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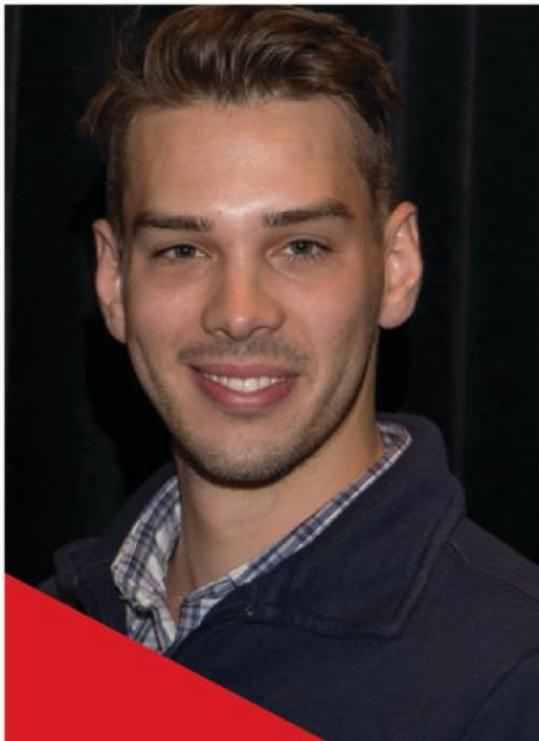
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POLICY TALK

The Latest in Public Policy Center News and Events

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



David Romano

Young Adults & Mental Health: Snapping the Stigma

Thomas C. Sorensen Policy Seminar Series
Sept. 26 | 7PM-8:30PM | Sheldon Art Museum

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Thomas C. Sorensen Policy Seminar Series Features David Romano Speaking about Students and Mental Health

David Romano will be at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery **tonight at 7pm** to speak about "Nebraska Young Adults and Mental Health: Snapping the Stigma." Additionally, researchers from the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center will present an overview of current statistics related to Nebraska young adults and mental health. This event is free and open to the public. It aims to reduce the stigma often associated with mental health conditions and

educate the community on available resources. Co-sponsors include the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition; ASUN; Active Minds - UNL chapter; Counseling and Psychological Services, Nebraska Medicine - UNL Campus; Big Red Resilience and Well-Being; College of Arts and Sciences; LGBTQA+ Resource Center; Men@Nebraska; Nebraska Greek Councils; OASIS; and the Women's Center. [Read more about the event.](#)

The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center is Celebrating Our 20th Anniversary

The Public Policy Center is celebrating 20 years as a center by inviting our friends, collaborators, stakeholders, and supporters to a social gathering in the Lincoln Community Foundation Gardens. The event is this **Thursday, from 4PM-6PM**. Donde Plowman, executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer of academic affairs, will give brief remarks at the beginning of the evening, followed by a few comments from our director, Mario Scalora. Join us for an evening of appetizers, drinks, and conversation. [Find out more details.](#)



ITEMS OF NOTE



BEAM Behavioral Health Training Center Begins Workshops

BEAM now offers monthly workshops.

A primary focus of the [BEAM Behavioral Health Training Academy](#) will be providing workshops and training for professionals in the areas of psychology, mental health, addictions, and criminal justice. The first of three 2018 workshops occurs on October 26, at Doane University in Lincoln. Dr. John Herdman, clinical director of Parallels, will offer training on "Foundations in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy." Monthly workshops will follow and include topics such as "Skilled Report Writing for Criminal Justice Clients" and "An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing." Workshops for 2019 will be announced soon. [Read more details or register for a workshop.](#)

Center Research Director Works with Puerto Rican Communities



Dr. Denise Bulling, a senior research director with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, spent two weeks this summer providing disaster response training in Puerto Rico. Dr. Bulling led seven workshops attended by more than 200 first responders working in Puerto Rican communities. The sessions were organized through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and focused on ways to enhance crisis intervention and methods to better

respond to the grief and loss they continue to experience every day. Read more about it in [Nebraska Today](#) and [The Daily Nebraskan](#).

Training in Omaha Focuses on Emerging Challenges in Threat Assessment

The Great Plains chapter of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals is holding a Fall Training event in Omaha on October 18 and 19. The training focuses on integrating aspects of threat assessment and mental health, with an emphasis on school and corporate environments. The training is open to ATAP members, law enforcement, security professionals, school professionals, licensed behavioral health professionals, probation and criminal justice professionals. [Learn more about the training event.](#)



CENTER NEWS

Peter Muhlberger Joins The Center as Research Manager

Peter Muhlberger recently joined the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center as a research manager. Previously with the National Science Foundation as a program director for cybersecurity, data-intensive research, and political science, Peter has also served as a senior analyst for NSF's National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics. Peter's work here at the Center will focus primarily on public safety and national security issues.



Public Policy Center Welcomes New Research Coordinator

Lisa Tolliver joins the Center as our new research coordinator. Lisa received her B.S. in business administration and is completing her master's in leadership at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her work focuses on social economics, community development and leadership, project management, and research design. As a research coordinator at the Center, she will work with our researchers to collect and analyze data, facilitate stakeholder involvement, and assist with a variety of projects.



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