

BRNET December Newsletter

Dear BRNET Members:

Thank you for being a part of the Bullying Research Network. The Network now boasts 86 members from a dozen countries. Please read our BRNET newsletter below for updates from our Network and be sure to check the website for updates from our members: <http://brnet.unl.edu>.

2012 Bullying Research Network Think Tank Announced

This past summer, BRNET and the University of Nebraska hosted the 1st annual Bullying Research Network Think Tank in Lincoln, Nebraska. Over 25 researchers from around the world came together to discuss several pressing issues related to bullying and peer victimization research. One outcome from the discussion was an international collaboration studying the relationship between bullying and moral disengagement. It is truly amazing how quickly a field can move forward when so many top researchers gather in person to work through challenging issues.

Based on this success, BRNET and the University of Virginia have come together to plan and host the 2012 Think Tank. The event will be held on the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville, Virginia on June 21-22, 2012. Please reserve this date and consider this opportunity to meet and reconnect with your fellow researchers.

Last year, the topics discussed included:

1. Bullying and moral disengagement
2. Bullying and LGBT youth
3. Methodological and definitional issues
4. Translating research to practice

Topics for this year have not yet been selected. If you have suggestions, please send them to us at bullyresearchnet@gmail.com

Updated information on the upcoming Think Tank will be sent to BRNET members and posted to the [Think Tank BRNET page](#) as it becomes available.

New Research from Dr. Veenstra

Dr. Veenstra has made the following articles available to BRNET members. They can be viewed in the "[Member Research](#)" section of the BRNET website.

Veenstra, R. & Steglich, C. (2012). Actor-based model for network and behavior dynamics. In B. Laursen, T.D. Little, & N.A. Card (eds.), *Handbook of Developmental Research Methods* (pp. 598-618). New York: Guilford.

Dijkstra, J.K., Gest, S.D., Lindenberg, S., Veenstra, R. & Cillessen, A.H.N. (2011). The Emergence of Weapon Carrying in Peer Context. Testing Three Explanations: The Role of Aggression, Victimization, and Friends. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Dijkstra, J.K., Berger, C., & Lindenberg, S. (2011). Do Physical and Relational Aggression Explain Adolescents' Friendship Selection? The Competing Roles of Network Characteristics, Gender, and Social Status. *Aggressive Behavior*, 37, 417-429.

Dr. Swearer's Bully Survey Available through H & H Publishing

BRNET Co-Director Dr. Susan Swearer has made her Bully Survey available through H & H Publishing. The Bully Survey is designed to assess an individual's standing on the bullying/victimization continuum (i.e., bully, victim, bystander, bully-victim, uninvolved), who in the individual's life is involved in bullying, what form the bullying takes, when and where the bullying happens, and the individual's attitude towards bullying.

The Bully Survey comes in several different versions, each directed to a specific population:

- Elementary – designed for use with children in grades 3-5
- Secondary – designed for use with children and adolescents grades 6-12
- Teacher/staff – designed for use with teachers and other school staff
- Parent – designed for use with parents
- Short – a brief, 1 page version of the Bully Survey.

The Bully Survey can serve several important functions. It can be used in research as an in-depth measure of bullying, and as such can answer a wide variety of research questions. It can also be used by schools to investigate where, when, and how bullying occurs in their students' lives. Schools can then use those data to inform and direct intervention strategies.

More information on the Bully Survey can be found at bullysurvey.com or targetbully.com. Ordering information can be obtained from the [H & H Publishing website](http://www.handandhand.com).

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 - Links to popular press news articles on bullying
 - Brief summaries and links to new research articles
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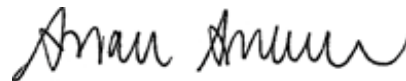
Please consider sending us the reference and abstract to any recently published research you or colleagues may have. We will then share this information with the network, allowing for your work to have greater exposure with those most likely to benefit from it. Additionally, if you have any upcoming speaking engagements, consider sending those to us so we can post them to our site. You can contact us by emailing bullyresearchnet@gmail.com

Thank you for your involvement in the Bullying Research Network! If you have any news, information, research, or other materials that our members would find useful, please do not hesitate to email us at bullyresearchnet@gmail.com

Most sincerely,



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