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News & Announcements



Happy New Year from the Swetland team!

Best of Swetland Center 2019

This time of year provides a chance for us to look back and reflect on memorable moments and accomplishments as we work toward our vision for environmental health equity. The Swetland Center has so much to be grateful for and much that would not be possible without collaborations with our dedicated staff, affiliates, and community partners. Thank you for helping us make 2019 a year to remember!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about a few of the top moments we celebrated together as a Center in 2019.

Ohio HEALing Communities Study: Combating the Opioid Crisis



Case Western Reserve University received a \$65.9 million federal grant from the National Institutes of Health to launch Ohio's participation in the HEALing Communities Study (HCS). HCS is an initiative that will systematically plan, implement and evaluate data-driven approaches to integrate multi-pronged, evidence-based interventions within health care,

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences have joined forces with researchers, practitioners, and representatives to combat the opioid crisis.

Swetland Center director, Dr. Darcy Freedman is leading Community Engagement efforts for Ohio and Landscape Analysis data report planning with the national team. Swetland Center staff members are coordinating these efforts with data collection and support, daily technical assistance to the Ohio team, and planning for additional phases of the grant that are scheduled to start at the beginning of 2020.

Be sure to keep up with Swetland news through our online [News & Events](#) page!



Swetland Opportunities



Upcoming Professional Development Series: Evaluating Coalitions

In June 2019, Elizabeth Benninger attended the Evaluating Collaboratives & Coalitions workshop as a part of the Society for Community Research & Action Biennial Conference in Chicago led by [Susan Wolfe](#). In our upcoming professional development seminar, she will be reviewing a variety of coalition frameworks, tools, and best practices for coalition evaluation from this excellent workshop. Mark your calendars and join us on January 15th, 2020 from 12-1 pm in the BioEnterprise Basement Floor Conference Room!



Elizabeth Benninger, PhD

For more information about our upcoming events or our Professional



Helpful Resources



Cuyahoga County urban tree canopy assessment update

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission has released results of the urban tree canopy assessment. Here are links to the different components of the study and the report:

- [Urban Tree Canopy Assessment main page](#)
 - The full report, executive summary, data downloads: [Downloads](#)
 - [County summary](#)
 - [Municipalities](#)
 - [Cleveland neighborhoods](#)
 - Watersheds, rights-of-way, and other land uses are available in the sidebar

"Cleveland experienced a 4.5% decrease in tree canopy cover from 2011–2017. The report includes an interactive map viewer with all of the data, spreadsheet, and GIS data downloads plus supplemental information on what has happened to the areas that lost canopy."

Project White Butterfly:

[Fresh Water Cleveland](#) recently published an article titled *From heroin to heroine: How Project White Butterfly is lifting up the local addiction community*. The article tells the story of Sara Szelagowski's and her sobriety. In August she launched [Project White Butterfly](#), a grassroots project designed to spread personal, handwritten positive messages of encouragement to people with addiction. If you're interested in passing along notes and recovery resources in the Greater Cleveland area, please check out their Facebook page!

PRCHN Summer Internship Applications are Open!



The Prevention Research Center is seeking undergraduate and graduate students who wish to gain experience in public health research. The PRCHN offers interns a variety of experiences including ground-truthing, food retail audits, field data collection, environmental surveillance, data entry, and data analysis. Specific intern duties will vary based on placement, but

interns will also have the opportunity to gain an overview of all the research and surveillance conducted at the Center. For more information, check out their [Internship](#) webpage. You can find the application [HERE](#).

Have an opportunity you'd like us to feature in our next newsletter? We are accepting content submissions! You can find the submission form [HERE](#).



Swetland Spotlight



Welcoming New Swetland Center Faculty Affiliates

Sending a warm welcome to our two new faculty affiliates!



Claudia Coulton, Ph.D, MSW, Professor, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences; Founding Director, Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development, Case Western Reserve University



Karen Abbott, Ph.D, Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, College of Arts & Sciences, Case Western Reserve University



Jarrod Dalton, Ph.D, Associate Staff, Department of Quantitative Health Sciences, Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic



Adam Perzynski, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Medicine and Sociology,
Center for Healthcare Research and Policy, MetroHealth; Case Western
Reserve University



Aparna Bole, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Community Integration, UH
Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital; Associate Professor, Department of
Pediatrics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

The Swetland Center is seeking to grow its network of affiliated faculty from across a variety of disciplines to further its mission to investigate the complex interplay between the environment and health. The center uses a community-engaged research approach working alongside our community partners to translate these findings into policies and practices that promote healthy places for people to thrive. **You can become an Affiliate too! For more information and our application visit our website [HERE!](#)**

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