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Calls

Child Abuse & Neglect: Special Issue on Measurement of Child Maltreatment

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Submission deadline: April 28, 2017

Child maltreatment is an important, complex construct and the field thus far has employed a variety of approaches (i.e., self-report, case file review) in capturing the nature of child abuse and its influence on a myriad of outcomes. The majority of these approaches have focused primarily on type of abuse as the organizing paradigm for understanding maltreatment with some attention to other aspects such as severity, frequency, and chronicity of abuse exposure. Recent research, however, makes it clear that exposure to child maltreatment is more complicated than just the type of abuse, that types of abuse commonly co-occur, and that features like the frequency, severity, chronicity, age of onset, perpetrator, and overlap across types are likely important to fully understand the influence of child maltreatment on youth adjustment. For the field of child maltreatment to evolve, greater attention to how best to operationalize maltreatment is necessary. Hence, innovation is needed in both the questions we use to classify different types of maltreatment and in the methods used to analyze those questions.

Over the past decade, the methods for measurement of complicated constructs have grown considerably and researchers in the field of child maltreatment have begun to use advanced statistical techniques to better understand the nature of child maltreatment. While a great deal has been learned from research on specific types of maltreatment, other facets of the construct should be considered as well, and novel statistical and methodological approaches may open the door to improve consistency of findings and allow for testing of more complicated, and potentially more accurate models of intermediate variables and developmental processes that follow maltreatment exposure. Therefore, this special issue on measurement of maltreatment

is an update Journal of Child Abuse & Neglect's special issue on measurement published in 2005 and is seeking manuscripts that include emerging approaches to measurement of maltreatment (e.g., latent measurement modeling within structural equation modeling; Item Response Theory; latent class analysis) in an effort to summarize the ways advanced statistical and creative methodological approaches can be applied within the realm of child maltreatment to advance understanding of how best to capture the varied and complex experiences of youth who have been maltreated. We encourage submissions that exemplify novel methodological and measurement approaches and those that highlight the utility of those approaches for improved understanding of the impact of child maltreatment. The special issue will serve as an update to the field from the foundational special issue on measurement in 2005. The theme of this issue might be succinctly summarized as methodological innovation in the service of conceptual clarity.

Papers should be prepared in compliance with The Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect's Instructions to Authors (<https://www.elsevier.com/journals/child-abuse-and-neglect/0145-2134/guide-for-authors>) and submitted through the journal website.

Manuscripts will be peer reviewed. Papers that are not appropriate for inclusion in this special issue may be rerouted (with the authors' knowledge and consent) for consideration for publication in CAN as regular papers. Please indicate in the cover letter accompanying your manuscript that you would like to have the paper considered for the Special Issue on Measurement of Child Maltreatment. Please direct all inquiries to Yo Jackson at yjackson@ku.edu

Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research - Special issue
Ensure Healthy Development for all Youth through the Power of Prevention
Guest Coeditors: Kimberly Bender, PhD, and Valerie Shapiro, PhD
Submission Deadline: October 1, 2017
Click [here](#) for more information.

Conferences & Trainings

12th Annual JGH Department of Psychiatry Research Day
March 10th from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Click [here](#) for more information.

Témoigner sur les médias sociaux de son agression à caractère sexuel : Expériences de femmes au Québec
30 mars de 12h30 à 13h45 (apportez votre lunch)
à UQAM, 405 rue Ste-Catherine Est, Pavillon Judith-Jasmin, local J-1200.
Click [here](#) for more information.

**Children in a World of Opportunities: Innovations in Research, Policy and Practice
June 28-30, 2017 in Montreal, QC**

Letters of acceptance have been sent out for the 6th Conference of the *International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI)*! The organizers of ISCI 2017 are grateful to the following organizations for their generous support of the event:



Annie E. Casey Foundation, Fondation Lucie et André Chagnon, Fonds de Recherche en Santé du Québec, McGill Centre for Research on Children and Families, SHERPA-Institut universitaire, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Tier II Canadian Research Chair in Social Services for Vulnerable Children, Tourisme Montréal, and UNICEF Canada.

Updated information on the program, travel and registration are posted regularly on the conference website at www.isci2017.org.

Events

Research Seminar - The impact of service disparities on First Nations children with complex needs living on reserves, their families, and their communities: a case study by Luna Vives and Vandna Sinha

February 8 12:00 – 13:00

Wendy Patrick room (room 118), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC

Click [here](#) for more information.

Child Welfare Journal Club

February 27 12:00-13:30

Center for Research on Children and Families, suite 106, 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC

The [Child Welfare Journal Club](#) is a joint McGill / University of Toronto initiative supported by funds from the Royal Bank of Canada. It is a monthly journal club for faculty and graduate students interested in child welfare research. We review empirical studies published in the leading child welfare journals and select the most salient and rigorous studies to be summarized and distributed in monthly e-newsletters disseminated through the [Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal \(CWRP\)](#).

For any PhD student at McGill potentially interested in joining the Research Watch team or to receive more information, please contact [Jaime Wegner-Lohin](#).

Indigenous Child Welfare Research Group

March 2 12:00 – 14:00

CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC

A monthly discussion group of graduate students, faculty and researchers as well as professionals from university affiliated organizations. Aimed at building empirical knowledge on topics related to Indigenous child welfare and to facilitate knowledge translation of Indigenous child welfare research. Click [here](#) for more information.

Job/Scholarship Opportunities

PhD Student looking for RA position

I am a PhD student at the School of Social Work of McGill. I am looking for a RA ship this semester. I work very diligently and have various data skills. I am very good at Stata program and have experience in using various quantitative methodologies (e.g., propensity score analysis, Difference-in-differences, panel data analysis, and program evaluation). Click [here](#) to see Sooyon Weon's curriculum vitae.

News & Notices

Congratulations Liam!

Congratulations on passing your comprehensive exams Liam Curran!



Congratulations Khan!

Mohammed Khan has been awarded an Entrance Scholarship and research contribution grant from the Quebec Inter-University Social Statistics (QICSS) for his dissertation project and for his role in publishing [Building Financial Knowledge Is Not Enough: Financial Self-Efficacy as a Mediator in the Financial Capability of Low-Income Families](#).

Street Child

CRCF member, Argerie Tsmimicalis, recently visited the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts with her 5 year old son who was struck by this image of a poor child smoking. Dr. Tsmimicalis wanted to share the image, given our collective interest in issues of childhood and poverty.



Fernand Pelez

Paris 1843 – Paris 1913

Street Child

1880

Oil on canvas

William F. Angus Bequest, inv. 1952.1072

Pelez was part of a movement in art dealing with social issues. Wanting to “tell the story of Paris’s poor,” he painted and denounced the bleak underside of the *belle époque*. Critics spoke of him as “one of the most . . . affecting portrayals of poverty . . . most certainly the one whose sympathy for those classes suffering in our midst is expressed with the most deeply moving power.” Ironically, he was ranked among the “indefatigable eulogists of begging.”

In the same vein as that of Zola, his work’s heartrending naturalism expands on the stories and novels depicting the society of the time written by Dickens (*Oliver Twist*, 1837) and Andersen (*The Little Match Girl*, 1845), while it simultaneously brings to mind the characters of Gavroche (Hugo, *Les Misérables*, 1862) and Rémi (Malot, *Nobody’s Boy*, 1878). The child dressed in rags can refer to paintings by Spanish painters: Murillo, Ribera or Velázquez.

The artist was not attempting to induce pity through oversentimentality; on the contrary, he strove for realism. He preferred using vagabond children he happened upon while out walking as models rather than studio professionals. The cigar on the ground and the cigarette between the boy’s lips break with the traditional image of childhood. He takes a break to enjoy what the middle-class adults or dandies who pass him by without a glance leave behind.