## Letter from PISCE Leadership Team

Dear PISCE@LDI community,

We hope you had a restful summer and were able to get a break from your computers. As we settle into the new semester, we have a lot to look forward to for PISCE! Please see below for save the dates for our many exciting PISCE events this fall.

We are very excited to announce that the PISCE leadership team has expanded to include three new Associate Directors: Courtney Benjamin Wolk, PhD; Chris Bonafide, MD, MSCE; and Kate Rendle, PhD, MSW, MPH. To learn more about each of them, please read their introductions below.

In addition to our new associate directors, we are excited to add post-doctoral fellow Amy Van Pelt, PhD, MPH to our PISCE@LDI team. We will spotlight Amy in our next newsletter – stay tuned!

Lastly, the entire LDI website was revamped this summer. Please check out our updated PISCE@LDI webpage <a href="https://example.com/here/">here.</a>

Be well, PISCE@LDI Leadership Team

## Introducing our new associate directors!



Courtney Benjamin Wolk, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at the Penn Center for Mental Health in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her BA in Psychology from The Ohio State University. She completed both her MA and PhD in Clinical Psychology at Temple University where she focused on the development and evaluation of cognitive-behavioral therapies (CBT) for child and adolescent anxiety. She completed an APA-accredited predoctoral internship in Clinical Psychology at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC.

As an implementation scientist and clinical psychologist, the long-term goal of her research is to develop and evaluate strategies to promote

the uptake of evidence-based mental health care into routine practice. Dr. Wolk has a particular interest in the implementation and evaluation of evidence-based mental health screening, prevention, and intervention practices in non-specialty mental health settings, such as schools and primary care. She also is very interested in how to improve the integration of mental health services in settings where mental health care is not the primary mission. Her research focuses on identifying the common overarching barriers and facilitators to implementing mental health interventions in non-specialty mental health settings and in the design and evaluation of actionable strategies for fostering integration.



Chris Bonafide, MD, MSCE, is a pediatric hospitalist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania. He serves as Research Director for Pediatric Hospital Medicine at CHOP. His primary research interests include (a) the deimplementation of ineffective health care practices, and (b) re-engineering systems for physiologic monitoring in the hospital and home settings, with numerous projects focused on pediatric hospital monitoring overuse, alarm fatigue, and home vital sign monitoring. His research is actively funded by NIH, AHRQ, and NSF. Dr. Bonafide serves as the Strategy and Operations Officer for the Pediatric Research in Inpatient Settings (PRIS) Network, which sets the agenda for pediatric hospital medicine research nationally. In addition to his publications in journals such as *JAMA*, *JAMA Pediatrics*, *Journal of the* 

American Medical Informatics Association, and Pediatrics, his work has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and New York Times. Dr. Bonafide serves as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Hospital Medicine and is an Editorial Board Member of Pediatric Quality and Safety. He lives in the Philadelphia suburbs with his wife (an anesthesiologist at Penn) and 3 boys.



Katharine A. Rendle, PhD, MSW, MPH, is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine & Community Health and of Epidemiology in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Rendle is also the Director of Implementation Science at the Penn Center for Cancer Care Innovation (PC3I), the Associate Director of the Mixed Methods Research Lab, a full member of the Abramson Cancer Center, and a Senior Fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, all at the University of Pennsylvania. As an independent investigator, Dr. Rendle has developed a robust and growing research program that integrates diverse quantitative and qualitative methods to improve the quality, value, and implementation of care in the context of cancer prevention and screening. A substantial portion of her work has focused on prevention and early detection in cervical and lung cancer. She is currently Site-PI for the Lung Population-

based Research to Optimize the Screening Process (PROSPR) Research Center, a large NCI-funded multisite research consortium designed to assess and improve lung, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening across healthcare systems. Building from this work, she co-leads a new project funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to develop, validate, and implement quality metrics in lung cancer screening. In cancer care delivery, Dr. Rendle co-leads (with Dr. Rinad Beidas) the Methods Core of the Penn Implementation Science Center for Cancer Control, an innovative center designed to improve implementation of evidence-based interventions in cancer care using insights from behavioral economics and implementation science. Additionally, she is MPI of a pilot trial to evaluate the effect of using "chatbots" as a patient-directed implementation strategy to improve symptom management among patients with lung cancer. Other areas of research include evaluation and implementation of interventions into primary care and development of novel qualitative methodologies to enhance integration of mixed methods research into implementation science.

Dr. Rendle earned her PhD in Anthropology and Social Work from the University of Michigan. She also earned her MPH in Epidemiology and BA in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to her faculty position at Penn, Dr. Rendle completed postdoctoral training in the Cancer Prevention Fellowship at the National Cancer Institute.

### **Events**

- September 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 PM: PISCE@LDI Works-in-Progress Meeting
  - o **Location:** Zoom\* Note we have elected to make this a virtual meeting given delta.
  - Agenda:
    - Amanda Bettencourt, PhD, APRN, will be presenting her newly funded, health system-partnered research project that aims to improve the sustainability of their quality improvement and evidence-based practice projects by training a cohort of implementation science specialist nurses to work on project teams.
    - Yuvaram Reddy, MBBS, MPH, will be discussing the methodology and preliminary findings of the IM-HOME Study (Identifying major home dialysis barriers - a mixed-methods study).
  - Please RSVP at this link by EOB Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> if you plan to attend. Zoom information and materials from presenters (if applicable) will be sent to those who RSVP.
    - \*Please note that this WIP is intended only for our Philadelphia-based colleagues
  - Click here to add this event to Google calendar
  - See attached .ics file to add this event to Outlook calendar
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-1 PM: PISCE@LDI Works-in-Progress Meeting
  - o Location: Hybrid, in-person (room TBD) and Zoom
  - Agenda
    - Sarah Schrauben, MD, MSCE, will be presenting on a topic TBD
    - Yehoda Martei, MD, MSCE, will be presenting on a topic TBD
  - Please RSVP at this link by EOB Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. Zoom information and materials from presenters (if applicable) will be sent to those who RSVP.
    - \*Please note that this WIP is intended only for our Philadelphia-based colleagues
  - Click <u>here</u> to add this event to Google calendar
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- <u>November 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM-12 PM</u>: PISCE@LDI and the Penn Implementation Science Center in Cancer Control (ISC3) are co-sponsoring a talk by Lola Fayanju, MD, MPHS focused on on implementation science and cancer care.
  - Location: TBD
  - o RSVP here.
  - Click <u>here</u> to add this event to Google calendar
  - o See attached .ics file to add this event to Outlook calendar

### Announcements

**Dr. Rinad Beidas was** <u>appointed Director of the Penn Medicine Nudge Unit</u>. Rinad succeeds Dr. Mitesh Patel in this role. A collaborative effort between the Center for Health Care Innovation (<u>CHCI</u>) and the Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics (<u>CHIBE</u>),

<u>Penn Medicine's Nudge Unit</u> is the world's first behavioral design team embedded within a health system. Dr. Beidas will apply her expertise in implementation science to the Penn Medicine system, applying its insights to to improve improve health care, health outcomes, and health equity at scale. She will continue to lead the <u>Penn Implementation Science Center at the Leonard Davis Institute</u>, which she founded in 2018.

To read more about this appointment, see a recent CHIBE interview with Dr. Beidas.

Blog post on LDI's website about a recent systematic review by Briana Last, Alison Buttenheim, Nandita Mitral, Rinad Beidas, and colleagues that was recently published in *BMJ Open*. The article examines the types of nudges in the literature that have been found to be most effective at impacting clinical decision-making. Read more here: https://ldi.upenn.edu/our-work/research-updates/nudges-that-improve-clinical-decisions/

### **Featured Publications**

Fishman, J., Yang, C. & Mandell, D. Attitude theory and measurement in implementation science: a secondary review of empirical studies and opportunities for advancement. *Implementation Sci* **16**, 87 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1186/s13012-021-01153-9

Evaluation of an educational outreach and audit and feedback program to reduce continuous pulse oximetry use in hospitalized infants with stable bronchiolitis: A nonrandomized clinical trial. *JAMA Network Open.* Sep 2021. Schondelmeyer AC, Bettencourt AP, Xiao R, Beidas RS, Wolk CB, Landrigan CP, Brady PW, Brent CR, Parthasarathy P, Kern-Goldberger AS, Sergay N, Lee V, Russell CJ, Prasto J, Zaman S, McQuistion K, Lucey K, Solomon C, Garcia M, Bonafide CP.

The coming of age of implementation science and research in critical care medicine. *Critical Care Medicine*. Aug 2021. Barr J, Paulson SS, Kamdar B, Ervin JN, Lane-Fall M, Liu V, Kleinpell R.

Implementing nudges to promote utilization of low tidal volume ventilation (INPUT): A stepped-wedge, hybrid type III trial of strategies to improve evidence-based mechanical ventilation management. *Implementation Science*. Aug 2021. Kerlin MP, Small D, Fuchs BD, Mikkelsen ME, Wang W, Tran T, Scott S, Belk A, Silvestri JA, Klaiman T, Halpern SD, Beidas RS.

Provider barriers and facilitators of breast cancer guideline-concordant therapy delivery in Botswana: A consolidated framework for implementation research analysis. *Oncologist*. Aug 2021. Ralefala T, Mokokwe L, Jammalamadugu S, Legobere D, Motlhwa WS, Oyekunle AA, Grover S, Barg FK, Shulman LN. Martei YM.

From "homegrown" to research-ready: converting an existing practitioner-developed violence prevention intervention into an evaluable intervention. *Health Promotion Practice*. Aug 2021. Embry V, Macy RJ, Moracco KE, Scheffey K, Moore A, McCort A, Taraskiewicz L.

Mental health services for autistic individuals across the lifespan: Recent advances and current gaps. *Current Psychiatry Reports*. Aug 2021. Maddox BB, Dickson KS, Stadnick NA, Mandell DS, Brookman-Frazee L.

Depression prevention in pediatric primary care: Implementation and outcomes of interpersonal psychotherapy-adolescent skills training. *Child Psychiatry & Human Development*. Aug 2021. Kanine RM, Bush ML, Davis M, Jones JD, Sbrilli MD, Young JF.

Personalized and patient-centered strategies to improve positive airway pressure adherence in patients with obstructive sleep apnea. *Patient Preference and Adherence*. Jul 2021. Watach AJ, Hwang D, Sawyer AM.

Rationale and protocol for a cluster randomized pragmatic clinical trial testing behavioral economic implementation strategies to improve tobacco treatment rates for cancer patients who smoke. *Implementation Science*. Jul 2021. Jenssen BP, Schnoll R, Beidas R, Bekelman J, Bauer AM, Scott C, Evers-Casey S, Nicoloso J, Gabriel P, Asch DA, Buttenheim A, Chen J, Melo J, Shulman LN, Clifton ABW, Lieberman A, Salam T, Zentgraf K, Rendle KA, Chaiyachati K, Shelton R, Wileyto EP, Ware S, Leone F.

Stakeholders' views on reducing psychological distress in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. Jul 2021. Hart JL, Hong D, Summer A, Schnoll RA.

Systematic review of clinician-directed nudges in healthcare contexts. *BMJ Open.* Jul 2021. Last BS, Buttenheim AM, Timon CE, Mitra N, Beidas RS.

## Newly Funded Grants with an Implementation Science Focus



# ACTUATE-CBC: ACceleraTing the UptAke of TElemedicine for Crisis Burn Care

Amanda Bettencourt, PhD, APRN, and colleagues have been awarded a 4-year Clinical Translational Research Award from the Department of Defense's Military Burn Research Program to develop and test an implementation intervention to increase the uptake of teleconsultation for initial and ongoing acute burn care. Telemedicine is an evidence-based and effective means of connecting a person with a burn injury and the clinician(s) caring for them to the expert burn team regardless of their location. However, despite the availability of the technology and

good evidence that it improves patient outcomes, it remains underused. This study will examine the factors influencing emergency department clinician use of teleconsultation with a regional burn center, engage burn and emergency department stakeholders in determining the best process for using whole team burn teleconsultation during a crisis, and develop and test a toolkit

aimed at increasing its use. Results will be used to inform civilian burn mass casualty preparedness efforts and military prolonged field care protocols.

# Leveraging behavioral economics and implementation science to engage suicidal patients in mental health treatment





Courtney Benjamin Wolk, PhD, and Shari Jager-Hyman, PhD, have been awarded an R21 award from the National Institute of Mental Health to rapidly prototype and test promising, low-cost, acceptable, and feasible strategies to increase patients' attendance at a first mental health visit following identification of suicide risk in primary care. Engagement in mental health treatment reduces risk of death by suicide for patients at high-risk, but suicidal individuals have difficulty imitating and sustaining involvement in mental health services. The

study will be conducted within a large, diverse health system that has implemented collaborative care in 8 urban primary care practices. First, the study team will identify characteristics of patients who do and do not attend their first mental health visit following referral. Then, they will conduct a contextual inquiry to identify barriers and facilitators to mental health treatment attendance for individuals at risk of suicide. Finally, they will rapidly prototype, test, and optimize the engagement strategies, which will be informed by behavioral economics and implementation science methods, as well as expert feedback, and will target key mechanisms that impede treatment attendance. The goal of the study is to identify menu of the most promising and feasible implementation strategies to support the initiation of mental health services for patients at risk of suicide that will be tested in a subsequent trial. The long-term goal of this work is to increase engagement in mental health services for suicidal individuals

### Improving Opioid Use Disorder Treatment for Hospitalized Patients with Endocarditis



Rachel French, PhD, RN, has been awarded an F32 award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to study and optimize delivery of care for opioid use disorder-associated infective endocarditis (OUD-IE) in hospitals. Despite the availably of effective treatment for opioid use disorder and the opportunity to intervene during hospitalization, health care staff tend not to address opioid use disorder during hospitalization for OUD-IE, despite OUD-IE patents' distinctly poor outcomes. Existing models of hospital care for patients with opioid use disorder can inform hospital care delivery for OUD-IE patients, though significant adaptation of these models is needed to meet the unique needs of OUD-IE patients related to their prolonged hospital stays. Little is known regarding how to best deploy

evidence-based opioid use disorder interventions for medically hospitalized patients. The aims of the proposed study are to: 1) Characterize current practices of health care staff regarding hospital care delivery for OUD-IE patients; 2) Examine the appropriateness, feasibility, and acceptability of implementing evidence-based opioid use disorder care for hospitalized OUD-IE

patients; and 3) Adapt an intervention for hospitalized OUD-IE patients and develop a corresponding toolkit of implementation strategies. Findings from this study will increase the currently limited efficacy of care delivery for hospitalized patients with opioid use disorder and ultimately enhance their outcomes.

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### **Funding Opportunities**

<u>Implementation Science for Cancer Control in People Living with HIV in Low- and Middle-Income</u>
<u>Countries (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)</u>: This funding opportunity supports implementation science for cancer control in People living with HIV (PLWH) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) to accelerate the integration of evidence-based cancer control interventions for PLWH by leveraging existing HIV treatment and prevention infrastructure. **Application due date: December 15, 2021.** 

## Training Opportunities and Conferences

## Registration is now open for the 14th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health

The conference will be held online from December 14-16. This year's theme is "Broadening Horizons for Impact: Incorporating Multisectoral Approaches into D&I Science." This theme highlights the importance of incorporating within studies, attention to the diverse contexts and stakeholders, not only within health and health care, but across sectors which have implications on health. We hope to see many of our PISCE@LDI colleagues there!

Register here: <a href="https://academyhealth.org/page/2021-di-registration">https://academyhealth.org/page/2021-di-registration</a>

#### Virtual workshop: How to get funded in D&I Science – October 25-26

**UC San Diego** Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute Dissemination and Implementation Science Center (<u>DISC</u>) offers workshops on special topics in dissemination and implementation science (D&I) to their DISC Members and Investigators (apply for free DISC Membership on their <u>website</u>). This two-day virtual workshop will provide attendees with an overview of funding opportunities for D&I research and share resources for proposal writing and funding success. The workshop's speakers and panelists are a diverse set of international and U.S. funders, investigators, and community partners.

Register for this workshop HERE.

Job Opportunities

# Postdoctoral Fellowships in Implementation Research in Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment

The Penn Center for Mental Health (CMH) at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine invites applications for post-doctoral fellowships. This one-of-a-kind, interdisciplinary training program at the intersection of implementation science, public policy, and mental health provides an excellent opportunity for social scientists to improve their knowledge of implementation science, behavioral economics, public mental health systems, qualitative and quantitative research methods, and how to conduct research that can improve outcomes for our most vulnerable citizens. The center's research addresses the needs of individuals with psychiatric and developmental disabilities across the lifespan. Penn CMH has a longstanding commitment to postdoctoral training, and offers a unique environment in which to train early-stage investigators. Over the past three decades, faculty have collaborated closely with community agencies, including Philadelphia's Departments of Health and Behavioral Health and the School District of Philadelphia. Through these partnerships, we have created unique opportunities to embed postdoctoral trainees in the settings in which they hope to conduct research.

Through our partnership with Penn's <u>Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics</u> (CHIBE), <u>Penn Medicine's Nudge Unit</u>, and our Penn ALACRITY Center, postdoctoral trainees also can learn strategies to apply psychological insights about behavior change to implementation science in mental health.

We anticipate having **two fellowship positions** available through our NIMH funded T32, *The Academic-Community Experience (ACE): A postdoctoral training fellowship in implementation science to promote mental health*. Each T32 fellow will be assigned one of the following mentors, depending on their interests: Rinad Beidas, PhD; Hilary Bogner, MD, MSCE; Dianne Chambless, PhD; David Mandell, ScD; Steven Marcus, PhD; or David Oslin, MD. These experienced mentors will guide T32 fellows in developing an independent research agenda.

In addition to mentorship, postdoctoral fellows will have access to an abundance of resources, including opportunities to:

- Develop an individualized research program under the mentorship from a core faculty member and secondary mentor chosen from faculty in the broader Penn community.
- Take courses specific to the fellow's individual needs and interests
- Interact with community partners from the city and state as part of our relationships with the Department of Behavioral Health, Community Behavioral Health, the School District of Philadelphia, and Penn Medicine
- Attend seminars that include monthly professional development didactics, national implementation science experts at least twice a year, a bimonthly implementation science works-in-progress meeting, and a monthly implementation science journal club
- Access pilot funds and receive a budget annually for professional development and networking

Conduct both primary data collection and secondary data analysis

For more details on CMH faculty, resources, and projects, visit <a href="https://www.med.upenn.edu/cmh/">https://www.med.upenn.edu/cmh/</a>.

**Appointment**: Summer or fall 2022. Appointments are for one year, and are conditional upon the renewal of our training grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Eligibility: The Center seeks applications from persons with a PhD, MD, or equivalent doctoral degree and a strong commitment to a career in mental health services research and implementation science. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are core values at Penn CMH. We are committed to recruiting and supporting individuals of diverse backgrounds, especially those who are underrepresented in science. Past applicants have come with training in qualitative or quantitative methods, and from disciplines such as clinical psychology, school psychology, community psychology, social work, public health, nursing, economics, and anthropology. Recent graduates and those seeking to enhance their skills in new areas are welcome to apply. While we are open to supporting individuals with a variety of interests, we especially encourage applications from those interested in digital health, integrated behavioral health care, substance use disorders, global mental health, HIV/mental health, or behavioral economics. Stipends vary with experience.

**Applications**: Please submit your application by October 15, 2021 for full consideration: <a href="https://forms.gle/ubg17Eb4RfPX9iHK6">https://forms.gle/ubg17Eb4RfPX9iHK6</a>. The application asks you to provide demographic information (optional), brief academic history, your CV, cover letter, up to 3 published manuscripts or writing samples, and the names and emails of three references.

# Assistant/Associate Professor, Zhu Family Center for Global Cancer Prevention, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Zhu Family Center for Global Cancer Prevention at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health is seeking applications for up to two tenure-track faculty positions at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. These will be dry lab positions, and rank will be contingent on experience.

Situated within a vibrant, globally engaged school of public health, the Zhu Family Center for Global Cancer Prevention believes that all populations worldwide should benefit from state-of-the-art cancer-prevention strategies. The Center's core mission is to support groundbreaking research and rapid translation of this discovery into clinical and public health practice. Through collaborative partnerships across relevant disciplines and industries, we strive to accelerate progress within the field and optimize the pathways of care. Please visit the Center's website for more information about its goals, resources, and opportunities.

The incumbent(s) will have an opportunity to build a robust research program in cancer prevention and early detection. Candidates with the skills to develop, implement, disseminate, and evaluate tools and technologies that address the cancer burden in populations, particularly within underserved populations are encouraged to apply, and we welcome applications from researchers interested in disparities, social determinants of health, and/or structural racism, whether as a primary or supplemental focus. Successful candidates will be expected to teach cancer prevention courses at the graduate level.

Applicants should have a doctoral degree (PhD, MD, or equivalent) in a discipline relevant to cancer prevention and early detection in a dry-lab setting, such as epidemiology, biostatistics, bioinformatics, economics and health services research, behavioral science, community-based interventions, or genetics, -omics, population health, among others. Competitive candidates will have an established publication record.

Successful candidates can be appointed to any department within the Harvard Chan School and will benefit from membership in the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer center, which is comprised of over 1,100 members in 18 research programs in 7 affiliate institutions. All departments at the School have formal mentoring programs and develop tailored mentorship plans to ensure the tenure-track faculty members receive the guidance and support needed to successfully navigate the School's academic and funding environment.

Applicants should have a doctoral degree (PhD, MD, or equivalent) in a discipline relevant to cancer prevention and early detection in a dry-lab setting.

Successful candidates will be expected to teach cancer prevention courses at the graduate level.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

For more information and to apply, visit: <a href="https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/10407">https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/10407</a>

#### Health Equity Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

The Center for Interventions to Enhance Community Health (CiTECH) in the School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh is seeking a Health Equity Postdoctoral Fellow to contribute to projects aimed at advancing behavioral health equity by adapting and delivering evidence-based practices to address mental health and well-being in community settings. Much of our work is conducted with community partners in the Western Pennsylvania region, and we seek to conduct work that will affect behavioral health locally and nationally. Community settings may include educational settings, community-based mental health settings, integrated care in primary care practices, justice-related settings, and others. Current projects that may be of substantial interest to applicants include (but are not limited

to) advancing mental health and well-being equity in educational settings, improving mental health equity and access through work with clergy, and health equity in autism. We work in many other areas as well.

We invite scholars from diverse backgrounds to apply for CiTECH's Health Equity Postdoctoral Fellowship. The Fellow should be prepared to address critical gaps in knowledge by 1) conducting research to inform the development, implementation, and evaluation of behavioral health practices that advance health equity in individuals, families, and communities, 2) engaging with populations that face structural barriers to excellent behavioral health, with a focus on communities of color, 3) conducting research in partnership with communities, and 4) communicating findings back to communities, as well as to academic and policy audiences. The primary goal of the Fellowship is to develop a scholar with the potential to become an innovative research leader working to enhance behavioral health equity. We seek scholars who can publish at the highest level, reach the widest audience, and impact policy. The postdoctoral fellow will receive mentorship and support from the CiTECH leadership and staff and closely collaborate on projects. The specific focus and methodology of the projects undertaken will depend on the expertise and interests of the incumbent.

Required qualifications include a Ph.D. in Social Work, psychology, public health or a related field. Ph.D. in Social Work preferred. Candidates should demonstrate quantitative and/or qualitative research skills, experience in data analysis, excellence in scientific written and oral communication skills, experience or training in community-based work, and a strong commitment and passion to advance health equity. Other important skills are attention to detail, open communication, good time management skills, appreciation for the importance of racial/ethnic diversity in science, and the desire and ability to work both independently and collaboratively as part of a team.

The candidate should live in or be prepared to relocate to Pittsburgh; however, all work will be conducted remotely due to the pandemic until it is safe to return to campus. The position will be at least 1 year, renewed annually, as desire and funding permit. To apply, please provide a cover letter, your academic CV, and the names and emails of 3 individuals who could serve as references via the application portal. This is a 100% FTE position using the standard NIH postdoctoral position salary range. Monies will be available for professional development, conference attendance, etc.

For more on the position, visit:

https://cfopitt.taleo.net/careersection/pitt faculty external pd/jobdetail.ftl?job=21003033&tz =GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew York

Any questions related to the position can be directed to Mike Jasek at MSJ15@Pitt.edu.