

Happening in SRO

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

Health, Aging, and Retirement in Thailand (HART)

SRO is providing consultation to the Center for Aging Society Research at the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) in Bangkok, Thailand. NIDA conducts the Health, Aging, and Retirement in Thailand (HART) study, which is a sister study to the Health and Retirement Study (HRS).

We previously helped HART transition from paper-and-pencil data collection to computer-assisted data collection for the second wave of their study in 2016 - 2018. They have asked for our help again in preparing for their fifth wave of data collection, scheduled to go into the field in 2024. Our current role is to provide consultation and guidance on returning to Blaise for the questionnaire and SurveyTrak and WebTrak for sample and production management. Hopefully they receive funding for Wave 5 and we are able to continue working with them to implement technical systems.

SRO involvement in this phase is from April through August 2023 and is centered around two trips. For the first trip, two of our TSG colleagues, Jennie Williams and Karl Dinkelmann, traveled to Bangkok to work with the HART team from April 17-21. During the trip, they provided Blaise and data management consultation.



Jennie Williams and Karl Dinkelmann with the HART team during their trip to NIDA, April 2023.

The second trip will be for several members of the NIDA team to visit SRO in August for a 15-day training with our technical and sampling staff. We look forward to providing ongoing support to this important project.



Puerto Rico Listing Update (Shonda Kruger-Ndiaye)

You may recall from an update Raphael Nishimura shared at the May 2022 SRO All-Staff meeting and from the August 2022 newsletter, that SRO has been working on a housing unit listing of Puerto Rico. We are happy to report that this listing of approximately 700 blocks is expected to be done by May 1st. Studies of Puerto Rico (PR) have rarely used true area probability samples. In fact, our University of Puerto Rico (UPR) collaborators believe this listing effort will result in the first properly constructed area probability frame for Puerto Rico.

Lessons learned? The use of Puerto Rican students as listers was critical to our success. Whenever possible, they were assigned to list segments in and around their hometowns. Gated communities proved a significant challenge. Luckily, one of the UPR PIs was knowledgeable of the legal parameters requiring access to publicly-maintained roads. He personally contacted the associations and managers restricting access and was successful in getting his students in to almost all. For additional insights, ask Camila Kendall to see her forthcoming International Field Directors and Technologies Conference (IFD&TC) presentation.

Upon listing conclusion, SRO DMSS will draw sample for both the Puerto Rican Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PR-PSID) and Mara Ostfeld's (ISR CPS) Puerto Rico Public Opinion Survey. SRO will play an ongoing role on PR-PSID, which plans to pretest in August.



SRO Wellness News (SRO Wellness Committee)

Please reach out if you are interested in being part of the committee or if you have ideas to share. You can reach us at: srowellcomm@umich.edu

SRO Freecycle

The Freecycle event will be held on Wednesday, May 3 in room 2300 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

What is Freecycle? Freecycle is about no-strings-attached gifts of physical items which would otherwise go into landfills. As we start thinking about spring cleaning and decluttering, Freecycle offers a way to get rid of or pick up some items, which you or

others can use. And most importantly - it is FREE.

We will have the room open for dropping off items on Tuesday, May 2 after 3:00 p.m. or the morning of Wednesday, May 3.

NOTE: If you have a free item that is too big to bring in, take a picture and leave it with a contact name, email, and phone number.

Feel free to stop by at any time during 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to pick up any items you want!

At 4:00 p.m. we will be packing up the room and taking leftover items to be donated.

May Food Trucks

CC's Soul Food (website: CCs Soul Food) is scheduled to be at Perry on Wednesday, May 10 in front of the building from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The truck will be located in the parking lot near the Perry Atrium. Cash and credit are accepted. All Perry and Thompson Building staff are welcome!

Thanks everyone for coming out in April to our last food truck!



Save the Dates for Future Food Trucks

May 10 - CCs Soul Food - Soul Food, Comfort Food June 14 - Jamaican Spice - Jamaican, Caribbean July 12 - BBQ Guys - BBQ, Ice Cream August 9 - PizzaPazza Wood Fired Pizza September 13 - Impasto Italian Inspired Wraps October 11 - Tim's Good Food Grill - Gourmet Sliders November 8 - Papelon Arepa Bar

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

On April 13, a total of 19 SRO members were trained and certified in CPR/AED/First Aid during an event organized by the SRO Wellness Committee.

The American Red Cross trained our group on how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries, and sudden illness. The training also ensured staff are able to identify the AEDs located in our workplace. Participants who completed the training are certified for two years.



Lisa, our American Red Cross trainer, led the in-person training in G150



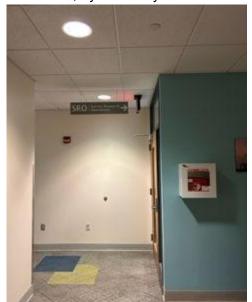
Hands-on practice with manikins was required for certification

AEDs in the Perry Building

"An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm." *Source: https://www.redcross.org/*

There are four AEDs in the Perry Building, one on each floor (remember you need to be formally trained to use them):

Basement, by SRO bay entrance



Ground Floor, in the lobby by 24/7 Market



1st Floor, by elevators b/w ICPSR and SRO



2nd Floor, in ICPSR area by bathrooms





Happy Retirement to Rolfe Carlson!

After more than 23 years, Rolfe Carlson is retiring from U-M and the SRO Design, Methodology, and Statistical Support (DMSS) unit on April 30, 2023. Rolfe will be missed by all.

A retirement celebration was held on Wednesday, April 26. Here are some pictures from the fun filled event!







