

## January 2025 Newsletter

### News & Updates



#### Happy New Year From The PISCE Team!

We are so excited to kick off the new year with you all! We cannot wait to share and experience all of our amazing events, educational offerings, and resources in 2025.

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#### Thank You for Attending the Academy Health D & I Conference Happy Hour + Table

A special thank you to those of you who attended our Academy Health D&I Conference Happy Hour! It was great connecting with everyone in-person. Also, thank you to those who stopped by our table to say hello, get updates, help others join our community, and/or learn more about our upcoming offerings. We cannot wait to see you all again in December 2025 (hopefully a few times before then)!



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#### Senior Fellows Spotlight: Gwendolyn Lawson, PhD



Gwendolyn Lawson, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania and a faculty member in PolicyLab and Clinical Futures at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Lawson's research program aims to leverage implementation science methods to increase the quality of services youth with or at-risk for mental health

problems receive in community settings, particularly schools. For example, she recently completed a K23 award from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), which culminated in a small-scale hybrid implementation-effectiveness pilot trial of a set of

implementation strategies to support teachers in using evidence-based behavior management practices. She is now extending that work with a newly-funded R34 grant that aims to develop and pilot test a coordinated set of implementation resources for parents and caregivers. Together, these projects highlight how individuals other than traditionally-trained mental health clinicians can be conceptualized as the implementers of evidence-based practice and supported using approaches from implementation science. Dr. Lawson is also beginning to work on new collaborations in which she serves as an implementation scientist to support projects focused on other content areas.

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## Senior Fellows Spotlight: Karen Glanz, PhD, MPH



Karen Glanz, PhD, MPH is a George A. Weiss University Professor, and Professor in the Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM) and the School of Nursing, at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn); Dr. Glanz is also an affiliate Professor in Medical Ethics and Health Policy. Her research in community and healthcare settings focuses on obesity, nutrition, skin cancer prevention; and the built environment; reducing health disparities; dissemination and implementation science; and health communication. Dr. Glanz's research and publications about understanding, measuring and improving healthy food environments, beginning in the 1980's, has been widely recognized and replicated. Current research includes a large implementation trial of social incentives to increase physical activity in families, and a new study of people's experiences with and attitudes toward weight loss medication (GLP-R1A's). Together with colleagues at UPenn and Jefferson, she lead the recently funded UPenn Prevention Research Center which is conducting two implementation studies – one of doctor-patient communication with older cancer patients, and the other that focuses on implementing risk assessments in disadvantaged patients at federally-qualified health centers (FQHC's).



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## Penn Implementation Science Institute Pre-Registration + Scholarship Application

The pre-registration/scholarship application form for the 2025 Implementation Science Institute is now live! If you're interested in applying for a scholarship to cover the cost of registration or learning about the steps you'll need to take for official registration beginning in February.

**The deadline to pre-register/submit a scholarship application January 17, 2025.**

[Apply Here](#)

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## February 2025 Works-In-Progress Session Presenter Needed!

Are you a Penn/CHOP faculty, staff or student with an implementation science lens or

aim(s) in their upcoming research project/grant? Our February presenter slot is open for our Spring 2025 Work-In-Progress series!

[Sign Up Here](#)

## PISCE's New Research Initiative: SCALE-LHS



The Synthesize, Coordinate, Amplify, Learn, & Evaluate the AHRQ/PCOR LHS network (SCALE-LHS) initiative creates a coordinating center ("Hub") for the AHRQ/PCORI Learning Health System (LHS) E-StaR centers. SCALE-LHS leverages the expertise of three complementary centers at the University of Pennsylvania [Penn Implementation Science Center (PISCE), Penn Center for Health Equity Advancement (CHEA), and Penn Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Safety (CHIPS)] and includes 16 LHS E-StaR Centers across the US.

Job opportunities will be available soon! Stay tuned.

[Learn More](#)

## PISCE's Upcoming Events



### January Works-In-Progress Session

*with LauraEllen Ashcraft, PhD, MSW*

On January 14, 2025 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm EST, Dr. LauraEllen Ashcraft will be presenting Leveraging Informatics to Ensure Access in Implementation Science.

[RSVP Here](#)

### Spring 2025 Early Career Implementation Science Virtual Writing Retreat

*with LauraEllen Ashcraft, PhD, MSW*

From Monday, March 24 to Friday, March 28, 2025, from 9:00am - 12:00pm (EST), Dr. Ashcraft and PISCE will host a virtual writing retreat in which attendees will:

- Write goals for each day
- Have the camera on for additional accountability
- Take 5-minute breaks at the top of each hour
- Progress & win sharing at the end
- Utilize a shared spreadsheet for daily goals and progress tracking

[RSVP Here](#)

## Know someone looking for feedback on IS-related research?

We are looking for Penn/CHOP faculty, staff or students with an implementation science lens or aim(s) in their research project to present during our Spring 2025 Work-In-Progress series!

Sign Up Here!

## IS Penn & CHOP Publications

Brooks Carthon JM, Tibbitt C, Amenyedior KE, Bettencourt AP, Babe E, Cacchione PZ, Brom H. (2024). [Pre-Implementation Strategies to Support Adaptation of Thrive: A Care Transitions Model for Economically Disadvantaged Patients with Serious Mental Illness.](#) *Nurs Rep.*

Hamm RF, Pattipati S, Levine LD, Parry S, Srinivas SK, Beidas RS. (2025). [Audit and feedback is an effective implementation strategy to increase fidelity to a multi-component labor induction protocol designed to reduce obstetric inequities.](#) *Implement Sci Commun.*

LaGrone LN, Stein DM, Wilson DJ, Bulger EM, Farley A, Rubiano AM, Michaels M, Lane-Fall MB, Person MA, Ho VP, Reinhart L, Haut ER. (2024). [Equitable and effective clinical guidance development and dissemination: trauma aims to lead the way.](#) *Trauma Surg Acute Care Open.*

Southwick L, Sharma M, Rai S, Beidas RS, Mandell DS, Asch DA, Curtis B, Guntuku SC, Merchant RM. (2024). [Integrating Patient-Generated Digital Data Into Mental Health Therapy: Mixed Methods Analysis of User Experience.](#) *JMIR Ment Health.*

## Educational Opportunities

### Implementation Science Academy

April 29 - May 1, 2025

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Scheduled for **April 29th to May 1st** at our beautiful 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.

To be among the first to receive updates and information when registration becomes available, please email [mss\\_education@northwestern.edu](mailto:mss_education@northwestern.edu).

Learn More

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### Penn Implementation Science Institute

June 24 - June 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). Limited scholarships will be available for affiliates of the University of Pennsylvania, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) and the Philadelphia VA Medical Center (PVAMC).

Learn More

# Job Opportunities

## **AMETHIST@Penn's Maternal Health Implementation Science Nurse Research Scholar**

This 1-2 year program will provide intensive training and mentorship in maternal health implementation science.

This opportunity is open to:

- Nurses who have completed a PhD and are within 3 years of their terminal training program. This includes:
  - PhD students who have passed their qualifications
  - Postdocs
  - Assistant professors within 3 years of appointment
- Employed at one of the 12 IMPROVE CoEs or 2 associated Hubs

More details are included in the attachment! **Applications are due January 20, 2025.**

For more information, click [here](#).

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## **AMETHIST@Penn's Maternal Health Implementation Science Physician Research Scholar**

This 1-2 year program will provide intensive training and mentorship in maternal health implementation science.

This opportunity is open to:

- MD/DOs who completed an OBGYN residency
- Are either in a post-residency fellowship program, or within 3-years of completing their terminal training (either residency or fellowship)
- Employed at one of the 12 IMPROVE CoEs or 2 associated Hubs

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## **Academic Faculty, Implementation Science, Clinically Embedded Scholar focused on Surgical Research at Wake Forest University**

The [Department of Implementation Science](#) at Wake Forest University School of Medicine seeks a mid-career faculty member (MD, PhD, PharmD or equivalent) to join a growing team of implementation scientists in Charlotte, NC. In partnership with the Department of Surgery and Center for Surgical Outcomes Science, our goal is to accelerate impact-oriented health services, health systems and health care delivery research in partnership with an operational research team. In an era where healthcare is evolving at an unprecedented pace, Wake Forest University School of Medicine stands at the forefront of innovation, collaboration, and patient-centered impact.

For more information and the application, click [here](#).

# Research & Funding Opportunities

## **[Penn PORTAL Learning Health System Scientist Investigators and Clinician Leaders](#)**

This funding opportunity is directed toward early-career clinician and non-clinician

investigators, faculty clinicians, and other healthcare professionals at Penn. Penn PORTAL is committed to training future LHS Scientists; fostering access, inclusion, diversity, equity, and engagement; and supporting projects aligned with Penn Medicine goals designed for rapid-cycle testing and integration into clinical operations.

**Application deadline:** January 31, 2025

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### **Penn CFAR Microgrant Awards**

Penn, CHOP, or Wistar faculty members eligible to apply for NIH funding as a PI. Must be Early Stage Investigators at the Instructor and Assistant Professor-level (or equivalent), without previous R-level funding.

**Application deadline:** Rolling Basis

**Funding amount:** \$2,500

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