

BRNET February Newsletter

Dear BRNET Members:

Thank you for being a part of the Bullying Research Network. Below you will find updates from our network. Be sure to check our website at <http://brnet.unl.edu>.

Invitations and Details Released on 2nd Annual BRNET Think Tank in Virginia

Our second annual Bullying Research Network Think Tank will be held on June 21-22 at the University of Virginia. All BRNET members are invited to join us as we bring together many of the top researchers in our field. This year, our focus will be on positive youth development. Currently confirmed guests include Drs. Catherine Bradshaw, Dewey Cornell, Dorothy Espelage, Susan Limber, Shelley Hymel, and Susan Swearer.

All BRNET members have received an invitation and letter (as an attachment in the email with this newsletter) that include more details on travel arrangements, lodging, scheduling, and more. This information can also be found on the BRNET website's 2012 Think Tank page at <http://cehs15.unl.edu/cms/index.php?s=2&p=175>. Please read this information and let us know if you have any questions. If you plan to attend the Think Tank, please **RSVP** by emailing **Crystal Haislip at chaislip@virginia.edu**. We hope to see you in Virginia this summer!

New Cross Cultural Research on Bystander Behavior

Dr. Gianluca Gini has recently published a cross-cultural article on bystander reactions to bullying. The article is currently available as an early view pdf and can be obtained here: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9507.2011.00651.x/abstract>. The reference and abstract are below.

Pozzoli, T., Ang, R. P., Gini, G. (2012). Bystanders' reactions to bullying: A cross-cultural analysis of personal correlates among Italian and Singaporean students. *Social Development*. DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-9507.2011.00651.x

Abstract

This study examined the role of attitudes against bullying and perceived peer pressure for intervention in explaining defending the victim and passive bystanding behavior in bullying. Participants were 1031 school-age children from two culturally diverse settings, namely Italy and Singapore, which are similar on several dimensions (e.g., quality of life, child welfare) but dramatically differ on other aspects, such as individualism—collectivism orientation. Multilevel analyses showed that country and participants' gender

moderated the relations between individual predictors and behavior during bullying episodes. In particular, although individual attitudes were a stronger predictor of Italian students'—especially girls'—behavior, perceived peer expectations were more strongly associated with behavior of Singaporean participants. This study contributes to the literature by being the first to provide data analyzing the association between defending and passive bystanding behavior and different correlates using a cross-cultural approach.

Call for Submissions for the Developmental Section Conference

The British Psychological Society will be hosting the 2012 Developmental Section Conference on September 5-7 at the University of Strathclyde. Dr. Simon Hunter has invited BRNET members to submit papers and/or symposia. Please visit <http://www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/research/bps2012/introduction/> for more information on the conference.

New Jersey Bullying Advisory Group Releases New guidelines

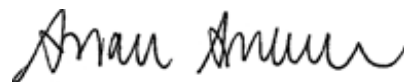
The recently enacted New Jersey anti-bullying law (Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights) requires school leaders to focus more intensively on preventing, investigating, reporting, and responding to harassment, intimidation and bullying in school. An Expert Advisory Group, consisting largely of college- and university-based experts, was convened to provide guidance and assistance for schools throughout New Jersey to promote successful implementation of the law. The outcome of this Advisory Group is a series of articles describing recommendations for schools. The group has just released “Bullying Prevention for Students with Disabilities” (1/5/12), the 2nd in the series; you can access this document, the previous document, “Bullying Prevention Guidance for School Stakeholders ” (9/1/11) and all subsequent documents at www.njbullying.org

Thank you for your involvement in the Bullying Research Network! If you have any news, information, research, suggestions for new members, 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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