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Welcome to the Health Services Research Center (HSRC) Newsletter! In this issue, we highlight exciting updates and opportunities:

1. T32 Trainee Program: Join our comprehensive program to gain skills and resources for health services research.
2. New HSRC Director and Associate Director: Meet our experienced leaders driving the future of our center.
3. HSR Opportunities: Early in your research progress? Join our Trainee Research in Progress (TRIP) meetings for the opportunity to present your research and get feedback from some of our experts.
4. HSR Fall Speaker Series: What topics would you like to see in our upcoming series?

We value your participation and contributions to the HSRC community. Enjoy the newsletter and get involved!

T32 TRAINEE PROGRAM

The Health Services Research Center is inviting applications to its inaugural T32 Post-Doctoral training program. The goal of this program is to train post-doctoral candidates from diverse backgrounds and disciplinary expertise in health services research. There are no specific requirements regarding the type of health services research candidates are pursuing. However, the program does have a special emphasis on research addressing disparities or inequities based on factors such as race/ethnicity, sex/gender, socioeconomic status, geographical residence, healthcare access, and physical/mental disability. Proposals should thus have a component that addresses equity or disparities.

A distinguishing feature of our program is the utilization of a multidisciplinary approach to expose trainees to multiple methods and research areas, from epidemiology and biostatistics to behavioral and social sciences, biological sciences, and health policy and implementation. Training will include multidisciplinary mentoring along with coursework, inter-departmental seminars, hands-on research, grant writing and career development. Postdoctoral fellows will be MDs pursuing a career in health services research, or PhD graduates in epidemiology, health policy, health economics, or other relevant fields.

Post-doctoral trainees will have the opportunity to obtain an MS in Clinical Research or a Certificate in Clinical and Translational Research and can select a personalized training pathway with didactic coursework, supplemented with online trainings from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and other health system-engaged experiences. The program will concentrate on successful training and career development, supported by a diverse group of mentors and affiliated faculty from the School of Medicine, Rollins School of Public Health, and the School of Nursing. The program will emphasize multidisciplinary training, collaborative research, diversity of trainees, presentation skills, and project management. We place significant emphasis on mentorship and career development as well. The ultimate goal of this program is to prepare diverse individuals for leadership positions in health services research in order to improve outcomes and reduce disparities in health care and health care systems.

Please note that due to the compressed turnaround schedule of this first application process, this fellowship is only available to current post-doctoral fellows (as of July 1, 2023). This fellowship will cover a salary/stipend for 2 years and tuition for the MSCR or CCTR program and will start retroactively on July 1, 2023. For questions or additional information, please contact Tracy Obertone at tracy.obertone@emory.edu.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 PM MONDAY JULY 17TH

HSRC T32 trainee application 2023

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Name of Mentor:

Date post-doctoral training started:

actual

Undergraduate major:

Graduate degree:

Concentration:

Have you received previous NIH or AHRQ pre- or post-doctoral support?

no

If so, please provide dates of support:

How did you hear about this opportunity?

Attach to this application:

1. Summary of your planned project (no more than 1 page)
2. Brief statement of how your project will incorporate an aspect of health disparities or inequities. (no more than ½ page)
3. Describe your career and training goals, including how this program will help you achieve these goals (no more than ½ page or 30 lines)
4. Your CV or NIH biosketch
5. letter of recommendation from your mentor
6. 1 additional letter of recommendation

Please use a minimum of 11-point Arial font with at least ½ inch margins.

Please submit all items as a single PDF to Tracy Obertone (tracy.obertone@emory.edu) by 5:00 pm July 17th, 2023

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

WELCOMES NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR

NEAL DICKERT, MD, PHD

We are pleased to announce that on May 1st 2023, [Neal Dickert MD, PhD](#) stepped in as the interim director of the Health Services Research (HSR) Center after the departure of Rachel Patzer, PhD, MPH, who served as the inaugural director. As the interim director of the HSR Center, Dr. Dickert will be entrusted with the continued advancement of health services research in the combined center, as well as nurturing collaborative efforts in health services research across the SOM, WHSC, RSPH, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Grady Memorial Hospital, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Atlanta VA Medical Center, and other related Emory departments and schools.

The interim director's overarching mandate in this regard will be to lead the expansion, implementation, and promotion of health services research that is designed to improve patient outcomes and value, optimize patient-centeredness, enhance access, and minimize disparities within the Emory system.

In this respect, the Center and its affiliated faculty seek to impact care locally and to grow Emory's reputation as a paradigm for clinical/research institutions nationwide.

Check out Dr. Dickert's recent interview with the Emory DOM [Research Ride Podcast](#).



HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

JESSICA HARDING, PHD

We are pleased to announce that Jessica Harding, PhD has been named Associate Director of the Health Services Research (HSR) Center. Dr. Harding is an epidemiologist with extensive experience in conducting chronic disease research at population and system levels in both academic and government settings. She received her PhD in medical research (epidemiology) from Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, Australia, in 2016, and engaged in a research fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2017-2019. During the latter period she focused on describing trends in diabetes and kidney disease-related complications in the U.S., and examined variations in diabetes. Harding is working on improving data collection and quality related to kidney disease and transplantation as a member of the Transplant Health Services and Outcomes Research Program.





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HSR CENTER OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINEE RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (TRIP)

The HSR Center Trainee Research in Progress (TRIP) meetings are an informal way to get feedback from HSR Center faculty, staff, and peers on research in progress. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and have hybrid options available.

Trainees at all levels are welcome to present their research in progress.

If you are interested in presenting your research, please email Melisa Meza at melisa.meza@emory.edu





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HSR FALL SPEAKER SERIES

FALL 2023

The HSR Center hosts monthly health services research seminars, hosting both internal and external researchers.

The seminars are opportunities for faculty, trainees and staff to learn about new and emerging topics in the field and offer a valuable forum for introducing potential collaborators or expanding professional networks throughout the Emory community.

These meetings occur in a hybrid format and are open to Core and Affiliate HSR Center members and their trainees. What topics and or speakers would you like to see in our upcoming series?

Please email Melisa.Meza@emory.edu to submit your topics.





HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH **FALL SEMINAR SERIES**

GENDER DISPARITIES IN ACCESS TO KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION IN THE UNITED STATES



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School of Medicine
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**WEDNESDAY,
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