

April 2025 Newsletter

News & Updates

Thank you

Dr. Meghan Lane-Fall: A Grateful Farewell from PISCE

As Dr. Meghan Lane-Fall transitions to an exciting new role at Columbia University, we at PISCE would like to take a moment to honor her extraordinary contributions to our community.

During her time with PISCE, Dr. Lane-Fall has been a guiding force—bringing vision, compassion, and unwavering commitment to advancing our research and educational mission. Her leadership has helped shape our strategic direction, foster collaboration, and elevate our impact across the University of Pennsylvania and beyond. Through her mentorship and insight, she has empowered colleagues, inspired research, and championed excellence.

While we are sad to see her go, we are also incredibly proud and thrilled for what lies ahead. We know she will continue to drive meaningful change and serve as a thought leader in her new role at Columbia.

Dr. Lane-Fall, thank you for everything you've done for PISCE. Your legacy here is indelible, and we wish you continued success and fulfillment in this exciting new chapter.

Warmest wishes,

The PISCE Team

In next month's newsletter, please be on the lookout for an introduction to PISCE's incoming faculty leadership team

Incoming Executive Director, Courtney Benjamin Wolk, PhD

Incoming Director of Education, Danielle Cullen, MD, MPH

Director of Pediatric Implementation Research, Chris Bonafide, MD, MSCE



YEAR IN REVIEW: 2024

Penn Implementation Science Center's 2024 Year In Review

Check out PISCE's 2024 Year In Review to get a glimpse of our incredible work throughout the year!

[Learn More](#)

Senior Fellows Spotlight: Freya Nezir, PhD



Freya Nezir, PhD, is a Research Assistant Professor in the Center for Mental Health at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Nezir is a health economist and health services researcher whose work centers on comprehensive cost assessments and economic evaluations of healthcare interventions, policies, and implementation strategies across diverse community settings.

She collaborates with a wide network of research partners on clinical and implementation trials spanning various health areas and service systems. Her current work focuses on adapting traditional economic methods to the context of implementation science, emphasizing accessible, rigorous approaches to data collection and analysis, and developing strategies to effectively communicate findings for informed stakeholder decision-making.

Senior Fellows Spotlight: Emily Becker-Haimes, PhD



Emily Becker-Haimes, PhD is a child clinical psychologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. She also is the Clinical Director of the Pediatric Anxiety Treatment Center at Hall Mercer (PATCH) program. Her research dually focuses on treatment

optimization for pediatric anxiety and related disorders and studying how to optimize the implementation of evidence-based mental health treatments into community settings. Within the implementation space, much of her work focuses on studying how to pragmatically measure implementation and patient effectiveness outcomes simultaneously within the context of hybrid trials and studying how to make it easier for clinicians to deliver complex behavior change intervention. Dr. Becker-Haimes is especially interested in understanding how to support clinicians to deliver treatments that are often anxiety provoking for them to deliver, such as exposure therapy for anxiety or suicide screening and safety planning with those at-risk for suicide. She recently concluded work conducted through the [Penn INSPIRE Center](#) that integrated gold-standard anxiety management techniques into clinician training and consultation for suicide prevention. She also has a

recently funded R34 through the NIMH in collaboration with Torrey Creed, PhD at using behavioral economics principles to nudge clinicians to enhance fidelity to cognitive behavioral therapy over telehealth sessions. Dr. Becker-Haimes really enjoys her role co-teaching Introduction to Implementation Science and working with trainees interested in applying implementation science principles to their work.

PISCE's Upcoming Events



April Works-In-Progress Session

with Diondra Straiton, PhD

On April 8, 2025 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm EST, [Dr. Diondra Straiton](#) will be presenting: Optimizing Consultation for an Autism Intervention Delivered in an Urban Community Mental Health System.

[Register Here](#)



Using Concept Mapping and SenseMaker® for a Community-Engaged Adaptation of the Cure Violence Model in Southwest Philadelphia

with Sara Solomon, MPH, RD

On April 11, 2025, from 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST, PISCE presents our Spring Lecture with [Sara Solomon](#). Sara is the Deputy Director of the Penn Injury Science Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

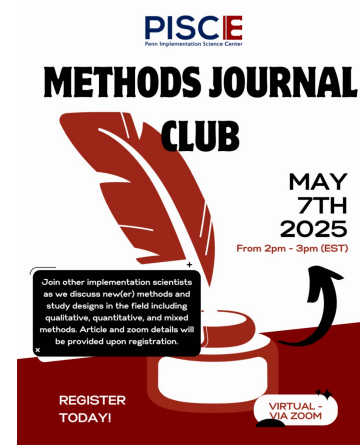
[Register Here](#)



Medical-Legal Partnerships: A Promising Approach for Engaging Vulnerable Populations in the HIV Prevention and Care Continuum

with Omar Martinez, JD, MPH, MS

On April 24, 2025 from 11:00am to 12:00pm EST, PISCE and CFAR IS Core host visiting speaker [Professor Omar Martinez](#). Professor Martinez is an Associate Professor at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine.



PISCE's Spring 2025 Methods Journal Club: Can qualitative analysis ever really be rapid?

with LauraEllen Ashcraft, PhD, MSW

On May 7, 2025 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm EST, [Dr. LauraEllen Ashcraft](#) will host PISCE's second methods journal club.

IS Penn & CHOP Publications

Giguere R, Mmeje O, Patel VV, Felsen UR, Coleman Fennell JS, Balán IC, Cheshure A, Choi SK, Shaw Green SK, Lin W, Morgan J, Bauermeister J, Naar S. (2025). [Defining Study Populations in HIV Prevention Implementation Science Studies: A Case Comparison of 3 Ending the HIV Epidemic Projects.](#) *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr*.

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IS Penn & CHOP Grants



SCALE-LHS: Synthesize, Coordinate, Amplify, Learn, and Evaluate the AHRQ/PCOR LHS network

Dr. Amanda Bettencourt, Dr. Jaya Aysola, and Dr. Jennifer Myers received an award to establish the (SCALE-LHS) coordinating center (“hub”) project for the AHRQ/PCORI LHS E-STaR centers to provide comprehensive support for the P30 E-STaR centers. SCALE-LHS will coordinate activities of the centers, identify and amplify the best practices for promoting care equity and meaningful community and stakeholder engagement, evaluate effectiveness of the centers and the overall network, and synthesize learnings and disseminate findings in multiple venues.

Educational Opportunities

Implementation in a Learning Health System Institute

May 19 - 23, 2025

Wake Forest University Charlotte Center

The Implementation in a Learning Health System Institute will provide attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to propose, design, implement, and evaluate healthcare innovations in the context of a learning health system. Designed for academic faculty,

clinician-researchers, and healthcare leaders who conduct implementation science, or those currently involved in implementation practice who wish to obtain a deeper understanding of key principles and strategies, this institute will cover theories, models, and frameworks, as well as the development of protocols, evaluation approaches, and implementation strategies while developing the leadership skills necessary to navigate complex health systems.

[Learn More](#)

Penn Implementation Science Institute

June 24 - 27, 2025

Virtual

The 9th Annual Implementation Science Institute will be held from **June 24th to June 27th**. ISI aims to provide participants with the tools to design and execute rigorous implementation science research. The Institute will give an introduction to the foundations of implementation science (i.e., terminology, conceptual models and frameworks, study design).

To learn more information, click [here](#). **Registration is open until May 16, 2025.** Please contact the [ISI Institute](#) with any questions.

[Register Here](#)

Job Opportunities

Implementation Scientist, Methods Focus - Assistant-Associate Tenure Track at the University of Kansas

We are particularly interested in a methods-focused researcher with a strong grounding in implementation science theories, measures and frameworks. Successful candidates will be engaged in research on implementing evidence-based interventions in relevant clinical or community settings while ensuring access for everyone. This is a 12-mos. tenure-track position and opportunities exist for joint appointments in other departments in the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) campus in Kansas City as well as academic units of the University of Kansas main campus in Lawrence.

For more information and the application, click [here](#). **CV, cover letter, up to 3 sample publications, and 3 academic references are required.**

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