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POLICYTALK

The Latest in Public Policy
Center News and Events

Featured News

Nearly 100K in Funding to Increase Youth Fitness Through Sports Programs for Middle Schoolers

The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and Lincoln Community Learning Centers have received \$95K in funding to expand sports programs for middle schoolers. This is a direct result of the incredible support the University of Nebraska received through the **We Give Blood Drive competition**. A huge thank you to Abbott and the Big Ten Conference for making this possible and



investing in the health and wellness of our kids. Let's give a big round of applause to everyone who donated! The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is currently in 1st place on the donation leaderboard. Way to go, Huskers! **[Learn more about the project.](#)**

Center Researchers Share Lessons Learned from Evaluating a Targeted Violence Prevention Program

Three Center researchers, Stacey Hoffman, PhD, Denise Bulling, PhD, and Kurt Mantonya, PhD, recently presented at the American Evaluation Association conference in Kansas City, November 12-14. Their session, "Before Boom: Lessons Learned from Evaluating a Targeted Violence/Terrorism Prevention Program," discussed three phases

of an evaluation project completed this year. They described how to manage complex relationships as part of a participatory evaluation, explained how they employed mixed-method strategies to evaluate a prevention program, and reviewed a toolkit designed to embed evaluation in future programming. **Learn more about preventing targeted violence.**

BEFORE BOOM: LESSONS LEARNED



Denise Bulling

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Events

Nebraska Environmental Trust Public Meetings on Funding Categories

Free Via Zoom

Dec. 2, 2PM–3:30PM (CT)

The Nebraska Environmental Trust is holding a final virtual public meeting to seek public comments on existing funding categories: Habitat, Water, Waste Management, Air, and Soil. Professionals, community leaders, and interested individuals are invited to join to share their input at this virtual meeting if unable to attend one of the three in-person public meetings. Your input will help shape future initiatives and funding allocations.



**Public Meeting
Registration**

Structuring Environments for Safe, Therapeutic Management of Brain Injuries and Series Wrap-Up (Part 4 of 4) Drs. Matthew Peters & Durga Roy

Free Via Zoom

Dec. 4, 11AM–1PM (CT)

This four-part seminar series focuses on supporting behavioral, emotional, and cognitive health of patients with traumatic brain injury. This session focuses on approaches to create a safe and therapeutic environment for those with brain injury, elements used to change clinical practice, and challenges encountered in the care of patients

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December 4, 2025
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

SESSION **4**

FREE ON ZOOM

**Register for
Part 4**

with brain injury.

Ethics: Managing Personal and Organizational Ethical Challenges

Dr. Mark Lukin

Free Via Zoom

Jan. 15, 8AM–12PM (CT)

This program will review several clinical cases with a focus on increasing skills in managing potential ethical challenges, both internal and external. It will discuss how your own cognitive and emotional processes can support ethical practice or contribute to increased risk. In addition, we'll talk about how learning to manage your relationship with your manager and negotiating organizational demands can be a source of support or challenge in your clinical work.



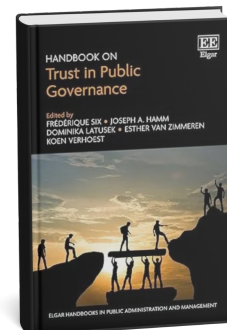
**Register For
Dr. Lukin's
Training**

Center News

Trust in Public Institutions Webinar Session

Drs. Lisa PytlikZillig (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center) and **Mariska Kappmeier** (University of Otago) discussed ideas from their recent chapter, "Participatory Engagement: Three Potential Pathways for Impacting Public Trust in Institutions," featured in the Edward Elgar Handbook on Trust in Public Governance.

See the webinar.



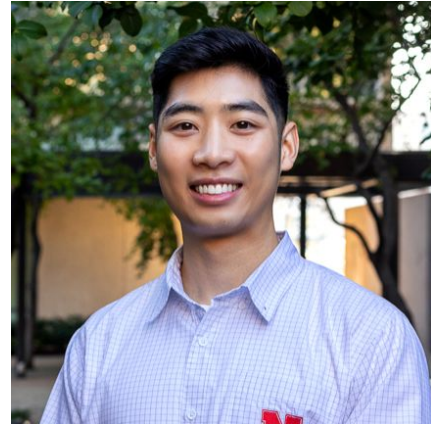
Meet Our Newest Administrative Associate - Joseph

This month, we are thrilled to introduce **Joseph Ciarmataro**, our Administrative Associate at the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center. Joseph brings a background in economics from Florida International University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. His organization and dedication keep our office running efficiently each day.



Meet Our Newest IT Specialist - Kenny

We're excited to officially introduce our newest Information Technology Specialist, **Kenny Pham**. Kenny brings a unique background to the team, holding a degree in psychology from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and a Master of Science degree in Cybersecurity from Bellevue University. His extensive technology experience and calm, confident demeanor ensure our systems run smoothly and securely.



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