

RSH-SIG Newsletter

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I am delighted to bring to you our first newsletter, with the help of my co-editors, Alicia Brockington, M.S., (NIAID), Ranjan Gupta, Ph.D., (FIC), and Gabriela Riscuta, M.D., M.S., (NCI). It is exciting to see how our group has formed and grown since our inception in October 2020. Our inaugural presentation launched on February 9, 2021, with then NIH Director Dr. Francis S. Collins on *"Harmonizing the Spiritual and Scientific Worldviews"* on NIH videocast [here](#). This newsletter is an extension of our purpose to foster communication, promote collaboration, and facilitate the exchange of information. It is my hope that our newsletter also helps promote understanding and resources both within the NIH on research at the intersection of religion, spirituality, and health and to the larger external research community. It is our aspiration that we can fulfill our purpose and goals as listed on our NIH RSH-SIG [website](#) and that you will join us in our efforts. I am excited for what the future has in store for us as we expand our knowledge and awareness of work being done across the globe in the research, clinical, and training sectors in this critically important research area. If you have news to share with us, please send it to our email at RSH-SIGnewsletter@mail.nih.gov. We have several interesting talks and events lined up for this Fall and we hope you will attend and share this information with your colleagues. For starters, we will have a poster and workshop at the NIH Research Festival 2024 on **Monday, September 23** on campus (and virtual), please see below for more information. You may also find details on the NIH Research Festival 2024 [website](#). If you are part of the NIH (have an NIH email) and want to join the RSH-SIG, you are welcome to by joining our listserv—simply scan the QR code below. Please feel free to reach out to us on the Steering Committee at any time at RSH-SIG@mail.nih.gov. We welcome your feedback! Thank you.

Best wishes,

Joan

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NEWS AND UPDATES

The NIH RSH-SIG held its first retreat at the Stone House on Friday, July 19, 2024 for RSH-SIG members. Attendees discussed ideas for future activities.



Pictured above: Left side front to back: Joan Romaine (NIAAA), Raye Litten (NIAAA), Dan Xi (NCI). Right side front to back: Ranjan Gupta (FIC), Krista Forbes (All of Us, OD), and Olga Brazhnik (NHLBI).




Pictured above: Left to right: Joan Romaine (NIAAA) and Steffany Gomes (PMF At-Large).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The RSH-SIG will have two events at the NIH Research Festival 2024:**
 - 1. Poster Session**
Monday, September 23, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. ET
FAES Terrace in Building 10
 - 2. RSH-SIG Workshop**
Monday, September 23, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET
FAES Classroom #3 and #4 combined and hybrid
Register in advance for this meeting if you plan to attend virtually at
<https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdeGvqDgpHDqfagwDgQDzAi5NB-Ch5Zc>
- **Virtual Webinar with Joseph M. Currier, Ph.D.**, from the University of South Alabama on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. Dr. Currier will be presenting on “Training Mental Health Professionals in Spiritual and Religious Competencies: Current Status and Future Horizons.” More information on the Spiritual and Religious Competencies Project may be found here: [SRCP \(spiritualandreligiouscompetenciesproject.com\)](https://spiritualandreligiouscompetenciesproject.com)

The NIH Religion, Spirituality, and Health Scientific Interest Group (RSH-SIG) is Pleased to Announce the Following Virtual Presentation



Training Mental Health Professionals in Spiritual and Religious Competencies: Current Status and Future Horizons
 Tuesday, October 15, 2024
 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT

On Zoom:
<https://nih.zoomgov.com/j/1600810810?pwd=ghyJhmHXO9mo5Qlx068KUagkf41C2I.1>
 Meeting ID: 160 081 0810 Passcode: 997966

Joseph M. Currier, Ph.D.
 Professor of Psychology
 University of South Alabama

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Link: <https://nih.zoomgov.com/j/1600810810?pwd=ghyJhmHXO9mo5Qlx068KUagkf41C2I.1>
 Meeting ID: 160 081 0810
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WEBINARS HELD

The NIH Religion, Spirituality, and Health Scientific Interest Group (RSH-SIG) is Pleased to Announce Our March Webinar

COMPLEXITIES AND CONTRADICTIONS IN THINKING ABOUT RELIGION AS A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH



Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024
 Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
 Join ZoomGov Meeting:
<https://nih.zoomgov.com/j/1617111687?pwd=ZnZGOThsR3U4TmN4SS8rTGdCSmptZz09>
 Meeting ID: 161 711 1687
 Passcode: 871855

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The NIH Religion, Spirituality, and Health Scientific Interest Group (RSH-SIG) is Pleased to Present

Enhancing Competencies in Providing Whole-Person Care for Muslim Individuals



Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024
 Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET
 On Zoom:
<https://nih.zoomgov.com/j/1612662651?pwd=aGRDNIR1N1lwK1A3NkloNmx0aHpodz09>
 Meeting ID: 161 266 2651
 Passcode: 790120

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 & Islamic Psychology Lab

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Please visit the RSH-SIG [website](#) for a complete list and recordings (when available) of our previous webinars.

RSH-SIG JOURNAL CLUB



Jason Wilson, M.A.
 Journal Club Coordinator
 NIH OD Office of IRB Operations

Upcoming Journal Club Dates

- Tuesday, October 22, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, December 17, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Open to NIH only (those with an NIH email address)

If you have a paper you would like to present during journal club, please email Jason at jason.wilson3@nih.gov.

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

- Thursday, October 3, 2024, NIDA IRP Addiction Grand Rounds with John F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP- Virtual Only

NIDA IRP Addiction Grand Rounds
Hosted by: Javier Rubio, PhD

“The Role of Spirituality and Religion in Addiction and Recovery”

John F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP

Elizabeth R. Spallin Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
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Director, National Center on Youth Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery
President, American Board of Addiction Psychology
Board Certified Addiction Psychologist

NIDA IRP National Institute on Drug Abuse
Advancing Addiction Science

VIRTUAL ONLY, zoom
October 3, 2024, Seminar 1-2pm and 2-3pm (TRAINEES)

Hosted by: Javier Rubio, PhD

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024

Topic: NIDA IRP Addiction Grand Rounds

Guest Speaker: John F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP

Title of Talk: “The Role of Spirituality and Religion in Addiction and Recovery”

Agenda: Presentation (50 min) w/Q&A (10 min)

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Speaker/Trainee Discussions
Immediately following 2-3pm (subject to change)

Every month on the First Thursday

Join ZoomGov Meeting

<https://nih.zoomgov.com/j/1614996323?pwd=ak1DczAxbE1jaC9qUGtaN09sM3hKQT09>

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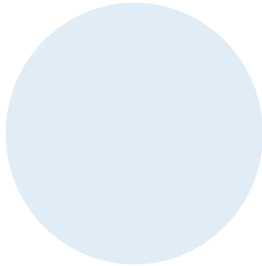
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