

OBSSR Videocasts and Podcasts

The NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) sponsors several lectures, seminars, and conferences covering topics related to the behavioral and social sciences. For up-to-date information of OBSSR-sponsored events, see

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/news_and_events/index.aspx

Lectures and Symposia

Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Lecture Series

These invited presentations by prominent behavioral and social scientists provide the NIH community and general public with overviews of current research on topics of scientific and social interest relevant to the mission of the NIH.

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/news_and_events/lectures_and_seminars/seminars.aspx.

Many of these OBSSR-sponsored lectures are videocast and available on the BSSR Lecture Series videocast page: <http://videocast.nih.gov/PastEvents.asp?c=82>. The videocasts are free of charge, open to the general public and posted approximately one week after the lecture concludes. To learn more please visit the Web page at <http://www.nih.gov/news/radio/nihpodcast.htm>

Matilda White Riley Lecture in the Behavioral and Social Sciences

This award honors an individual whose research has contributed to behavioral and social scientific knowledge and/or the application of such knowledge relevant to the mission of the National Institutes of Health

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/news_and_events/lectures_and_seminars/matilda_white_riley_annual_lecture/seminars.aspx.

Tools of the Social Sciences Symposia Series

The goal of this series is to elucidate factors known to influence health through the contributions of social science research. Each symposium will address an important health issue from four scientific perspectives: economics, health services, sociology and anthropology. Presentations will provide background on the concepts, definitions, methods, and theories through which social scientists study the causes of health problems and the application of this science for improving health.

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/news_and_events/lectures_and_seminars/Tools_%20Symposia_Series/seminars.aspx

Systems Science and Health Symposia

OBSSR and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Syndemics Prevention Network presents a series of four educational seminars featuring leaders in various areas of systems science. The purposes are to (1) raise awareness of particularly promising methodologies; and (2) improve our collective understanding about how and when they may be used effectively by behavioral and social scientists (including researchers, policy analysts, planners/evaluators, grant reviewers, journal editors, and government officials).

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/news_and_events/lectures_and_seminars/systems_symposia_series/seminars.aspx

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Conferences

Dissemination and Implementation Conference

The goal of these conferences were for the research community to exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and identify concepts, methods and strategies to build research and organizational capacity for dissemination and implementation science. Videocasts and slides are available at http://obssr.od.nih.gov/training_and_education/videocast/videocast.aspx#dic

Annual Workshop on Dynamic Modeling for Health

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/training_and_education/videocast/videocast.aspx#ssh

- Obesity and Obesity-related Chronic Disease
- Systems Methodologies for Solving Real-World Problems: Applications in Public Health
- Systems Network Analysis: Using Connections and Structures to Understand and Change Health Behaviors
- Agent Based Modeling: Population Health from the Bottom Up
- System Dynamics Modeling: Population Flows, Feedback Loops and Health

Videos of additional systems science lectures and events are also posted.

Conference on Understanding and Reducing Disparities in Health: Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Contributions.

This October 2006 conference focused on three broad areas of action influencing health disparities: **policy, prevention, and healthcare**. It emphasized both basic research on the behavioral, social, and biomedical pathways giving rise to disparities in health and applied research on the development, testing, and delivery of interventions to reduce disparities in these three action areas. The conference employed a multi-level analytic framework (i.e., ranging from individuals to societies). It includes research relevant to a wide range of population groups (e.g., variation by SES, race, ethnicity, gender) residing in the United States, while not attempting to provide detailed analyses of each and every group. Consideration was given to multiple public health issues and their interactions (e.g., multiple morbidities rather than single illnesses) and to risk factors or causal processes common to various health conditions (e.g., smoking, diet, exercise, access to health care).

Slide presentations and audio files are available at

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/news_and_events/conferences_and_workshops/HealthDisparities/presentation.html