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News & Announcements

Happy New Year!



We hope the new year brings you peace, health, and thriving! Here at

the Swetland Center, we wrapped up 2022 with lots of energy and movement across all our research and partnerships and look forward to bringing the same energy into 2023!

Requests for Proposals

The Swetland Center regularly engages with outside vendors and contractors to fulfill research and project needs requiring specialized expertise. We have recently launched a new section of our website to share our current Requests for Proposals (RFP's). We are currently seeking vendors for two different opportunities.

Please visit [our page](#) to view our current RFP's.

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

Hot off the Press

New Publications Bring a Strong Close to 2022 and Start to 2023

We finished 2022 with the chance to share out various findings from our COVID-19 Childcare study through three accepted publications. We look forward to seeing how this research will influence future planning and considerations related to COVID-19 and the well-being of children and families. Thank you to the amazing team of investigators and collaborators who made this work possible!

In the new year, Senior Research Associate Tim Ciesielski has published

- Freedman DA, Ciesielski TH, Yamoah O, Borawski EA, Ross KR, Nock NL, Lee EK, Dimitropoulos A, Minnes S, Burkhart K, Ogland-Hand C, Tisch DJ, Improving Surveillance and Epidemic Response in Ohio Childcare Settings. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. 2022; 19(24):16927.
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- Burkhart, K., Minnes, S., Yamoah, O., Doernberg, E., Balser, S., Ciesielski, T., Dimitropoulos, A., Nock, N. L., & Freedman, D. A. (2021). The effects of covid-19-related stress among parents and children in Ohio Child Care Programs: A mixed-methods study. Children's Health Care, 51(4), 362-384.
- Bensken WP, Vaca GFB, Alberti PM, Khan OI, Ciesielski TH, Jobst BC, Williams SM, Stange KC, Sajatovic M, Koroukian SM. Racial and Ethnic Differences in Antiseizure Medications Among People With Epilepsy on Medicaid: A Case of Potential Inequities. Neurology: Clinical Practice. 2023;13(1)e200101.

For a full list of our publications, check out our [Dissemination Page](#)

Events & Opportunities

Anti-Colonialism, Anti-Racism, & Climate Change Virtual Speaker Series

Various Dates and Times Throughout 2023

The Swetland Center is co-sponsoring this virtual speaker series with the Department of Philosophy throughout Spring 2023. Speakers include Thomas Nail, Christine J. Winter, Romy Opperman, Dipesh

Featured February Speakers:

- **February 9th, 2023, 6:30–8 pm**, Thomas Nail, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Denver
- **February 23rd, 2023 6:30–8 pm**, Christine J. Winter, Senior Lecturer in environmental, climate change, multispecies and indigenous politics, University of Otago, New Zealand

[Full series information and registration](#)



Swetland Seminar: A Panel Presentation: Ideas for Leveraging Technology and Partnerships for Nutrition Equity

February 28th, 2023 | 9:00 – 10:00 am

In a panel discussion, the community nutrition research team at the Mary Ann Swetland Center for Environmental Health and their partners will highlight their iterative, community- and partner-engaged approach to developing nutrition equity tools and technologies by showcasing two ongoing projects: FM Engage and PSE READI.

FM Engage (Farmers Market Engage) is a web app that encourages the integration of farmers' markets into food shopping routines for families with children shopping with SNAP benefits. PSE READI is a readiness assessment tool that supports the implementation of healthy eating Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) interventions within six diverse settings: farmers' markets, food retail, childcare, farm-to-school, food pantries, and K-12 schools.

[Click here to register for the seminar!](#)

Swetland Spotlight



New Year, New Team Members!

The Swetland Center rang in the new year with the addition of two new team members! [Linea Webb, MSW](#) joined us as a Community Engaged Researcher supporting the Nourishing Power Network Study, and [Shannon Walker, PhD, MEd, BA](#) is our newest PostDoctoral Scholar working both with the Swetland Center and the Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative at CWRU. We look forward to connecting them with our collaborators and partners this year!



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