

## MARCH - APRIL 2022 EDITION

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PD CORE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring and welcome to the March/April installment of the MW CTR-IN Professional Development Core Newsflash.

With the acknowledgement of the tragic events that have been occurring around the world in the past two years, and most recently with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, our hearts and minds are with those who have been affected by them. With these concerns in mind, I hope that everyone was able to enjoy a restful (if brief) Spring Break.

As I write this section, the PD Core is preparing for the next virtual Grant Writing Workshop, scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. The PD Core is hard at work reviewing interested faculty applications. So please make sure to sign up by the April 5<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Our March monthly ATRIP meeting was held on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. If you weren't able to join us, you can download the slides from the Research-in-Progress and Didactic presentation on the MW CTR-IN Portal. Our last two ATRIP meetings for the academic year are scheduled for April 8th and May 13th. Please visit the MW CTR-IN Portal for more details.

Happy reading from the PD Core! We look forward to connecting with you soon!

Sincerely,

**Larissa Myaskovsky, PhD**  
 Director, PD Core  
 Director, ATRIP Program  
 MW CTR-IN



### MENTORSHIP



**Akshay Sood, MD, MPH**  
 Associate Director, PD Core  
 Mentoring Unit

The Faculty Mentor Development Program and Study\* is enrolling for:

April 4 - May 23, 2022  
 June 8 - July 27, 2022  
 August 22 - October 17, 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FILL OUT THE INITIAL INTEREST FORM [HERE](#) OR CONTACT DR. SOOD AT THE EMAIL BELOW.

The study examines current best practices in faculty mentor development by randomizing participant to online asynchronous coursework alone or combined with video synchronous workshops.

\*NIH-funded research (U0GM132175)

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### GRANTSPERSONSHIP



**Ruben Dagda, PhD**  
 Associate Director, PD Core  
 Program Coordinator, ATF &  
 GWW Programs

The next **Grant Writing Workshop (GWW)** will be offered during the Spring 2022 semester (April 13-14, 2022). The GWW will be targeted for junior CTR faculty who are developing a major extramural grant for submission within the next 9-12 months, and have on-going MW CTR-IN pilot grants, or are yet to be funded. Given the ongoing SARS-COV-2 pandemic, the GWW will be offered virtually through Zoom.

PLEASE APPLY FOR THE VIRTUAL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP [HERE](#)

We continue to offer **Advance to Funding (ATF)** virtual study sections to provide expert peer review of your grant proposals before sending them off. These sessions are offered year-round, with funds available to pay for up to two rounds reviews per application.

TO APPLY FOR THE ATF PROGRAM,  
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### RESEARCH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



**Weiyu Mao, PhD, MSW**  
 Associate Director, PD Core  
 Education Unit

The Mountain West CTR-IN Program welcomes both Dr. Weiyu Mao and Dr. Brach Poston to the Professional Development Core Team's Education Unit as its newest Associate Directors.

Dr. Meiyu Mao is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) - School of Social Work. Her research focuses primarily on the support and health-related outcomes (including oral health) in later life as well as family caregiving & caregiver health and well-being, social relationships & late life health in cross-cultural comparison research. Dr. Mao earned her PhD and Masters in Social Work from the University of Southern California (USC) and was awarded the 2016 Postdoctoral Award from the USC – Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work and Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging.



**Brach Poston, PhD**  
 Associate Director, PD Core  
 Education Unit

Dr. Brach Poston is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) - Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences Department. His research focuses primarily on the use of non-invasive brain stimulation to improve motor skill and learning in Parkinson's Disease, aging, and young adults. He also conducts research on strength training and muscle fatigue as well as concussion in boxing and mixed martial arts. Dr. Poston earned his PhD in Integrative Physiology from the University of Colorado-Boulder, a Masters in Exercise Physiology from UNLV and a BS in Physical Education from SW Missouri State University.

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