 2021 Fellow

[Bonnie Leadbeater, PhD](#)



Bonnie Leadbeater, PhD

Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Columbia University in 1986, after earlier earning a B.Sc. degree in Nursing (1972) and a M.A.Ed. degree in Educational Psychology (1978). She has served as the Director of the Centre for Youth and Society at the University of Victoria, and is presently a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at the University of Victoria. Dr. Leadbeater is an internationally recognized researcher of youth development, with primary areas of research involving (a) adolescent depression, substance use and parenting, (b) school environment and climate, (c) transition to young adulthood, and (d) prevention program addressing peer victimization in elementary school. Her research on youth transition to young adulthood has been fueled by a 10-year longitudinal study, and her research on intervention effectiveness and school climate has been funded by foundations and the Canadian government. Dr. Leadbeater has maintained a steady stream of grant-funded research, service and training grants over her career. Dr. Leadbeater's research has had a substantial influence on policy and practices in mental health interventions with children, and has clearly advanced our field's understanding of the effects of these interventions for children and families. These studies have relevance for the provision of prevention services throughout the United States and Canada. Dr. Leadbeater has served as chair of the SPR Publications Committee, and in that context facilitated the work of the SPR task force on transparency and openness. Dr. Leadbeater served as the lead author of a paper in *Prevention Science* in 2018 on ethical challenges of activities involved in the

implementation of evidence-based preventive interventions. Dr. Leadbeater has influenced the field of prevention science through her work with the Society for Prevention Research.

SPR 2021 AWARDS

Presidential Award

[Flavio Marsiglia, PhD](#)

Center Director and Regents Professor
School of Social Work
Global Center for Applied Health Research
Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
Arizona State University

Prevention Science Award

[Jeff Temple, PhD](#)

Professor
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Sealy and Smith Chair of Violence Prevention
Director, Center for Violence Prevention
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award

[Emilie Smith, PhD](#)

Professor, Department of Psychology
Human Development and Family Studies
CSS Distinguished Senior Scholar
Michigan State University

Public Service Award

[Debra Furr-Holden, PhD](#)

CS Mott Endowed Professor in Public Health
Associate Dean for Public Health Integration
Director of the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions
College of Human Medicine
Michigan State University

Translation Science Award

[Christine Lee, PhD](#)

Research Professor
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Associate Director, Center for the Study for Health and Risk Behaviors
University of Washington

Nan Tobler Award for the Review of the Prevention Science Literature

[Jeffrey C. Valentine, PhD](#)

Professor and Program Coordinator of Educational Psychology,
Measurement, and Evaluation
Department of Counseling and Human Development
College of Education and Human Development
University of Louisville

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Deputy Director
International Society of Substance Use Prevention and Treatment of
Professionals (ISSUP)

Service to SPR Award

[Sarah M. Chilenski, PhD](#)

Senior Research Associate & Associate Research Professor
Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center
College of Health and Human Development
The Pennsylvania State University

[Ashley A. Knapp, PhD](#)

Research Assistant Professor
Feinberg School of Medicine
Center for Technology and Behavioral Health
Northwestern University

[Keryn E. Pasch, MPH, PhD](#)

Associate Professor and Program Director
Health Behavior and Health Education
Department of Kinesiology and Health Education
The University of Texas at Austin

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[Nadine Finigan-Carr, PhD](#)

Research Associate Professor
Professor and Assistant Director of the Ruth Young Center
for Families and Children
University of Maryland
School of Social Work

Friend of ECPN Award

C. Douglas Coatsworth, PhD

Betsey Bush Endowed Professor in Behavioral Health

Associate Dean for Research

College of Social Work

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville



Flavio Marsiglia, PhD

Presidential Award

Flavio Marsiglia, PhD

The Presidential Award is given to those who have made a major lifetime contribution to prevention science research.

Dr. Marsiglia is a Regents Professor at the School of Social Work in Arizona State University. He is the founder and director of the Global Center for Applied Health Research. The Global Center conducts intervention health research in partnership with universities and communities in Burundi, China, Guatemala, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, Spain, Taiwan and Uruguay. Professor Marsiglia has been the principal investigator of the Specialized Center (U54) grant on health disparities research at the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC). His research on cultural diversity and youth substance use is widely recognized, highly influential in the prevention field, and credited with a measurable reduction in drug use and other high-risk behaviors among youth in Arizona, across the U.S. and in other countries. He has developed and tested culturally grounded interventions to prevent substance abuse especially among Latino and other minority populations of the Southwest, including a school-based prevention program "Keepin it REAL," which has been adapted for multiple cultures and contexts. Dr. Marsiglia has published extensively and has advanced knowledge about Latino adolescent risk and protective factors and the relationship between acculturation, health and mental health. Dr. Marsiglia has received numerous recognitions and awards. Most recently, the Society for Prevention Research selected him and his collaborators in Mexico and the U.S. to receive the 2018 International Collaborative Prevention Research Award, he was the recipient of a 2018 Fulbright Specialist Fellowship in Sevilla-Spain, and received the 2018 Life Achievement Award for his contributions to health and mental health research and practice from the National Association of Social Workers Foundation.



Jeff Temple, PhD

Prevention Science Award

[Jeff Temple, PhD](#)

The Prevention Science Award is given for the application of scientific methods to developing and testing prevention strategies.

Dr. Jeff Temple is the Sealy and Smith Chair of Violence Prevention at the University of Texas Medical Branch and the founding director of the Center for Violence Prevention. Dr. Temple is a prolific research scientist, and uses his scientific knowledge to inform multiple audiences – from the public to fellow health care professionals and researchers. He has over 200 scholarly papers, including 140 peer-reviewed papers in high impact journals including *JAMA*, *JAMA Pediatrics*, *Pediatrics*, *Prevention Science*, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*. Dr. Temple's service to science has been demonstrated in a number of ways. He has given over 100 presentations at national and international conferences, acted as an ad hoc reviewer for over 60 scientific journals and as an ad hoc grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Justice, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. His efforts also include acting as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Primary Prevention*, and serving on the editorial board for multiple scientific journals, including *Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings*, *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *Violence Against Women*, *Child Abuse & Neglect*. He also chaired the 2016 annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research.



Emilie Smith, PhD

Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award

[Emilie Smith, PhD](#)

The Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award is given for contributions to the field of prevention science in the area of community and culture.

Dr. Emilie Smith is a Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Michigan State University. Her work seeks to understand the ways in which families, schools, and communities interact to affect development, racial-ethnic identity and socialization among youth of diverse socio-economic and geographic backgrounds. Given the importance of out-of-school time in juvenile crime, and the increasing demands on families for work-life balance, her research uses rigorous, randomized trials and multilevel methods to examine the role of

evidence-based practices in fostering quality community-based programs that prevent problem behavior and promote parenting and positive youth development. She is interested in sustainable family and community approaches that reduce disparities and increase equity drawing upon connected technologies and interdisciplinary partnerships. Dr. Smith is one of the most recognized scholars in this field and has served as a distinguished professor in top-ranked HDFS departments. She has served at the University of Georgia as a Distinguished Professor, Department Head, and most recently, a Scholar in Residence at the Society for Research in Child Development Washington, D.C. She is nationally recognized as a scholar with numerous publications, federally-funded grants, and book chapters and as a leader in advocating for families and community well-being.

Public Service Award

[Debra Furr-Holden, PhD](#)

The Public Service Award is given in recognition of extensive and effective advocacy for prevention science and research-based programs.

Debra Furr-Holden, PhD, is an epidemiologist and classically-trained public health professional with expertise in health disparities and health equity, drug and alcohol dependence epidemiology, psychiatric epidemiology, and prevention science. She is a CS Mott Endowed Professor in Public Health and the Associate Dean for Public Health Integration at Michigan State University. She also serves as the MSU founding Co-Director of the Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center. Dr. Furr-Holden works with local and national policymakers to improve data-driven decision-making across a broad range of health topics to mandate equity in all policies. With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, Furr-Holden's expertise led to government task force appointments to address public health needs during the crisis. She serves on the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities, the Greater Flint Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Inequity, and the New York City African American COVID-19 Task Force. She is also the founding co-Chair of the Flint Community Task Force on Public Safety, a community resource and advisory body to the Mayor of Flint focused on advocating for and amplifying the voices and concerns of the community, connecting community members to resources, and redefining the relationship between the community and the public safety sector. She works with Dr. Reverend Jesse L. Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition as co-chair of the health committee, Ruth Mott



Debra Furr-Holden, PhD

Foundation Board of Trustees, editorial board for the *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* journal, and is the Deputy Editor of the journal *Health Equity*. She is the director and producer of her own podcast and has been an outspoken advocate for health equity with numerous national media interviews with the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Politico, MSNBC, and The Conversation.

Translation Science Award

[Christine Lee, PhD](#)



Christine Lee, PhD

The Translation Science Award is given to an individual in recognition for contributions to the field of prevention science in the area of Type 1 or Type 2 translational research.

Christine Lee, Ph.D. is a Research Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington and a core member of the Center of the Study for Health and Risk Behaviors. She received her doctorate in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Arizona, and has been a member of the faculty since 2004. Trained as a life-span developmental researcher, Dr. Lee has a portfolio of work focused on bridging developmental theory with applied prevention and intervention techniques for addressing high-risk behaviors during the transition to adulthood. Dr. Lee's research focuses on answering questions regarding what motivates young adults to engage in high-risk behaviors such as alcohol and marijuana use; how life events and circumstances influence variation in risk of use and consequences over time; whether and how individuals learn from their prior experiences to avoid future harmful consequences; how developmental transitions and timing of events influence use and intervention; and the development of efficacious prevention and intervention efforts. In particular, Dr. Lee is interested in understanding how we can use technology to provide interventions in the moment when individuals might be at heightened risk. Dr. Lee has published more than 100 articles and book chapters on these topics and has received several grants from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.



Jeffrey C. Valentine, PhD

Nan Tobler Award for Review of the Prevention Science Literature

[Jeffrey C. Valentine, PhD](#)

The Nan Tobler Award for Review of the Prevention Science Literature is given for contributions to the summarization or articulation of the empirical evidence relevant to prevention science.

Dr. Jeffrey Valentine is a Professor and Program Coordinator of Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville. He has been an active advocate for research synthesis and meta-analysis in prevention science through both his methodological and substantive contributions to the literature. Some of his most impactful work in the field of prevention science has focused on understanding the effectiveness of prevention programs for youth, including his Cochrane Collaboration systematic review of the Families and Schools Together program and his work on the effects of mentoring programs for youth. Jeff has also made important contributions in other areas of prevention science, through his meta-analytic work studying the importance of therapeutic alliance and empathy in psychotherapy and the effectiveness of cognitive-behavioral therapy for children who have been sexually abused. Dr. Valentine is also a major innovator and contributor to the development and use of systematic review and meta-analysis methods. He is one of the Principal Investigators for the U.S. Department of Education's What Works Clearinghouse, where he has contributed to the development of the methodological standards used by the Clearinghouse in their systematic reviewing and meta-analysis efforts.



Livia Edegger, MA

International Collaborative Prevention Research Award

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The International Collaborative Prevention Research Award recognizes contributions to the field of prevention science in the area of international collaboration.

Livia Edegger is the Deputy Director of the International Society of Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Professionals (ISSUP), a global non-governmental organization that supports the development of a professional substance use prevention, treatment and recovery network. Science and research inform the work conducted by ISSUP, promoting evidence-based and high quality, ethical practice. Ms. Livia Edegger has

had a significant impact in making evidence based interventions a reality in many communities in Latin America and in other parts of the world. She started her involvement in international research prevention studies in the 2000s. She has made major contributions to increasing the capacity of many international partners to engage in prevention science through comprehensive and rigorous training programs and by engaging in collaborative research. She oversees the development of ISSUP National Chapters with an emphasis on Latin America-based chapters. She was instrumental in the establishment and/or sustainability of national chapters in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru. Because prevention science research is often not part of academic research programs, the ISSUP chapters play a key role in introducing prevention science and an evidence-based approach to the prevention and treatment of substance abuse. Her contributions are always significant and positive; they aim at overcoming challenges and advancing the scientific work in order to improve the lives of whole communities around the world. Ms. Edegger is an active member of SPR. She has served in the SPR International Committee and as a liaison between SPR and ISSUP. In her extensive international work, she also promotes the work of SPR and introduces colleagues from many countries to the organization and to prevention science research.

Service to SPR Award

[Team of Sarah M. Chilenski, PhD, Ashley A. Knapp, PhD, and Keryn E. Pasch, MPH, PhD](#)

The **Service to SPR Award** is given in recognition of outstanding service to the organization.

Drs. Chilenski, Knapp, and Pasch are the co-chairs of the SPR Training Needs Assessment Task Force. During 2016 and 2017, this task force conducted an assessment of SPR member-reported training needs. The assessment resulted in an updated report on SPR member training needs which, among other things, has served to inform selection of the SPR annual meeting preconference workshops. This work has also resulted in a peer-reviewed article published in *Prevention Science*, on which Drs. Chilenski, Knapp, and Pasch are lead authors: Chilenski, S. M., Pasch, K. E., Knapp, E., et al. (2020). The Society for Prevention Research 20 Years Later: a Summary of Training Needs. *Prevention Science*. 21(7), 985-1000.



Sarah M. Chilenski, PhD

Dr. Sarah M. Chilenski is the Senior Research Associate and Associate Research Professor at the Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center at the College of Health and Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University. She has worked in prevention research and evaluation for more than 20 years. As a Senior Research Associate, Dr. Chilenski focuses on how communities, schools, and universities can collaborate in the pursuit of quality youth prevention programming. Dr. Chilenski has played major research roles in projects such as PROSPER, Communities That Care, Evidence2Succeeds, and the Coalition Check-Up project.



Ashley A. Knapp, PhD

Dr. Ashley A. Knapp is a Research Assistant Professor with the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Her research interests involve leveraging emerging technologies to study the vulnerability of anxiety and related psychopathology in adolescents and to develop and evaluate effective prevention programs design to reduce the incidence of anxiety and related disorders. She was recently awarded a NIMH-funded K01 award focused on digital mental health, with emphasis on harnessing digital tools to extend preventive interventions to underserved youth in community settings.



Keryn E. Pasch, PhD

Dr. Keryn E. Pasch is an Associate Professor and Program Director of the Health Behavior and Health Education area in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education at The University of Texas at Austin. She is a founding member (2020) of the multidisciplinary Texas Center for Equity Promotion and currently serves as the Director for Strategy and Planning. Over the past 15 years, Keryn has developed a line of prevention research that focuses on the multi-level influences on youth and young adult behaviors, with a particular focus on environmental factors such as marketing of unhealthy products. She has conducted research to explore the effects of tobacco, food, beverage, and alcohol marketing around schools on the behaviors of youth and young adults, as well as placement for non-profit organizations. Dr. Pasch studies the interrelationships of substance use, sleep, caffeine, and obesity-related behaviors. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the United States Food and Drug Administration, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.



Nadine Finigan-Carr, PhD

ECPN John B. Reid Early Career Award

[Nadine Finigan-Carr, PhD](#)

The ECPN John B. Reid Early Career Award is presented to an individual early in their career in prevention. This award is bestowed on someone who has shown a commitment to prevention science through outstanding contributions to research, policy, or practice.

Dr. Finigan-Carr is currently an Associate Professor in the University of Maryland, School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health; a Research Associate Professor in the University of Maryland School of Social Work; and the Deputy Director of the Ruth Young Center for Maryland at the Institute for Innovation and Implementation, University of Maryland, School of Social Work. Dr. Finigan-Carr holds a Ph.D. in Public Health and an MS in Applied Psychology: Counseling, and was also a pre-doctoral fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Diversity and Health Disparities. Dr. Finigan-Carr's research focuses on using prevention science to improve the health of system-involved youth (e.g., youth involved with child welfare). To date, Dr. Finigan-Carr's work has been supported by over \$5.6 million in funding from both state and federal sources. Dr. Finigan-Carr has also made key contributions to prevention science research, teaching, service and policy in the areas of child sex trafficking and the sexual and reproductive health of system-involved and marginalized youth. Dr. Finigan-Carr has served in many volunteer roles with SPR since 2010, and currently services as the Chair-Elect for the Diversity Network Committee (DNC).

Friend of ECPN Award

[C. Douglas Coatsworth, PhD](#)

The *Friend of ECPN Award* is presented to a mid-career or senior preventionist who has supported and encouraged early career prevention scientists or issues. The recipient of the Friend of ECPN Award will have been active in supporting early career activities, either by helping ECPN as an organization; promoting training, funding, or early career preventionists in their work.

Dr. Coatsworth is the Betsey Bush Endowed Professor in Behavioral Health and the Associate Dean for Research at the College of Social Work, at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Dr. Coatsworth was professor of human development and family studies and the founding director of the Colorado State University Prevention Research Center,



C. Douglas Coatsworth, PhD

where he served as Director from 2013-2019. Dr. Coatsworth's research focuses on community- and family-based prevention initiatives to promote health and resilience for children and adolescents. As noted by his nominator, "in each of these roles and projects, Dr. Coatsworth clearly prioritizes mentorship and education of and service to early-career prevention scientists." His work to support early career prevention scientists includes supporting the creation of the prevention science curriculum at both The Pennsylvania State University and Colorado State University, and serving as the Professor-in-Charge of both the graduate and undergraduate programs in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State. In SPR, Dr. Coatsworth has also served as the ECPN Chair, participated in the annual Sloboda & Bukoski Cup team organization and mentorship, and has been involved in the ECPN poster contest.

The Society for Prevention Research expresses special thanks to the top manuscript reviewers for *Prevention Science*.

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The Society for Prevention Research wishes to congratulate the Early-Career Mentored Editorial Board Members. The following individuals have completed their terms:

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