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Briefing Report—2024—July - December

A Note from the Chair



Dear ECCSSA Members and Friends,

As we look back on the past year, I'm happy to share some exciting accomplishments and plans for the future, all made possible through the efforts of our dedicated members and supporters.

A key highlight was ECCSSA's 49th Annual Virtual Conference Roundtable on September 27th, 2024. The theme, "Bridging Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Insights into Social Sciences and Health," brought together scholars from various fields to discuss important issues in social sciences and health. The event was a great success, thanks to the participation and contributions of all who attended. We truly appreciate your involvement and expertise.

We are also excited to announce that Volume 21, Fall 2024 of the ECCSSA Chronicles has been published. This issue, titled "Bridging Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Insights into Social Sciences and Health," builds on the themes explored during the conference 2023. It is now available to ECCSSA members and the broader academic community. We extend our gratitude to the authors, reviewers, and editorial team for their efforts in bringing this publication to fruition.

We're excited to start planning ECCSSA's 50th Annual Conference on March 28th-29th, 2025. This year's theme is "Global Perspectives: The Social Sciences in a Connected World." We hope you'll join us for this special milestone.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to our board members for their hard work and dedication, and to all of you for your ongoing support. We look forward to another year of learning, collaboration, and growth together.

Warm regards,
Dr. Sushma Shukla
Chair, ECCSSA

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST CONFERENCE

The last conference held on September 27th was held virtually and had many academic participants. The theme was as follows:

Bridging Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Insights into Social Sciences and Health

The intersection of social sciences and health represents a dynamic and evolving landscape where interdisciplinary collaboration holds the key to addressing complex challenges and fostering comprehensive well-being. Our conference theme, “Bridging Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Insights into Social Sciences and Health,” invites scholars, practitioners, and researchers to explore the synergies between social sciences and health disciplines.

This theme aims to promote a deeper understanding of the reciprocal relationship between social factors and health outcomes. By bridging these two vital domains, we aspire to unlock innovative solutions that address health disparities, enhance healthcare delivery, and contribute to the overall betterment of individuals and communities.

This conference had several speakers and presenters, including our keynote speaker. These are the academic professionals and students who presented their papers and participated making this conference an educational and incredible experience:

Dr. Meenakshi Beri (Keynote Speaker): Fostering Appreciative Mindset, Sense of Community and Comprehensive Wellbeing; Explored ways of building a sense of community through Appreciative Mindset. Together we discussed strategies for promoting an Appreciative Mindset during difficult times. We explored the effect of trauma on human body, its impact on society and role of community in healing and thriving. This session empowered us with collaborative strategies that focus on strengths, taking ownership and creating synergies that further lead to health and wellbeing. We used interactive Miro boards for strength explorations and collaborations. By the end, we walked away with a better understanding of Appreciative Mindset and its importance; a recognition of our strengths and the strengths of others; and Strategies of Appreciative Mindset for personal and professional life.

Patrick T. Guerrera: Dollars and Distress: Unveiling the Financial Burden and Caretaker Burden of Borderline Personality Disorder; This paper explores the dual burdens of financial costs and caregiver strain. Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) is a serious mental health condition with significant financial and caregiver costs. These combined costs impact a range of stakeholders: BPD patients, their families, healthcare providers, and insurance carriers....

Prof. Trisha Kipps: Bridging Perspectives: Improving Cross-Cultural Communication in Pedagogy by Addressing Implicit Bias; In 2020 after the murder of George Floyd the “Black Lives Matter” movement took the lead on addressing racism in police practices. Many of the impressions people in society form about African Americans comes from their exposure to messages and images in the media through visuals of explicit biases and violence in the form of segregation, over policing, under educating, and lack of resources to the detriment of the homogenous nature of the African American Community. At the community college level, there is a need to address this issue in the form of pedagogy....

Prof. Allison Millward: Between the Lines: A Justification for using an interdisciplinary approach for CovidEra Personnel Research; During and after the global pandemic of 2020, medical workers within all levels of the healthcare system dealt with burnout, trauma, stress from the politicalization of their professions, and fear of their future of their careers and the world in general. Amongst the varying factors of stress is a sense of silencing, or, a powerlessness to make their voices heard amidst social, economic, and political norms and expectations about how healthcare workers should practice their professions during crisis. To demystify these silences amongst such intersecting expectations, scholars can

apply the social science method of narrative inquiry to healthcare research to explore the lived experiences of healthcare workers during this era....

Dr. Sushma Shukla: Economic Globalization and Its Impact on Mental Health in Low- and Middle Income Countries; This study looks at how economic globalization affects mental health in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), focusing on two main areas: trade liberalization and foreign direct investment (FDI). As these countries become more connected to the global economy, it's important to understand how these economic changes impact mental health. The research will analyze health and economic data to see how globalization affects mental health outcomes. It will also examine how changes in the economy, like job security and income inequality, influence mental health. The goal is to identify key factors that affect mental well-being and suggest policies to help balance economic growth with mental health needs in these countries.

Dr. Babita Srivastava: Challenges in Healthcare Workforce Management: Addressing Turnover, Burnout, and Economic Strain; This article explores the complexities of labor-management within the healthcare industry, focusing on the critical issues of staffing shortages and their impact on healthcare facilities. It examines the effects of high turnover rates, particularly among nursing and long-term care staff, which lead to increased recruitment and training costs. These challenges were intensified during the COVID19 pandemic, as a surge in patient demand compounded workforce constraints, resulting in emotional exhaustion and burnout among healthcare professionals. The article underscores the importance of retention strategies, such as professional development programs, recruitment bonuses, and the integration of technological innovations like robotics and electronic health records (EHRs) to reduce the strain on healthcare workers....

Dr. Lisa Wisniewski: Health of Communities: Best practices for supporting immigrant communities in healthcare; Access to health care and community support is vital for positive health outcomes. However, for many immigrant communities, there are several barriers to obtaining health care and meeting their needs. This includes language barriers, knowing what healthcare options are available to them, the cost of healthcare, and where to access these supports. In addition, community members may rely on family members or friends to gain access to this information instead of on healthcare professionals. This can impact care and opportunities for care to optimal health outcomes....

Dr. Jia Yu: Exploring Factors Influencing Consumer Choice of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China: A Comprehensive Analysis; In 2018, the World Health Organization recognized traditional medicine in its influential global medical compendium. Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) has good recognition and reputation in Japan and South Korea. However, there are rare studies about evaluating the recognition and reputation in its country of origin, China. So, our research identifies the influential factors of the recognition of TCM. We applied logistic regression to identify the determinants by using the Chinese Health Insurance Survey and the Chinese National Bureau of Statistics (2013–2017)

Student Presenters:

Arpita Srivastava; Pratyaksh Saxena; Shreya Srivastava; Utkarsh Srivastava

Impact of Socio-Economic Inequality on Healthcare Access in India: Strategies for Reducing Disparities; Socio-economic inequality remains a significant obstacle to equitable healthcare access in India, where disparities in income, education, and geographic location have a profound impact on health outcomes. This presentation delves into the complex ways in which socio-economic factors limit healthcare accessibility, with a particular focus on marginalized groups such as rural populations, slum dwellers, and tribal communities. By examining the role of income disparity, inadequate infrastructure, and social exclusion, the discussion highlights the wide gaps in healthcare delivery and outcomes. Additionally, it addresses the Moderator, Dr. Jia Yu Moderator, Dr. Babita Shrivastava ECCSSA 2024—All Rights Reserved 4 intersections of caste, gender, and economic status, demonstrating how these factors intensify the challenges faced by disadvantaged groups in accessing quality healthcare.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

Global Perspectives: The Social Sciences in a Connected World

ECCSSA's 50th Annual Conference Roundtable March 28th - 29th 2025

We invite submissions for papers exploring the role of social sciences in addressing global challenges within our increasingly interconnected world. This conference aims to foster discussions on critical global issues, such as, but not limited to, climate change, migration, international conflicts, economic inequality, etc. We welcome perspectives that highlight the importance of cross-cultural exchanges, international relations, diplomacy in promoting global cooperation and understanding, and so on.

Contributors are encouraged to examine how disciplines such as sociology, economics, political science, psychology, social work, and anthropology but not limited to can offer insights and solutions to these pressing issues. The conference will emphasize the importance of social sciences in fostering collaboration and advancing justice, equity, and sustainability on a global scale.

We welcome proposals from scholars, researchers, practitioners, and working professionals. Submissions should align with the conference theme and contribute to shaping innovative solutions to global challenges.

Please submit your proposals [here](#)

We look forward to your inspiring point of view!

UPCOMING CHRONICLE HIGHLIGHTS

ECCSSA JOURNAL TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

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