

August 2025 Newsletter

News & Updates

Midsummer musings from your friends at PISCE!

With summer in full swing, we have been working hard to game plan interesting events across disciplines for this upcoming year. As the summer sun hits its peak, so too does our momentum with new projects and innovative collaborations. Grab a cold drink and dive into the latest updates from our center.

— *The PISCE Team*



In July, we welcomed Megan Brady, MPH, to the PISCE team as Project Manager.

In addition to her new role with PISCE, Megan also serves as a Project Manager at the Penn Center for Mental Health, where she primarily works with Senior Fellow Dr. Emily Becker-Haimes on research focused on mental health quality and implementation science. She currently manages several federally funded studies related to cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) implementation, as well as initiatives aimed at developing evidence-based tools to support clinicians in delivering high-quality care. A recent MPH graduate, Megan is particularly interested in improving the quality and accessibility of community mental health services.

Congratulations to the cohort from our 9th annual Implementation Science Institute!

Over four days in June, our 151 attendees expanded their IS toolkits through different presentations on implementation science concepts, small group activities, and engagement with content experts across a variety of disciplines. A quarter of our attendees joined us from Penn and CHOP while other attendees joined from six different countries and over 80 different institutions. We also continued to offer our maternal health track, which a third of our participants took part in.

Given the enthusiasm for additional virtual trainings, the PISCE team is hard at work designing offerings for the upcoming year to meet that need. Stay tuned!

This year's institute was an incredible success, and we want to thank everyone who attended as well as our wonderful speakers for sharing their expertise. For those who have yet to attend an Implementation Science Institute, we hope you'll join us in 2026!

PISCE's Upcoming Events

2025 Works-In-Progress (WIP) Series is Here!

Our monthly WIP events are virtual meetings where members affiliated with Penn/CHOP present early-stage research projects and receive feedback from peers. Check out our current line up of presentations!

Charlotte Z Woods-Hill, MD MSHP

Charlotte Z Woods-Hill, MD, MSHP is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute. Her broad areas of interest are the intersection implementation science, diagnostic stewardship, and health policy, as it relates to preventable pediatric patient harm and pediatric patient safety. She is the leading pediatric intensivist on the Bright STAR collaborative, a diagnostic stewardship project that led to multiple publications in JAMA Pediatrics and continues to expand on a national level.



- ☐ **Wednesday, August 27th**
- ☐ **3:00–4:00 PM EST**

[Click here to register for this event!](#)

Save the date for these upcoming WIP events!

Registration details will be shared via email soon.

Michael Luke, MD MSHP

- ☐ **Wednesday, September 10th | 3:00–4:00 PM EST**

Emilie E Egger, PhD

- ☐ **Wednesday, October 8th | 3:00–4:00 PM EST**

Got questions about your implementation science research proposal? Stuck in a rut? We're here to help!

We're looking for Penn or CHOP faculty, staff, or students to present in our 2025 Virtual Works-In-Progress (WIP) Series. This is a space to share your work and gather feedback on your research proposal – wherever you are in the process! Let our vibrant and supportive community of implementation science thinkers and doers help you in your journey.

Sign up [here!](#)

Other PISCE events

We will be hosting a variety of internal and external speakers throughout the year. If you or someone you know is interested in presenting their implementation science work to the PISCE community, reach out to our team at pisce@pennmedicine.upenn.edu.

Save the date for our first Fireside Chat of the academic year, when PISCE Senior Fellow

Dr. Karen Glanz will discuss her experience standing up a community-partnered research program:

Fireside Chat with Karen Glanz, PhD, MPH

□ **Wednesday, October 30th** | □ **1:00–2:00 PM EST**

Senior Fellows

Welcome to our newest Senior Fellows!

We are excited to highlight our most recent Senior Fellow cohort. These members will join our team of esteemed colleagues who conduct implementation science research.



**Katelin Hoskins, PhD,
MBE, CRNP**
Assistant Professor,
Department of
Biobehavioral Health
Sciences, School of Nursing



**Peter Cronholm, MD,
MSCE**
Professor and Vice Chair
for Research, Department
of Family Medicine and
Community Health



**Rebecca R.S. Clark,
PhD, MSN, RN, CNM,
WHNP-BC**
Assistant Professor, Family
and Community Health,
Penn Nursing



**Gregory Shea, PhD,
MSC, AB**
Wharton Adjunct Professor
of Management, Senior
Fellow (Wharton Center for



**Stephen Bonnett, PhD,
RN**
Assistant Professor, School
of Nursing



Seul Ki Choi, PhD, MPH
Research Assistant
Professor, School of
Nursing



**Tamar Klaiman, PhD,
MPH**
Director, Qualitative
Methods, CHIBE and PAIR



Jennifer Prah
Senior Professor of Health
Equity, Economics, and
Policy

Looking for opportunities to engage with PISCE?

Consider becoming a Senior Fellow! Open to Penn/CHOP faculty, the Senior Fellow program recognizes expertise in implementation science. In addition to demonstrating accomplishments in implementation science, PISCE Senior Fellows serve as mentors and educators to people learning about the field.

Senior Fellows are expected to offer:

- 50 hours/year in IS-related research, teaching, mentorship
- Offer consultation services as needed
- Offer mentorship of IMP certificate students as needed

Senior Fellows benefits include:

- First opportunities for speaking events with PISCE
- First opportunities for WIP presentations
- Consultation/research offers
- Letters of support for research or other applications

Apply [**here!**](#)

Educational Opportunities

Penn Implementation Science Certificate (ISC) Courses

This program is ideal for scholars interested in developing competencies in implementation science for application to future research endeavors, including early career researchers seeking NIH K award or equivalent funding and established researchers seeking to add implementation science to their skill set. ISC is offering two courses this fall:

IMP 6000: Foundations in Implementation Science (1 CU)

The purpose of this course is to introduce the Foundations in Implementation Science (i.e., terminology, conceptual models and frameworks, study design). By the end of the course, participants will develop an in-depth understanding of the historical and theoretical

underpinnings of implementation science, preparing them to describe the positionality of their research within the broader field.

IMP 6100: Ethics and Equity in Implementation Sciences (1 CU)

This course will leverage students' existing knowledge of implementation science and healthcare systems to explore ethical and equity considerations in research. Throughout the course, students will analyze how core concepts related to health equity apply to implementation research, and role of social, historical, and political contextual factors in shaping implementation processes.

[Click here for more information about ISC and these courses.](#)

Ready to register? Email Colleen Itani (citani@upenn.edu).

Advanced Theory and Methodology in Implementation Science

This 1-course unit PhD-level course interrogates the foundational theories and methods in implementation science with a focus on health equity. The course will provide opportunities for learners to learn and advance implementation science theory, methods, and principles to the field of epidemiology and for methods used in epidemiology to be applied to implementation science.

The overarching goals for the course are for learners 1) to critically appraise the current status quo in implementation science; 2) identify opportunities for innovation in implementation science as a way to pursue health equity; and 3) to identify how to advance research by using implementation science methods.

This course has not yet been added to the Penn Course Catalog. For now, if you (or a PhD student you know) are interested in taking this course, please email LauraEllen Ashcraft (Lauraellen.Ashcraft@Pennmedicine.upenn.edu) and Eli Elliott (Eli.Elliott@Pennmedicine.upenn.edu) for approval to register for the course and registration processing.

Job Opportunities

Implementation Science Support Specialist

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Under the general direction of the Principal Investigator(s), Director(s), or designee, the Implementation Support Specialist I aids organizations, leaders, and staff in implementation of innovations by identifying, contextualizing, and improving the use of implementation strategies across a range of settings and building capacity among teams, organizations, and systems. This position involves working with UMass Chan team members and external partners in co-creation and engagement activities, on-going improvement and support, and sustainability efforts.

Upcoming Conference

Consortium for Cancer Implementation Science (CCIS) Annual Meeting: Call for Abstracts!

Abstract Submission Deadline:

Friday, September 5, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET

[Click here](#) to open the Abstract Submission Form

The National Cancer Institute invites abstract submissions for the upcoming Consortium for Cancer Implementation Science (CCIS) Annual Meeting, taking place February 25–27, 2026, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Hosted by the Abramson Cancer Center and the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, this in-person event will bring together researchers, practitioners, and partners to advance the field of implementation science (IS) in cancer under the theme *Advancing Implementation Science Across the Cancer Continuum from Prevention to Survivorship*.

Objectives of the CCIS Meeting

- Foster communication among those engaged in IS projects across the cancer continuum
- Identify and develop solutions to common theoretical, methodological, or empirical challenges in cancer IS
- Promote collaboration and multidisciplinary problem-solving on complex problems in cancer

Target Audience

The audience for the CCIS meeting includes individuals engaged in IS across the cancer continuum. This includes scientists, public health and health care practitioners, government and community-based organization employees, advocates, and other partners in the cancer community.

Abstract Submission

We invite abstracts for poster and/or oral presentations that highlight innovative approaches to advancing implementation science through study designs, advanced methods, appropriate measures, effective strategies, and interventions across the cancer control continuum.

The Planning Committee will review all submissions and select the highest-ranking abstracts for either brief oral presentations during panel sessions or poster presentations. Notification of acceptance will occur by mid-October 2025.

If an abstract is accepted, the corresponding author (or designated co-author) must register and attend the meeting in person; otherwise, the abstract will be withdrawn. Stay tuned for registration details coming soon.

External Training Opportunities

Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine is excited to convene the 2nd annual in-person **[Implementation Science Academy!](#)**

They are now accepting applications. Scheduled for April 28th-30th, 2026, at their downtown Chicago location, this three-day program is designed for researchers and implementers at various career stages. Participants will have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of implementation science and practice and receive personalized guidance from experts on their research proposals and practice initiatives. The program also aims to cultivate professional connections among participants, integrating them into a dynamic community of implementation researchers and practitioners.

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