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Center News and Events

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Featured News

Svoboda Receives NU President's Excellence Award

University of Nebraska Public Policy Center faculty fellow **Dr. Mark Svoboda** has been awarded the Innovation, Development, and Engagement (IDEA) Award from the University of Nebraska President's Excellence Awards. Five University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty and one University of Nebraska Medical Center faculty member earned the University of Nebraska system's most esteemed honors for research, creative activity, teaching, and engagement. The awards recognize faculty across the University of Nebraska system whose work has had a strong impact on students, the university, and the state. Dr. Svoboda, the director of the National Drought Mitigation Center, received recognition for his work on drought monitoring early warning information systems, drought risk management planning, and collaborative research. [Learn more.](#)



Events

**Introduction to Sex Offender
Assessment and Treatment
for Adults and Youth**

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**Older Adult
Behavioral Health 101**

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Dr. April Young

April 26, 2022
8:30AM to 5PM (Central)

Learn More

This workshop is for professionals in psychology, behavioral health, social work, and criminal justice.



Dr. Erin Emery-Tiburcio

May 4, 2022
12:00PM to 3PM (Central)

Learn More

This workshop is for professionals in psychology, behavioral health, and social work.

20th Annual Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference

The **2022 Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference** is planned for July 29 in Omaha, Nebraska. This year's conference focuses on post-disaster recovery and offers a special pre-conference workshop for clinicians with Dr. Jessica Hamblen. Planned speakers include Dr. Jessica Hamblen (National Center for PTSD and Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine), Dr. Rebecca Wysoske (UNMC), and Christian Burgess (Vibrant Emotional Health and Disaster Distress Helpline).

Learn More.

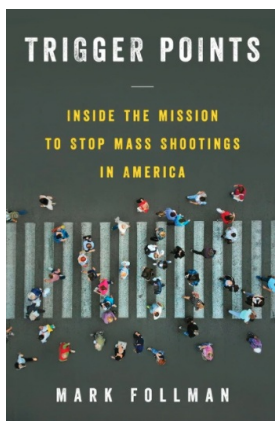


Faculty Fellow Highlight



Congratulations to Public Policy Center faculty fellow **Dr. Eve Brank** on being awarded the Aaron Douglas Professorship in recognition of her record of teaching excellence and instructional activities. Dr. Brank is currently the director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law and a professor in the UNL Department of Psychology. **Learn more.**

Publication Highlight



A new book by Mark Follman, *Trigger Points: Inside the Mission to Stop Mass Shootings in America*, aims to understand how we can prevent targeted violence and the role of threat management in this effort. Mark Follman's new book includes contributions from Dr. Mario Scalora and Dr. Denise Bulling.

[View more here.](#)

Center News

UNMC Podcast on Infection Control and Prevention Features Dr. Denise Bulling

Dr. Denise Bulling discusses the topic of mental health and the pandemic on the latest episode of the podcast "Dirty Drinks." Hosted by University of Nebraska Medical Center's Dr. Rick Starlin and Sarah Stream, the podcast regularly features infectious disease and infection prevention professionals. [Listen Now.](#)

Zero Suicide Academy Enlisting Behavioral Health Organizations & Healthcare Systems for Suicide Prevention

The Public Policy Center is hosting a **Zero Suicide Academy** focused on training healthcare systems and Behavioral Health organizations in Zero Suicide. Zero Suicide utilizes evidence-based tools, systematic practices, training, and embedded workflows to improve patient care and outcomes for health and behavioral healthcare organizations. The Center will be tracking outcomes as part of the Garret Lee Smith grant and is currently recruiting organizations to take part in the academy on June 15 and 16.

Honorable Mentions

- **Dr. Stacey Hoffman** was recognized this month for her work on the \$268K grant awarded by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center to assist with integrated planning for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services. The grant is among those recognized as top sponsored awards for February 2022 by the Office of Research and Economic Development at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Jennifer Farley** and her co-authors **Kristin Duppong Hurley** (UNL Special Education and

Communication Disorders, Academy of Child and Family Well Being), **Matthew Lambert** (UNL Special Education and Communication Disorders), and **Thomas Gross** (Western Kentucky University). Their recent publication "Profiles of Behavioral, Academic, and Demographic Characteristics of Middle School Students with Emotional or Behavioral Needs" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*.

- **Dr. Denise Bulling** spoke with Dale Johnson at KFOR about the PPC's role as an evaluator on the Safe2Help Nebraska system. The episode aired on April 19 and is available on **KFORNOW.COM**.
- PPC undergraduate research assistant, **Zachary Cheek**, recently wrote an article titled "Governance in the Global Economy," which has been published in the *Stanford Economic Review*, an undergraduate economics publication at Stanford University.

Community Resources

Nebraska Youth Suicide Prevention

Nebraska Youth Suicide Prevention is working to decrease the suicide rate among young people by sharing resources on their website for people currently dealing with anxiety and worry. During difficult or challenging times, mental health is especially important.



Visit Our
Website

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255

Free 24/7 confidential support for people in distress, prevention, and crisis resources for you or your loved ones and best practices for professionals.

Nebraska Family Helpline 1-888-866-8660

Free 24/7 confidential support for all Nebraskans.

Rural Response Hotline 1-800-464-0258

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