

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 2025



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NOVEMBER ISC INVITED SPEAKER

Heather Gilmartin will be on campus as an invited speaker for November! Please note the location for joining in person is different from our Journal Club gatherings – we will meet in the College of Nursing. You can also join using the regular Zoom link found below.

Date: Thursday November 20

Time: 1-2pm (Central)

Heather Gilmartin, PhD, NP, CIC, FAPIC

Title of Presentation: **Power in Partnerships:
Elevating Worker Health through
Dissemination Science**

Join via [Zoom](#) or in person (040 CON)



IOWA Implementation Science Center

**IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE
CENTER INVITED SPEAKER
DR. HEATHER GILMARTIN**

**Power in Partnerships: Elevating Worker Health through
Dissemination Science**

The Implementation Science Center welcomes Dr. Heather Gilmartin:

- Associate Director, Denver–Seattle COIN, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System
- Associate Professor, University of Colorado, Colorado School of Public Health (CU–SPH), Department of Health Systems, Management and Policy
- Associate Director, Colorado Clinical and Translation Science Institute (CCTSI) Dissemination & Implementation Science Core

Heather Gilmartin, PhD, NP, CIC, FAPIC
Thursday November 20 – 1-2pm (Central)

**Attend
Virtually or
In-Person:**

**ZOOM LINK
OR IN PERSON:
040 COLLEGE OF
NURSING BUILDING**



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Iowa City VA Health Care System
CADRE - The Center for Access & Delivery Research and Evaluation

IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE TRAINING – SPRING 2026

To indicate your interest in participating in this training, please complete the form [linked here](#). (Completing this form does not guarantee a spot in the training.)

SPRING 2026 IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE TRAINING

The Implementation Science Training is an 8 session series that covers foundational topics in implementation science, including theories, models, and frameworks; outcomes; measures; and implementation strategies. This training will be offered in a hybrid format – join online or attend in person.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 10 AM TO NOON CST

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Implementation science is defined by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as “the study of methods to promote the adoption and integration of evidence-based practices, interventions, and policies into routine health care and public health settings to improve our impact on population health.”

The goal of this training is to provide researchers with a background in implementation science, in order to prepare them to apply implementation science concepts to their area of research and submit grant proposals with an implementation science focus or an implementation science aim.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASKED TO DO ASSIGNMENTS (VIEWING A VIDEO AND READING A COUPLE OF JOURNAL ARTICLES AHEAD OF THE SESSION) – APPROX 3 HOURS OF PRE-WORK FOR EACH SESSION.

This class will be led by Dr. Heather Reisinger

\$600

Tuition for this class



COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SPOT IN THE SERIES - YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL IF YOU ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE.



In support of improving patient care, the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

<https://policy.uiowa.edu/community-policies/nondiscrimination-statement>

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Professional Development Opportunities (External):

- **PISCE (Penn Implementation Science Center)** has an upcoming presentation titled **Guiding, documenting, and assessing adaptations across the life cycle of a project** by Dr. Borsika Rabin on Wednesday December 3 from 11-noon (Central). Register [here](#).
- **Implementation Science Seminar Series** hosted by **UW Madison's** Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. Sessions are held on the second Friday of every month from 12-1 pm during the academic year (Sept-May). Join us to learn about the four pillars of the Dissemination and Implementation field: implementation theory, implementation methods, implementation strategies, and implementation laboratories. Register [here](#).
 - These sessions are being recorded and are available at [this website](#).
- The **BRIDGE Program at Brown University** is hosting a six-part series on a variety of implementation science topics, including the application of human-centered design in implementation, lessons learned from real-world studies and community-engaged research. Talks are held virtually on Tuesdays at noon from October 21 to November 25th. See flyer below for more information. Register [here](#).

Fall 2025 Implementation Science Seminar Series

This 6-part series explores implementation science, its methodology, and application. Local and national experts share talks on implementation strategies, economic evaluation in implementation science, implementation policy, health equity, community engagement, and global implementation science. Join us virtually, Tuesdays at noon from October 21 to November 25th.



10/21 | Greg Rosen, PhD, MSPH
"Human-Centered Design and Choice-Based Conjoint Methods to Identify Implementation Priorities and Strategy Preferences to Guide HIV and Substance Use Service Delivery"



10/28 | Maggi Price, PhD
"Using Human Centered Design to Develop Targeted Implementation Strategies to Promote the Adoption of Health Equity Practices"



11/4 | Noah Triplett, PhD
"Applying Community Partnered and Pragmatic Implementation Research Methods to Address Adolescent Substance Use"



11/11 | Sophia Bartels, PhD, MSPH
"Optimizing the Development and Tracking of Implementation and Sustainment Strategies: Lessons Learned from Two Large-scale Implementation Science Studies"



11/18 | Carly Goldstein, PhD
"Intervention Optimization: From Effectiveness Through Implementation Success"



11/25 | Linda Guzman, PhD
"Bridging Research and Reality: Partnering with Communities to Improve Care Delivery"



[Scan/Click to learn more & register](#)

CONFERENCES:

- 18th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, co-hosted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and AcademyHealth, will be held December 14-17, 2025. **See the final page of this newsletter for a list of presenters from the ISC community.**
- The National Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Conference will be held on April 29-30, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency in Coralville. The call for abstracts has closed. Registration for this conference opens in January 2026. See the website linked above for details.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (INTERNAL):

- The Iowa Initiative for Artificial Intelligence and Information Technology Services offer introductory as well as advanced short courses in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML). These short courses can be taken individually, or their sequences can lead to obtaining HawkAI Certificates of Proficiency in AI/ML. Read more about the initiative [here](#).
- Pivot – learn how Pivot can help you identify funding opportunities that are right for you.
 - Maximizing Pivot to Find Funding and Collaborators - Wednesday November 19 from 2-3pm at University Capitol Centre

RECENT D&I PUBLICATIONS

- McKay V et al. **Facilitation as an effective strategy to reduce excessive antibiotic prophylaxis in Children's hospitals: A stepped-wedge cluster randomized controlled trial.** Implement Sci. 2025 Oct 21;20(1):45. doi: [10.1186/s13012-025-01455-2](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13012-025-01455-2). PMID: 41121325; PMCID: PMC12542473.
- Mills G et al. **Implementation of the Person-Centered Primary Care Measure.** J Am Board Fam Med. 2025 Oct 20. doi: [10.3122/jabfm.2024.240433R2](https://doi.org/10.3122/jabfm.2024.240433R2). Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41115761.
- Yuan CT et al. **Achieving cardiovascular health equity in community mental health: study protocol for a cluster-randomized hybrid Type 3 effectiveness-implementation trial.** Implement Sci. 2025 Oct 23;20(1):46. doi: [10.1186/s13012-025-01461-4](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13012-025-01461-4). PMID: 41131632; PMCID: PMC12551291.
- Wagner NM et al. **Increasing opportunities for community input in harm reduction program development using iterative engagement.** Harm Reduct J. 2025 Oct 22;22(1):173. doi: [10.1186/s12954-025-01323-8](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12954-025-01323-8). PMID: 41126231; PMCID: PMC12541959.
- Boatman D et al. **Community co-design of research intervention materials to reduce cervical cancer disparities in Appalachia.** PEC Innov. 2025 Sep 26;7:100434. doi: [10.1016/j.pecinn.2025.100434](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pecinn.2025.100434). PMID: 41112328; PMCID: PMC12529350.

THANK YOU,

Heather Reisinger – Director,
Implementation Science Center

Erin Balkenende – Program Manager,
Implementation Science Center

CONNECT WITH ISC

If you have information you would like shared in a future newsletter, are interested in leading a future IS Journal Club, or to be added to the distribution list, please email: Implementation-Science@healthcare.uiowa.edu

LISTED BELOW ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESENTING AT D&I (PODIUM OR POSTER) FROM OUR ISC COMMUNITY

PODIUM PRESENTATION – MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 11-11:15AM

Utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) rapid qualitative methods for implementation of Veterans Health Administration National AI Institute initiatives. Presenting author: **Cassie Cunningham Goedken, MPH, CADRE, Iowa City Veterans Affairs Health Care System.**

POSTER SESSION – MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 1:15-2:30PM

A-29 Application of MODIFI to the adaptation of a complex, multilevel intervention to enhance access to high-quality cancer services in rural cancer hospitals **Mary Schroeder, PhD¹**, Sarah Birken, PhD, MSPH², **Ingrid Lizarraga, MD¹**, M. Alexis Kirk, PhD³, Cheyenne Wagi, MPH, MA², **Jacklyn Engelbart, MD⁴**, **Erin Johnson, PhD¹**, **Madison Wahlen¹**, **Aaron Seaman, PhD¹** and **Mary Charlton, PhD¹**, (1)University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, (2)Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC, (3)Independent Consultant, Apex, NC, (4)University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA

A-96 Understanding differences in the system-wide implementation of a fall prevention plan: An approach of implementation mapping **Elyse Laures, PhD, RN, Kirsten Hanrahan, DNP, ARNP, CPNP-PC, FAAN, Rebecca Cetta, MSN, RN, Kaitlyn Schafer, BSN, RN, CV-BC and Laura Cullen, DNP, RN, FAAN, University of Iowa Health Care, Iowa City, IA**

A-136 Untangling the web: Understanding the multiple contextual dimensions of a cancer affiliate network **Aaron Seaman, PhD¹**, **Jessica Gorzelitz, PhD¹**, Sarah Birken, PhD, MSPH², **Nicole Fleege, MD¹**, **Erin Johnson, PhD¹**, **Mary Schroeder, PhD¹**, **Ingrid Lizarraga, MD¹** and **Mary Charlton, PhD¹**, (1)University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, (2)Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

A-194 Using Rapid Ethnographic Assessment (REA) and Human Centered Design to Enhance Medication Safety Technology Uptake in K-12 Schools **Amany Farag, PhD, RN¹**, **Heather Reisinger, PhD²**, **Hans Johnson, PhD³**, **Brandon Egger, MCS³**, **Jill Colbert, MBA, LNHA³**, **Anna Spooner, RN, BSN³** and **Mikayla Siddell, MSN, BA, DNP³**, (1)University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, (2)University of Iowa Health Care, Iowa City, IA, (3)University of Iowa, Iowa, IA

A-255 Wondering how to use mixed methods to elucidate implementation mechanisms? A step-by-step approach with illustrative case study **Claire Waller, BA, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL, Nathaniel Williams, PhD, Boise State University, Boise, ID, Heather Reisinger, PhD, University of Iowa Health Care, Iowa City, IA and Rinad Beidas, PhD, Northwestern University, Chicago**

POSTER SESSION – MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 4:15-5:30PM

B-172 Implementation Mapping to Adapt Facilitation to Local Context: Pre-implementation Planning for a Three-Variable Hybrid Implementation-Effectiveness-Context Trial **Elissa Faro, PhD^{1,2}**, Jaime Hamil, PHD MPH CHES³, **Morolake Adeagbo, PhD⁴**, **DeShauna Jones, PHD⁵**, **Maiti Peters, MSGH⁶**, **Anjali Iyengar⁶**, Beth Shelton, LCSW⁷, Darius Tandon, PhD³, Karen Tabb Dina, PHS, MSW, FAASWSW⁷ and Kelli Ryckman, PHD⁸, (1)University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, (2)Hackensack Meridian Health, Nutley, NJ, (3)Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, (4)Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS), University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, (5)Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS), University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, (6)University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA, (7)University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, (8)Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

B-190 Intervention Mapping: Applying a framework to train dental providers to recommend HPV vaccination **Jennifer Sukalski, RDH, MS, PhD¹**, **Tiffany Gradeler¹**, **Emily Janio, MPH²**, Grace Ryan, PhD, MPH³, Susan McKernan, DMD, MS, PhD⁴, **Rebecca Bucklin, MPH²** and **Natoshia Askelson, MPH, PhD²**, (1)University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA, (2)University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA, (3)Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, Worcester, MA, (4)University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Minnesota

B-191 "It worked well. Everybody stepped up...": Lessons from a pilot study adapting a strong provider recommendation for the HPV vaccine to the dental setting **Jennifer Sukalski, RDH, MS, PhD¹**, **Tiffany Gradeler¹**, **Emily Janio, MPH²**, **Rebecca Bucklin, MPH²** and **Natoshia Askelson, MPH, PhD²**, (1)University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA, (2)University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA

POSTER SESSION – TUESDAY DECEMBER 16, 8-9:15AM

C-105 Syrian refugee young adults as community mental health workers and tutors: Results of a pilot RCT to measure mechanisms of effect on their own wellbeing, stress and coping over two years **Rima Afifi, PhD, MPH¹**, **Grant Brown¹**, Lilian Ghandour², Malak Tleis, PhD², Marwa Fares³, Fadi Al Halabi³, Yamen Najjar³, Bayan Louis³, Hanan Al Masri² and Rima Nakkash, DrPH⁴, (1)University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA, (2)American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, (3)Multi Aid Programs (MAPs), Bekaa, Lebanon, (4)George Mason University, Fairfax, VA