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## Happening in SRO - February 2019

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*If you have items for the newsletter or if you would like to highlight an event, please let Ann Vernier or your unit director know.*

## SRO All Staff Meeting

The next SRO All-Staff meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, in room 1430 ISR/Thompson. This will be a slightly shorter meeting with no outside guests, but it is an important opportunity for us to all come together as we launch into a new era at SRO. In addition to our usual welcome to new colleagues and new project and financial updates, we will hear from our new Director, Stephanie Chardoul, and our new Associate Director, Nicole Kirgis.

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# Our Work in the World

(Stephanie Chardoul)

The Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development project (or ABCD – please see Karin Schneider’s article in the October 2016 edition of *Happening in SRO* for a full description of the project and SRO’s involvement) has received a lot of popular media attention – here is one more! This *New York Times* article has a link to a recent segment aired on *60 Minutes*. It reports on the earliest findings from the first round of fMRIs of a subset of the ABCD kids. Both the article and the television segment share some really interesting results, especially on the effect of “screen time” on young children:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/10/health/screen-time-kids-psychology.html>



## SRO Journal Club Tuesday, March 5 12:00 noon - 1:00pm Perry 1300

(Lisa Holland)

The Survey Process Forum is organizing meetings for the new SRO Journal Club. This will be a space for us to come together to discuss journal articles or book chapters in the field of survey methodology and how they might apply to our project work. Our first discussion will be about a 2013 article by Eleanor Singer and Cong Ye, titled “**The Use and Effects of Incentives in Surveys.**”

[Click here to link to article](#)

Email us at: ([SRO-SPF-TEAM@umich.edu](mailto:SRO-SPF-TEAM@umich.edu)) with questions.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting. Happy reading!

## A New Workshop on Interviewer Effects

(Lisa Holland)

In the last week of February, three staff members from SRO are attending a new workshop created by survey methodologists from five different universities, including the University of Michigan. The three-day workshop, “**Interviewers and Their Effects from a Total Survey Error Perspective Workshop**” is

being held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and will focus on survey interviewers and their effects on total survey error. It will bring together an international group of leading academic, government, and industry researchers and practitioners for an intense discussion of interviewer-related research.

Topics include interviewers and their effects on any error source, issues related to study design and estimation using interviewer data, and survey operational issues with interviewers. One goal of this workshop is to create a stronger link between scientific research on interviewers and actual practices associated with interviewer field operations.

SRO staff members Margaret Hudson, Theresa Camelo, and Grant Benson are attending the workshop. Margaret will present a poster entitled, “***Developing a Quality Control Protocol for Evaluation of Recorded Interviews***,” describing work that she has done with the QC Implementation team on the use of a framework for measuring how well interviewers adhere to General Interviewing Techniques. Theresa Camelo will present “***Effects of Innovative Motivational Strategies and New Staffing Model on Interviewer Attrition: A Data Collection Year in Review***.” Maureen O’Brien was a collaborator on this work, which looks at motivational strategies - retention bonuses, organization gear, and other personalized recognitions – as well as a new staffing model in an attempt to minimize interviewer attrition. Grant Benson will be acting as a workshop discussant on two papers about using item-level timings to understand interviewer behavior.

Over the past few years, Lisa Holland and Margaret Hudson have continued to work with colleagues from the University of Wisconsin Survey Center on updates to current General Interviewing Techniques. Dr. Nora Cate Schaeffer from UWSC will present the theory and justification for these updates in “***General Interviewer Techniques: Developing Evidence-Based Practices for Standardized Interviewing***.” This work provides the background for a related demonstration of the accompanying training tools under development by UM-SRC-SRO and UWSC, “***General Interviewing Techniques: Developing Evidence-Based Practices***.” The intention is that upon their completion, these training materials would become available to members of AASRO (Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations). The annual AASRO meeting also takes place in Lincoln, Nebraska, immediately following this workshop. Patty Maher and Stephanie Chardoul will represent SRO at this meeting where these materials will also be available for review.

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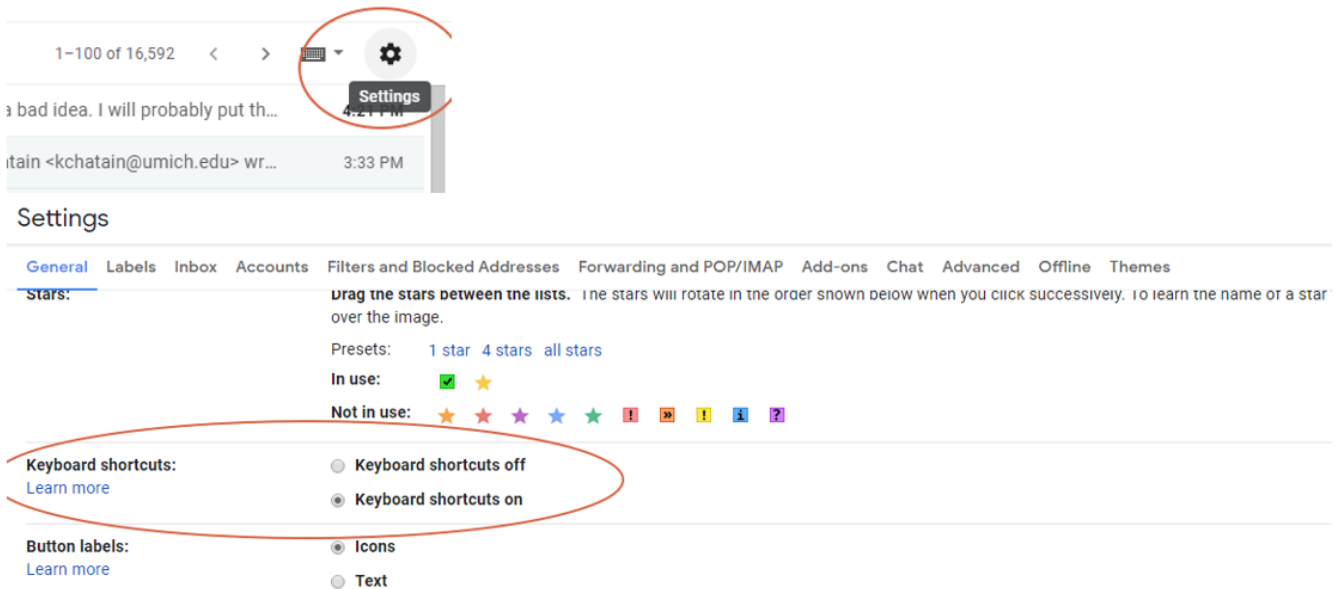
## SRO Tips & Tricks (and Shortcuts!)

(Kelly Chatain)

Keyboard shortcuts abound in the Windows operating system and if you haven’t seen the list lately, I recommend a taking a fresh look with your current work tasks in mind. Choose the version of Windows running on your computer from the dropdown menu on this [Microsoft Support site page](#).

Gmail has its own set of keyboard shortcuts that are available when turned on in the settings. If you’re interested in trying them out, go to your settings (gear wheel icon) on the top right of your gmail window and under the general tab, scroll down to keyboard shortcuts. Turn them on and click on “learn more” to

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