



News for and about MICL Research Partners, Advisory Panel Members and Related Folks

Greetings! This newsletter supplements the regular research progress reports provided by partners in the **Research and Training Center on Measurement and Interdependence in Community Living (MICL)**. For the complete cast of characters, see the last page.

Conference

Thanks again to everyone for contributing to a great State-of-Science Conference last October 28-29. More than 150 people attended the two days of the conference, including participants who came from Syracuse, New York, to Seoul, South Korea. Participant evaluations were very positive.

We now have seven videos about the MICL projects on [YouTube](#). These are a good way to introduce people to our work, so please encourage your friends and colleagues to check them out on the "RTCIL" YouTube channel.

Presentations from the conference are also [online](#), and we have conference photos on our [Facebook](#) page (see the photo albums).



Publications

Amanda Reichard and Hayley Stolzle published "[Diabetes Among Adults with Cognitive Limitations Compared to Individuals with No Cognitive Disabilities](#)" in the June 2011 issue of *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*.

MICL researchers have two articles in the April 2011 issue of *Disability and Health Journal*.

- Amanda Reichard, Hayley Stolzle and Michael H. Fox published "[Health disparities among adults with physical disabilities or cognitive limitations compared to individuals with no disabilities in the United States.](#)"
- Glen White, Chiaki Gonda, Jana Peterson and Charles Drum published "[Secondary analysis of a scoping review of health promotion interventions for persons with disabilities: Do health promotion interventions for people with mobility impairments address secondary condition reduction and increased community participation?](#)"

Glen White is lead author of an article published in the Mar. 2010 issue of *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, with co-authors Chiaki Gonda, Zach Coble, Jamie Lloyd Simpson and Craig Ravesloot: "[Moving from independence to interdependence: A conceptual model for better understanding community participation of centers for independent living.](#)"

Cat Rooney Howland's work with KU's "Nobody Left Behind" project is featured in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2010 annual report for the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. Howland gathered stories from people with disabilities about their experiences in emergencies and disasters. [See "Personal Story" \(pg 18\).](#)

Influence

Published work by MICL researchers is helping shape national and international disability work.

The U.S. Department of Education's proposed priority for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Interventions to Promote Community Living Among Individuals with Disabilities cites this article by Glen White, Chiaki Gonda and Craig Ravesloot: White, G, Simpson, J, Gonda, C, Coble, Z, & Ravesloot, C. (2010) Moving from independence to interdependence: A conceptual model for better understanding community participation of centers for independent living. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*. 20: 223-240.

The first-ever "[World Report on Disability,](#)" produced by the World Health Organization and The World Bank, cites publications by MICL team members:

Amanda Reichard: Reichard A, Stolzle H, Fox MH. Health disparities among adults with physical disabilities or cognitive limitations compared to individuals with no disabilities in the United States. *Disability and Health Journal*, 2011,4:59-67.

Glen W. White: Kim WM, White GW, Fox MH. Comparing outcomes of persons choosing consumer-directed or agency-directed personal assistance services. *Journal of Rehabilitation*, 2006,72:32-43.

Charles E. Drum: "Health of people with disabilities: determinants and disparities. In: Drum C, Krahn G, Bersani H, eds. *Disability and Public Health*, Washington, American Public Health Association, 2009a:125-144.

Drum CE et al. Recognizing and responding to the health disparities of people with disabilities. *Californian Journal of Health Promotion*, 2005,3:29-42.

Drum CE et al. Guidelines and criteria for the implementation of community-based health promotion programs for individuals with disabilities. *American Journal of Health Promotion: AJHP*, 2009,b24:93-101, ii.

Tom Seekins: Seekins T, Kimpton T. Evidence-based health promotion interventions for people with disabilities: results of a systematic review of literature. Portland, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, 2008 http://www.ohsu.edu/oidd/rrtc/archive/SOS2008/briefs/promotion_seekins_review.cfm, accessed 30 September 2010)

Fabricio Balcazar was a contributor to the “General health care” chapter and *Tom Seekins* was a peer reviewer for the report.

Changes

Congratulations to Charles Drum on being appointed Director and Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Institute on Disability (IOD) at the University of New Hampshire. He assumed the position at the ADD-funded university center of excellence in disabilities in January 2011.

Welcome to Angela Weaver, who is now coordinating the R-6 project at Oregon Health and Science University.

Honors & Awards

Tom Seekins received the University of Kansas Applied Behavioral Sciences Alumni Award for 2011 in April. While on campus he presented a talk titled “Life on the Frontier: Building an Applied Research Program in Montana.”

Linda Gonzales was honored at the annual meeting of the Association of Programs of Rural Independent Living (APRIL) in October 2010. The Earl Walden Award for Outstanding Achievement in Rural Advocacy recognizes her groundbreaking work in the Independent Living movement. Gonzales was a founding board member of APRIL and led the organization to national recognition in many areas as its first Executive Director.

Martha Hodgesmith is serving on the Kansas Blue Ribbon Commission, a 25-member, state supreme court-appointed panel that is taking public comment on how to improve the Kansas court system. A series of meetings will be held at 18 locations across the state to collect feedback on all aspects of the court system. The review is the first of its kind since the 1970s, when the state’s courts were unified. Hodgesmith and another commission member will moderate each hearing.

Glen White was named a “Man of Merit” by the Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center at the University of Kansas. He was one of 15 students and professors honored for positively redefining masculinity through challenging norms, taking action and leading by example while giving back to the community. [See the story.](#)

An article by Mike Fox, Glen White, Cat Rooney Howland and Tony Cahill won the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Research Award. "[The Psychosocial Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Persons with Disabilities and Independent Living Center Staff Living on the American Gulf Coast](#)" was published last year in *Rehabilitation Psychology*. White attended the association’s annual conference in New Orleans in March to accept the award. [Read more about the study here.](#)

David Gray was profiled in the newsletter of the Center for Rehabilitation Outcomes Research at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. [See the story](#) from their fall 2010 issue of “CROR Outcomes.”

Presentations

Glen White, Jean Ann Summers and Leslie Schmille presented a research poster about their ADA training project at the University of Kansas’ inaugural Symposium on the Scholarship of Diversity, March 14, 2011. The poster title is “Accommodations Training Project: Integrating Students with Disabilities into Higher Education Settings.”

White presented a paper titled “Results from a National Randomized CIL Staff Concerns Report Survey on the Top IL Services Likely to Improve Consumers' Community Participation” at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference in November 2010.

White presented two IL Conversations in the past year, which are teleconferences for CIL-Net that are hosted by APRIL in cooperation with ILRU and NCIL. In May, he and Chiaki Gonda presented “Which Center for Independent Living Services Are More Likely to Improve Consumers’ Community Participation?” More than 100 people took part in the teleconference. The call is [archived](#) on APRIL's website.

White, Cat Howland and Val Renault presented an “IL Conversation” for APRIL in June 2010. The topic of the teleconference was “Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities: Preparedness as a Lifestyle Choice” (archived [online](#)).

White spoke about how one county helped establish a plan to address disaster preparation and emergency response needs of vulnerable populations; Howland presented the steps people with disabilities can take to prepare for natural and manmade disasters, including public health threats; and Renault discussed how to prepare for the safety of your service animals and pets in the event of an emergency.

Amanda Reichard presented her research to the Interagency Subcommittee on Disability Statistics (ISDS) on May 11 at the invitation of David Keer. She discussed "Health disparities among adults with physical disabilities or cognitive limitations compared to individuals with no disabilities in the United States."

Last December, Reichard presented information about the relationship between HCBS and health to members of the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living (KACIL). She discussed how coverage for personal assistance services helps minimize loss of function and impacts health status, thus enabling people with disabilities and substantial long-term care needs to live in the community rather than a nursing facility.

Reichard and Theresa Shireman, PhD, made a presentation in October 2010 to the Kansas Health Policy Authority’s data users group, which consists of program staff, analysts and policymakers. They discussed their research for the R2 project, outlining their methodology and preliminary findings about conceptualizing a revised classification of the Medicaid aged, blind and disabled population into other disability subgroups. This methodology demonstrates the importance of examining the disability population in subgroups because they differ in (a) their health care utilization patterns, (b) chronic disease prevalence rates, and (c) how many of the barriers are remediated, especially in how they can improve their health behaviors.

As a result of the presentation to KHPA and Dr. Shireman's continued influence, the Kansas Medicaid program has adopted the concept of a revised classification of the Medicaid aged, blind and disabled population into other disability subgroups, and has begun conducting their policy analysis using this methodology.

Reichard and Shireman also shared analyses about how preventable hospitalizations related to pulmonary conditions (e.g., COPD, asthma, bronchitis, and flu) with the Kansas Director of Medicaid. As a result, she sent out a letter to all community-based providers in the state asking them to encourage all beneficiaries to get flu and pneumonia vaccinations.

Reichard and Hayley Stolzle presented at the Kansas Public Health Association annual conference Sept. 2010 in Topeka. Their topic was "Health Disparities and Diabetes Among Adults with Physical Disabilities."

David Gray attended a conference in Dundee, Scotland in May 2011 along with St. Louis-based MICL researchers and graduate students Holly Hollingsworth, Lisa Garrett and Susan Crumbaugh. At the conference titled "Rehabilitation and Participation in Long-Term Conditions: Building Bridges between Researchers, Practitioners and Service Users," they made these presentations:

- "Using Measures of Participation in Community Based Research: Success, Failures and Cautions" - David B. Gray, PhD
- "Development of an Objective Community Accessibility Measure" - Susan Crumbaugh, OTD, David Gray, PhD, Holly Hollingsworth, PhD, Jessica Dashner, OTDR/L
- "Improving Community Receptivity by Advocacy: 'CHEC' It Out and Change It!" - Lisa M. Garrett, BA, David B Gray, PhD, Jessica Dashner, OTD, OTR/L, Holly Hollingsworth, PhD
- "Relationships between Access to Care and the Environment of Doctors' Offices" - Holly Hollingsworth, PhD, David Gray, PhD

Training

Amanda Reichard co-created "Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities," a continuing education course for physicians, nurses, social workers, other healthcare professionals and medical office staff. She collaborated with Jamie Simpson, Disability Program Coordinator at the Kansas Department of Health Environment. The course is free and available to anyone nationwide; one CME/CNE is available for a \$10 fee.

Val Renault and Cat Howland created an online course in "Animal Emergency Preparedness" to address the needs of service animals and pets in the event of a disaster.

Both courses are available on Kansas Train at <http://ks.train.org> or www.train.org for other states. (If you are a first-time user, you will need to create a login name and password.) Search for:+

"Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities," course number 1025624.

"Animal Emergency Preparedness, course number 1025307.

Collaborations

Two disability researchers from Korea recently visited the RTC/IL at KU.

[Kyung Mee Kim, PhD](#), is an International Visiting Scholar for the Spring and Fall 2011 semesters. Kim is an associate professor in the department of Social Welfare at Soongsil University in Seoul, Korea, where she teaches disability studies. While in Kansas, she is researching supported living for people with developmental disabilities and plans to develop suggestions for alternatives to current Korean disability policy.

Kim is working with Glen White, Chiaki Gonda and Toshiyuki Chiba (a former International Visiting Scholar from Japan) to identify and compare CIL services and philosophies between the U.S., Korea and Japan.

[Heekyoung Chong](#), a doctoral student, spent 10 days in Lawrence to gather information for her research about the Korean disability movement.

Glen White spoke about person-first language and the evolution of the RTC/IL's *Guidelines for Reporting and Writing About People with Disabilities* as part of a webinar on disability awareness for media professionals in Mississippi. "[A Bolt of Lightning](#)" is archived in four captioned segments on YouTube.

The presentation was hosted by Alma Ellis at the University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies.

Who's who in the Research and Training Center on Measurement and Interdependence in Community Living (RTC/MICL).

University of Kansas Research and Training Center on Independent Living:

Glen W. White, PhD, director, co-investigator
Amanda Reichard, PhD, research director
Martha Hodgesmith, JD, associate director
Val Renault, MA, information/dissemination coordinator
Catherine "Cat" Howland, MA, project coordinator
Pam Willits, grants specialist
Leslie Schmille, BS, project assistant
Chiaki Gonda, graduate research assistant

University of Montana Rural Institute on Disabilities:

Tom Seekins, PhD, co-investigator
Craig Ravesloot, PhD, research associate

Oregon Health and Science University:

Angela Weaver, M.Ed., project coordinator
Charles Drum, J.D., PhD, co-investigator
Willi Horner-Johnson, PhD, assistant professor
Danielle Bailey, MPH, research assistant

Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine:

David Gray, PhD, co-investigator
Holly Hollingsworth, PhD, statistician
Jessica Dashner, OTD, OTR/L, research associate
Denise Dickerson, BA, data manager

U.S. Department of Education:

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Co-chair, Interagency Subcommittee on Disability Statistics, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

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