Antiracism CoaliTION in Pain Research

The Antiracism CoaliTION in Pain Research (ACTION-PR) is a group of pain scholars from various disciplines and areas of research (i.e., pain inequities) that was formed in September 2020 with the goal of addressing racism in pain research practices. Since its formation, the ACTION-PR has conducted a think tank with other pain researchers to reflect on ways in which racism manifests in the continuum of pain research. Continued discussions among ACTION-PR members following this think tank shaped the
development of an Antiracism Framework for pain research.

Our proposed framework addresses racism from study conceptualization to the dissemination of findings is described in a three-paper series titled “Confronting Racism in Pain Research,” which was recently accepted for publication at the Journal of Pain. The ACTION-PR has continued these efforts through ongoing discussions and presentations, including a symposium presented during the inaugural USASP conference. We would like to share that we will also be presenting another symposium at the upcoming conference "Continuing to confront racism in pain research: An updated call for a shared commitment across the field of pain.” Please join us if you can.

USASP Wants to Tweet you!

We want to tweet your research on USASP's official Twitter account @US_ASP. Click the "submit here" button to submit your tweet proposal.

Submit Tweet Here!
On February 23, 2022 from 3-4 pm (eastern) the Educational and Professional Development Committee and the Sleep and Pain SIG will be presenting a seminar on “Sleep Methods in Pain Research”.

Following the seminar, there will be a Networking Session (4-5pm ET). To facilitate informal conversations, we will be using the platform Gather.Town. Please indicate on the registration form (use button below) if you would like to attend the networking event. A link to attend the networking session will be sent the day of the event. We hope this platform will allow you to mingle and chat with the panelists and moderators from the event.

These events are free to USASP members or a $10 fee for non-members.
Registration is required.

Register here!

From the NIH

New Opportunities for Advancing Pain Science
HEAL Initiative: Advancing Health Equity in Pain and Comorbidities
Click for more funding opportunities

Acute (to Chronic) Pain SIG Seminar Series

Laura Payne PhD from McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School will be giving the next talk "Is Dysmenorrhea a Risk Factor for Chronic Pain?: Behavioral and Neural Evidence of Central Sensitization of Pain In Young Girls" on **February 16 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (eastern)**. Email [admin@usasp.org](mailto:admin@usasp.org) for a link to join the meeting.

BOOK CORNER
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PAIN A Very Short Introduction
Book by Rob Boddice

"A small treasure for pain researchers or clinicians."
A review of PAIN A Very Short Introduction

This all-too-brief book is one of hundreds in the Oxford “Very Short Introduction” series of definitive texts on a wide array of subjects. It is a wonderful treatise on the history of thoughts about pain, especially chronic pain, written by a philosopher without patient care experience but with a vast expanse of knowledge about the history of thought. The scope is wide: Pain concepts, Pain and piety, Pain and the machine, Pain and civilization, Sympathy, compassion and empathy, Pain as pleasure, Pain in modern medicine and science, Chronic pain, Cultures of pain are the chapter headings. These are followed by extensive references and suggestions for further reading. There are black and white illustrations in most chapters, although the small size of the book (4 ¼ by 6 ¾ inches) is problematic.

This little book is a treasure trove of information about pain as a cultural event. It does not include any discussion of patient management or treatment, but it does delve into many of the controversies that make treatment of chronic pain a contentious activity. It is a good source of information about the history of thoughts about pain and its significance in human endeavor. Of great importance is the author’s support of the biopsychosocial approach to thinking about pain and pain patients. The book is a rapid read and will enrich the reader’s understanding of the histories of pain and the complexities that so plague modern thought.

Written by John D. Loeser, M.D.

Jobs and Training Opportunities

Don’t forget to check the latest faculty, postdoctoral, T32 programs, and other job postings provided on your USASPy members’ website. All posts include the date they were posted and contact information.

Recent Postings:

- Assistant Professor, tenure-track in the Department of Pain and Translational Symptom Science (PTSS) at the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)
- Director Position for the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Tenure-track Faculty Position at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Pediatric Pain Psychologist at Phoenix Children’s Hospital
Go to usasp.org and visit the Jobs and Training Opportunities Tab for more postings.

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Upcoming Events

February 9 (11-12pm ET): Pain Movement and Rehab SIG Meeting

February 10 (11-12pm ET): Substance Use and Addiction SIG Meeting
February 10 (3-4pm ET): NIH Pain Consortium Webinar Series - How to build a budget - [register here](#)

February 15 (3-4pm ET): Special Interest Group Leadership Meeting

February 16 (2-3pm ET): Acute (to Chronic) Pain SIG meeting

February 22: [HEAL Initiative: Advancing Health Equity in Pain and Comorbidities](#) (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Required) – RFA-NS-22-037 [Letters of intent due (strongly encouraged)](#)

February 23 (3-4pm ET): USASP Educational Webinar Series - Let's learn about “Sleep Methods in Pain Research” followed by a networking session on Gather Town from 4-5pm (ET).

March 3 (2-3pm ET): Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism in Pain SIG meeting

March 23: [HEAL Initiative: Advancing Health Equity in Pain and Comorbidities](#) (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Required) – RFA-NS-22-037 - [DEADLINE for APPLICATION](#)

May 18: Early Career Forum, Cincinnati Ohio

May 19-21: USASP Annual Scientific Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio

Let's Stay Connected

Remember to keep your member profile up to date as well as to renew your membership conveniently using your USASP website login. You can opt-in to autorenewal by using the [membership form](#). Members in their grace period (30-60 days following one-year membership without renewal) will receive contact from the USASP Membership Committee.

Here are some of resources you will gain as a member of the USASP:
- Members’ directory
- Networking and Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Professional Development Seminars and workshops
- Jobs and Training Opportunities
- Monthly Newsletter
If your SIG or committee has updates or events you would like shared with USASP membership please email them using the contact below.

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