

Pediatric Consultation Liaison

Division 54 SPP Special Interest Group Newsletter

A Note from the Co-Chairs: Kris Kullgren and Courtney Fleisher



Greetings to our CL SIG members as we head into the final months of 2015. After a great showcasing of CL SIG members' work in San Diego, we are hopeful that many of you submitted to present in Atlanta in April 2016. We are excited to preview that several members of our CL SIG and leadership team will be presenting ideas on integrating the art and science of pediatric psychology CL practice early in the conference at a workshop, so come prepared to "steal shamelessly and share senselessly" to bolster CL activities at your institutions! Due to the increased popularity of SIGs within Division 54, following the 2015 SPPAC, SIG chairs began meeting periodically to address the SPP Board of Directors' goals of standardizing operations across the groups. From an organizational standpoint, a task force of SIG chairs was formed to revise the policy and procedures document. As a result, members should eventually feel a greater sense of consistency across the various SIGs of which they are members. In Atlanta, we anticipate updating the membership on ideas related to creating small budgets for SIG-sponsored initiatives and projects, as well as a stronger SIG presence on the renewed Division 54 website due out in the near future. Please don't hesitate to contact us or other members of the leadership group with questions and comments before we meet again in Atlanta, April 14-16. In the meantime, keep working hard and enjoy the contents of our newsletter!

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CPPP Publication Opportunity

Kevin Tsang, PsyD, Subcommittee on Research

Clinical Practice in Pediatric Psychology is looking for submissions for a special issue with a spotlight on SIGs. We'd love to participate in this unique opportunity. If you'd like to collaborate on an idea or have a project you'd like to put forth, we'd be happy to discuss! So far we've been discussing (a) possible case studies discussing include the art and science of pedi psych in CL, (b) reviewing applications of practice for a specific illness or specific subgroup (e.g., ARFID, conversion disorder, eating disorder, ASD), and (c) quality improvement work in CL but we are certainly open to other ideas. The Letter of Intent is due **November 1**, so think it over and get in touch soon.

The special issue details are as follows:

The special issue entitled Spotlight on Special Interest Groups seeks manuscripts on a wide variety of topics aligned with SIGs currently recognized by SPP. Specifically, we are interested in manuscripts that represent academic products of SIGs and SIG members. We are especially interested in collaborative work among SIG members that was made possible by the emergence and organization of SIGs within SPP. Examples of appropriate manuscripts include (but are not limited to):

- An evidence-based review of clinical treatments in a subspecialty population by one or more SIG members (on a topic not covered in the recent CPPP issue on evidence-based practice)
- A clinical trial conducted across SIG member institutions
- A quality improvement project implementing evidence-based treatments in a subspecialty population by one or more SIG members
- A case study demonstrating specific issues, barriers, and facilitators in translating evidence-based treatments into clinical practice by one or more SIG members

If you want to highlight CL Research that you are working on and/or have published, let us know so we can share your work in the Spring newsletter! Contact Kevin Tsang for more information.

**SOCIETY OF
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

SPPAC 

APRIL 14-16, 2016 | ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SPPAC 2016 Planning is Underway!

Conference Theme:

State of the Art in Pediatric Psychology: Promoting Best Practices

Conference Location:

Atlanta Marriot Marquis

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlmq-atlanta-marriott-marquis/>

Important Dates:

- December 2015: Notification of acceptance/rejection of submissions
- March 19, 2016: Submission deadline for CL SIG poster award submissions
- Conference: April 14-16 2016

Registration:

Details to follow on <https://kupce.ku.edu/pediatric-psychology-conference>

Conference programming will continue to include SIG business meetings. Please forward any topics you would like to see addressed in Atlanta to the leadership team.

The SIG will be giving awards to outstanding posters featuring research in the area of C/L psychology. Winner(s) of the C/L SIG Poster Awards will be acknowledged at the SIG business meeting during SPPAC. **Eligibility:** You must be a member of the C/L SIG with a poster on the topic of C/L accepted for presentation at SPPAC 2016

Please forward a copy of your accepted poster abstract to Megan Shelton by **March 12, 2016**. If you have multiple first author posters scheduled for presentation at this conference, you may submit all for consideration but will only be eligible for one award. Students are especially encouraged to apply!

We would like to continue growing our SIG student mentorship program. Please contact Courtney Craig if you would like to register or have suggestions for activities in Atlanta.



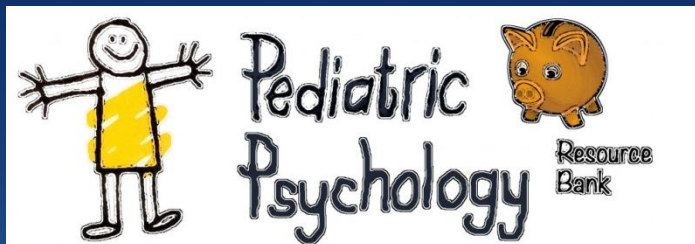
Student Spotlight: Lillian Hamill, B.S. By: Megan Shelton, PhD

Lillian Hamill is a third year Ph.D. candidate in the Clinical Psychology doctoral program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas, TX). Lillian is currently completing her APA accredited pre-doctoral internship at Children's Health in Dallas, Texas gaining experience on the consult liaison service and in various ambulatory clinics, including gastroenterology. Her clinical interests include craniofacial disorders, gastroenterology, consultation liaison services, and cognitive/academic/emotional assessment in a pediatric health population. Prior to internship, she gained clinical experience at the Dallas County Juvenile Detention Center. There, she also worked with a more focused population at the in-house residential drug treatment center conducting intellectual and achievement assessments, individual therapy, and group therapy with detained youth. She also obtained previous clinical experience at Children's Health through a Cultural Diversity Scholarship, awarded to her by UT Southwestern's Clinical Psychology Program during her first year.

Lillian has been involved in various research projects under the mentorship of Dr. Celia Heppner, Psy.D., primarily examining quality of life in a pediatric health population. More specifically, she has explored whether patient and family ethnic and linguistic similarity to their environment impacts quality of life and other psychosocial variables. Lillian has presented this research at statewide and national conferences and has received a cultural diversity award for her work. Additionally, Lillian has co-authored a manuscript exploring bullying in children considered to be medically fragile, which is currently in press by the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Lillian has recently begun working on her dissertation under the supervision of Dr. Celia Heppner, Psy.D. and Dr. Sunita Stewart, Ph.D. comparing objective and self-rated appearance satisfaction measures of appearance and exploring how these variables contribute quality of life longitudinally.

When considering an internship placement, Lillian was looking specifically for a position that would allow her to gain experience with a variety of pediatric health populations and sharpen her skills in providing brief evidence-based interventions. Since starting on the consult service at Children's Health in August 2015, Lillian has been able to work toward these goals and has also refined her creative problem solving skills, especially when working with children with a variety of presenting issues and limitations. Lillian would encourage students seeking internship positions to consider working on a consult service, as students will likely become confident in their brief intervention and problem solving skills through a breadth of experience. Additionally, she offers that working on a consult service can aid in the identification of a specialty, which is often valued in many academic medical centers.

Lillian has been a student member of Division 54 since 2014 and is currently the student representative of the Division 54 Craniofacial Special Interest Group.



Thanks to everyone who committed to submit materials to the Pediatric Psychology Resource Bank. Please be sure to upload your materials! Your contributions are what make the bank a helpful professional tool for everyone! Contact Bryan Carter at bryan.carter@louisville if you need further information or want to forward your submission as an attachment.

Please contact Megan Shelton with nominations for the Spring 2016 Student Spotlight.

Don't forget to contact Courtney Craig if you would like to register for the student mentor/mentee program!

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