



Happening in SRO

You can find this “Happening in SRO” and all similar newsletters on the SRO Intranet Home Page, located at: <http://isr-wp.isr.umich.edu/srointranet/> under Key Updates.

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.

SAND COVID Comes to the SSL! **(Beth Ohryn and Shonda Kruger-Ndiaye)**



The Study of Adolescent to Adult Neural Development (SAND) COVID follow-up study is a supplement of the Future of Families Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS).

FFCWS is a longitudinal research project that follows a cohort of nearly 5,000 children born in large U.S. cities in either 1998 or 2000. The study focuses on the influence of social and economic conditions in tandem with the capabilities of parents, the well-being of children, and the policies affecting disadvantaged families. The next wave of FFCWS will be carried out by SRO, with preliminary work underway.

SAND Neuroimaging is a supplement study to the FFCWS. The purpose of SAND Neuroimaging is to learn more about how childhood environments shape brain development and behavior from adolescence into young adulthood. Once child participants reached age 15, the study conducted MRIs and behavioral and psychological assessments. Neuroimaging takes place at regular intervals into adulthood. These assessments help in correlating brain development with cognitive abilities, emotional regulation, social skills, and other important functions.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and because in-person neuroimaging was no longer an option, the FFCWS launched another study, SAND COVID-19, in 2020. The aim of this study is to gather information on familial pairs of young adults (YA) and their parent/primary caregivers (PCG) on how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted their families, households, and communities. Now, four years later, this project is conducting another wave called SAND COVID-19 Follow-up, to which SRO is contributing.

This project seeks to gather self-administered Qualtrics interviews from young adult and former caregiver respondents. SRO's role is to encourage respondent web completion via a contact protocol that includes email, text, and phone reminders. SRO is also conducting locating steps to find contact information for certain sample members. This SSL study launched production work on August 5th and will conclude in November.

Survey Process Forum - Who We Are and What's Ahead (Rachel Orlowski and Margaret Hudson)



The work of SRO encompasses survey operations, technology, and survey methodology. The Survey Process Forum (SPF) was created to facilitate the exchange of methodological, technical, and operational information and best practices across not just a project team, but the entire organization. Members of the SPF organizing team come from several SRO units in an effort to identify topics of relevance and interest to all. SPF activities are varied and include:

- Lunch and Learn sessions to share information to expand staff knowledge;
- Informal “open forum” conversations to bring people together for problem solving or initiative development in an effort to foster collaboration and lead to better solutions;
- Journal club group discussions of recent methodological findings that might be applied to current SRO projects;
- Conference preparation sessions, as well as helping to share information from conferences to benefit our organization.

SPF resources including previous presentation slides and recordings can be found on the SRO intranet (<https://sro-intranet.isr.umich.edu/survey-process-forum/>), linked under “Best Practices” on the home page. The most recent addition is the materials from the May 2024 “Respondent Contact Using Email” series. Born out of this series is SPF’s newest resource to share information: a Google Shared Drive folder called “[Survey Process Forum - SRO Knowledge Sharing](#).” In this folder, one can find a variety of resources on using email in survey research, including example emails from our projects, and information from the TCPA (Telephone Consumer Protection Act) workgroup including texting best practices. The SPF team would like to continue to expand the information available! Please contact the team at SRO-SPF-TEAM@umich.edu with ideas or materials to add.

Over the summer the SPF team has been working to set our calendar of events for the coming year. Our first scheduled activity will be a new session to brainstorm conference ideas for AAPOR (American Association for Public Opinion Research) and IFDTC (International Field Directors and Technologies Conference). On **Wednesday, October 9 at noon** we invite you to come with a topic or idea you’d like to develop into a presentation/poster/panel, and together we can help each other begin to craft some great submissions for the 2025 conferences. To help us with planning, please complete this [brief form](#) to let us know you are bringing an idea for discussion. Please also share your idea with your supervisor in advance of the session. Please add this [Zoom meeting](#) to your calendar.

Also planned for the year ahead are an open forum conversation on QC measures to help ensure that our self-administered web interviews are of high quality; a series on video interviewing; and Lunch and Learn sessions on areas of work covered by our colleagues in DMSS and Finance. Specific details and dates for these sessions will be shared over the coming months, so keep an eye out for more information to come.

We look forward to seeing you at an SPF event soon!



WAPOR Joint Annual Conference

"WAPOR" is the World Association for Public Opinion Research, and is affiliated with AAPOR. Just like AAPOR, WAPOR holds an annual conference -- this year's was hosted by Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Stephanie Chardoul attended to represent SRO; several SRC and CPS faculty also attended. WAPOR is a good opportunity to interact with global researchers who don't have the opportunity to attend AAPOR, and learn how survey research problems are being solved and best

practices are being applied in settings very different from our own. Stephanie gave two presentations: one on the Nepal Young Adult mixed-mode panel, and one on a small pilot of displaced Ukrainian caregivers of children we completed this spring. We met our Ukrainian collaborator at last year's WAPOR conference, and, during the conference together in Seoul, finalized a new proposal to NIH to extend this research.



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. srowellcomm@umich.edu

[Self-Care September 2024](#) Calendar from Action for Happiness.

FOOD TRUCK - STATUS

In light of campus guidelines for food trucks, we had to cancel food truck events at this time. Our committee will explore alternative options going forward. We appreciate

everyone who participated in these events.

BEVERAGE WALKS 2024!

We'll take a walk and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea, or smoothie (if available) sponsored by the SRO Wellness Committee. Fresh air, drink, nice walk, and bonding with colleagues. We will have a series of three walks with a limit of 10 people each to increase the opportunity to interact more easily.

Meet in the Perry lobby at the scheduled time. NOTE: If inclement weather, your SRO Wellness Committee walk lead will contact the group to reschedule.

**Sign-up is open to any regular appointment SRO staff. One sign-up per person, please.

If the list is FULL please type your name below the FULL line and we will let you know if space opens up.

Thursday, September 19 - Sweetwater Cafe - 12:00 p.m.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Sweetwater Cafe](#)

Thursday, October 16 - Roos Roast - 12:00 p.m.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Roos Roast](#)

Thursday, November 7 - DripHouse - 12:00 p.m.

[Click Here to Sign Up for DripHouse](#)

JULY & AUGUST ICE CREAM WALK!

Thanks for joining us on the ice cream walks in July and August.



FARMER'S MARKET WALK

Our SRO Farmer's Market Walks for the rest of the season will be on the following dates:

September 25 - [Click Here to Add to Your Calendar](#)

October 30 - [Click Here to Add to Your Calendar](#)

Please join us! As a reminder, we'll gather in the Perry lobby at 12:00 p.m. and we'll leave for a walk at 12:05 p.m.

- ★ FREE tote bag for joining us!
- ★ About a mile walk both there and back.
- ★ We'll walk there together and then return at our leisure.

For more information on the Farmer's Market: [Ann Arbor Farmers Market Website](#)



UPCOMING M-HEALTHY ACTIVITIES

★ **Be Well in the Big House is September 19 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Join hundreds of your U-M colleagues and friends on the field at Michigan Stadium for fitness and fun! Be Well in the Big House is back with on-field sessions of Yoga, Zumba and Football Skills and Thrills. Off the field, talk with health experts, try out cardio drumming, ultimate wheelchair, and more. Look for more information soon!

Registration is OPEN for field classes during the event.

[REVIEW list of classes and registration link when open](#)

★ **Active U Autumn** - Active U Autumn registration runs from Sept. 3rd – 30th (and logging begins Sept. 16th)

[More Information on Active U Autumn](#)

Open enrollment this year is Monday, October 21 through 5:00 p.m. ET Friday, November 1. There are a lot of changes to the various plans for 2025.

[Click Here to Review Open Enrollment Details](#)

SRO Staff Celebrating Summer



Feeding Time – Ann Vernier



Moosewatch Expedition, Isle Royale National Park – Karin Schneider



Vancouver Island, BC – Vivienne Outlaw



Trip to the UK – Rebecca Gatward



Beautiful view of Detroit, MI – Mouna Mana



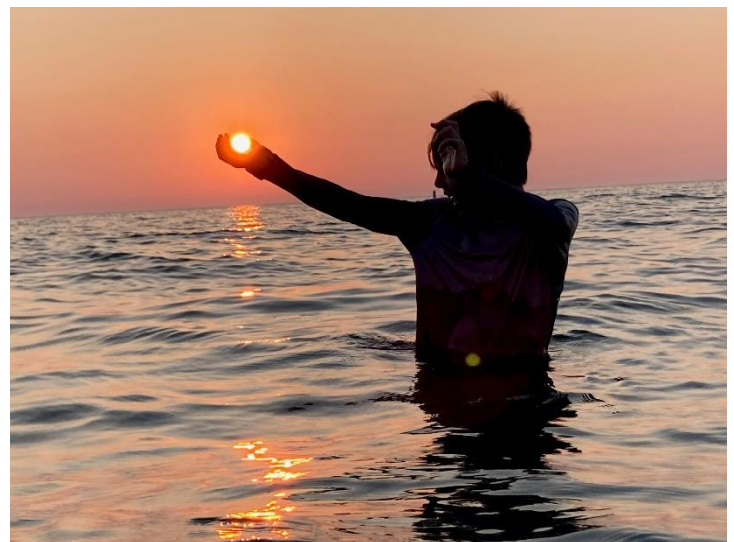
Riding the Waves – Rick Krause



Vancouver Island, BC – Vivienne Outlaw



Eastern Michigan University Campus – Brenda Spaulding



Catching the Sun, Ludington, MI – Janet McBride



Poppy Flowers by the Sea,
Southern France - Helen Johnson



Dinner before a Tim McGraw concert,
Toledo, OH - David Dybicki



Senior year move in; University of CO,
Boulder - Stephanie Chardoul



Boyne Mountain Sky Bridge,
Boyne Falls, MI – Rick Krause



Lake Life – Mouna Mana



Trip to the UK – Rebecca Gatward



Pretty Red Flower – Ann Vernier