



BRNET December 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>.

Researcher Spotlight – Dr. Ken Rigby

Ken Rigby, PhD., is an Adjunct Professor (Research) in the School of Education and the Hawke Research Institute at the University of South Australia. After completing an Honours degree in Economics and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of Leicester, England, he taught in high schools for ten years, first in Essex, England; then in Tasmania and South Australia. He gained a PhD in Psychology at the University of Adelaide and was registered as a psychologist in South Australia. From 1969 to 1996, he was employed as a lecturer in psychology and research methods at the University of South Australia.

His work has focused mainly on bullying in schools. He undertakes research, provides workshops for teachers and parents, speaks at conferences, periodically acts as a consultant for government bodies and produces books, questionnaires, DVDs and podcast on bullying designed to assist teachers and parents.

Research

Ken Rigby's research into bullying began in 1990 and has made contributions to a number of issues. These include (i) the prevalence and nature of school-based bullying in Australia (ii) health effects of bullying (iii) children's attitudes to victims (iv) bystander behavior (iv) theory and practice in addressing bullying (v) bullying interventions in cases of bullying. A list of his publications can be accessed through www.kenrigby.net

Workshops and presentations

His major interest lies in exploring how research findings can be applied to counter bullying in schools. This has entailed considerable travel, mainly within Australia to schools that request his services to help them develop improved anti-bullying policies and effective proactive and reactive strategies. His work includes making presentations and conducting role plays with teachers, counselors, students and parents. He has presented on various aspects of his work at conferences in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Korea, Israel, South Africa, Greece, Italy, Belgium, Ireland, England, Canada and the USA.

Consultancies

These have been carried out in Australia for federal government authorities: the Attorney General's Department, the Institute of Criminology and the Department of Education, Employment and Training; and also for State government authorities, especially Queensland Education and the Victorian Education Department, with which he is currently engaged.

Books and other productions

To make evidence-based knowledge available to non-researchers, Ken Rigby has provided a number of products. These include books: *Bullying in schools and what to do about it* (1996); *Children and Bullying* (2008); *Bullying interventions in schools: six basic approaches* (2010); *the Method of Shared Concern: a positive approach to bullying* (2011). He produced a DVD for schools in 2006 - *The Method of Shared Concern: a staff training resource for bullying* (see <http://www.readymade.com.au/method>) and six podcasts on intervention strategies for Education Queensland (2010) (see <http://education.qld.gov.au/studentsservices/protection/community/bullying.html>).

Recent and current activities

His more recent interests are twofold. One is research into what schools are actually doing to address bullying and with what results; the other is enabling schools to think about what they might undertake in the light of advances in knowledge about school bullying. He is now engaged in developing resources that will help teachers to understand the nature and potential applicability of a range of intervention strategies; for example through the creation of interactive training modules for teachers with which they can engage on line.

Recent refereed publications include:

Rigby, K (2011). What can schools do about cases of bullying? *Pastoral Care in Education.*, 29, 4, 273 - 285.

Rigby, K., & Smith, P.K. (2011). Is school bullying really on the rise? *Social Psychology of Education.* 14, 4, 441-455.

Rigby, K. (2012) Bullying in Schools: Addressing Desires, Not Only Behaviours. *Educational Psychology Review*, 24, 339-348.

BRNET Welcomes Two New Members!

BRNET is happy to welcome two new members this month, Dr. George Belliveau and Natalia Cardenas Zuluaga. These additions put BRNET at 112 members! Please see below for their brief biographies.

Dr. George Belliveau – University of British Columbia

George Belliveau is Associate Professor of Theatre Education at the University of British Columbia. Belliveau's work focuses on applying drama and theatre in various pedagogical and research contexts. Some of his funded research projects and scholarly publications have looked specifically at ways drama can address bullying in schools. He has also published on using drama to encourage positive youth development and building community in both elementary and secondary schools. Partnering with colleagues in Health Research and Education, Belliveau has been developing research-based theatre as a viable methodology to explore and disseminate research around ethics in research, bullying research, and Shakespeare and young learners. He has worked with colleagues and mentored graduate students in developing arts-based approaches for socio-emotional learning.

Natalia Cardenas Zuluaga - University CES

- Psychologist, Universidad CES, Medellin, Colombia
 - Specialist in Management of Human Development, University EAFIT, Medellin, Colombia.
 - Graduate Student of Education and Human Development master degree, CINDE-University of Manizales
 - Academic Extension Coordinator of Faculty of psychology, Universidad CES.
 - Chair of the International Symposium of School Harassment (Bullying) 2009-2012
 - Co-researcher of the line in infancy, childhood, and youth, Psychology, Health and Society Research Group, Faculty of psychology, Universidad CES. Medellin, Colombia
 - Member and founder of the Observatory of school violence in Medellin and general Secretary of the National Antibullying Network in Colombia.
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BRNET Website Activities

- Since April 2011, the number of BRNET members has increased from 67 to 112
 - 77 from US
 - 11 from Canada
 - 8 from England
 - 4 from Australia
 - 2 from Italy
 - 2 from Switzerland
 - 1 from Ireland, Spain, Finland, India, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, and Colombia
 - Information that is most commonly shared from members includes new article citations and upcoming conferences
 - This trend is consistent with BRNET's mission to disseminate cutting edge research on bullying
 - Members continue to recommend colleagues, and some researchers have requested invitations themselves
 - BRNET's Facebook page has 102 followers, in contrast to 19 in April 2011. Twitter's following has grown to 498!
 - Front page, Member Research, BRNET News are the most popular pages on the website
 - There have been 7,112 page views since January 1, 2012
 - The majority of website visitors are from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, which is not surprising considering the demographic of BRNET
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PREVNet Launches New Fundraising Campaign to Empower Youth



Canada's authority on research and resources for bullying prevention

Dear Friends of PREVNet,

Do you want to help bring about change for Canada's young people? In the past year, several high-profile and tragic events have brought national attention to the issues of youth mental health and bullying prevention.

There is an urgent need to focus on healthy relationships for youth in Canada, and you have the power to contribute.

PREVNet, Canada's authority on research and resources for bullying prevention, is working on a plan that could involve you.

Our goal? To create a nation of youth who are caring, respectful, and inclusive.

We are raising funds to:

1. Host a youth summit to bring together youth, young adults, and adults from youth serving organizations from across Canada to build youth leadership and strengthen skills so that youth can create change in their own communities.
2. Create youth-friendly, evidenced-based bullying prevention resources that will be available to everyone for free.

But we cannot achieve this goal without your help. **Together we can create a nation of caring, respectful, and inclusive youth!**

Please visit www.prevnet.ca to donate today.

Or make it your school project to fundraise for our cause and support a healthy youth for tomorrow.

Thank you!

The PREVNet Team

2013 Young Child Expo & Conference



April 17-19, 2013 | New York's Hotel Pennsylvania | youngchildexpo.com

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM ON WEBSITE NOW

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to announce that our 10th Annual Young Child Expo & Conference program is **now live on our website**. We are excited to present you with a wonderful group of experts and leaders in early childhood who will be sharing useful information that you can apply right away to your work with young children (typically developing children and those with autism, adhd, and other special needs). Learn new

skills, gain new knowledge, get up and sing, dance, learn about great new products like the creative blocks recommended by the founders of Blue Man Group. Turn on your creative juices, and bring this energy back to your work. Make new friends from around the country and around the world. Over 1100 attendees last year came from as far as Kuwait, Hong Kong, Morocco, Brazil, Australia, Iceland, Denmark, Canada and 25 states. Enjoy our 10th Year Celebration Reception sponsored by TheraCare, Anderson Center for Autism, and Fordham University.

To learn more about this conference, please visit this link:

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/emailviewer.aspx?eventid=1119571&aid=9YoVVDuvncL/vXTSZkLZnQ==&emailid=ARNMqHEw3FU=&typeid=9&themeid=-1>

National Center for Research on Rural Education Conference Press Release

National Research Conference to Explore Influences on Rural Student Academic Success

LINCOLN, Neb. (Dec. 2, 2012) — The National Center for Research on Rural Education (R²Ed) will assemble researchers, practitioners and policymakers from across the country to discuss factors influencing the academic success of rural K-12 students at a conference titled *Connect-Inform-Advance* to be held April 3-4 in Omaha, Neb.

With the theme of *Promoting Academic Success of Rural Students*, the conference will foster research-based dialogue about the interrelated impacts of teaching, family engagement, community involvement, school environment and contextual factors on rural student performance. In highlighting the most recent findings from both R²Ed and prominent scholars nationwide, the conference will explore their many implications for rural education practice, policy and future research.

Connect-Inform-Advance will feature several research presentations with moderated responses from panels, each of which will include representatives from the research, practice and policy communities. Small-group roundtable discussions will follow the presentations, giving attendees the opportunity to engage in dialogue while providing and receiving real-time reaction through a conference-specific Twitter feed. The conference will include poster sessions, and keynote addresses will be delivered by Dr. Roger Breed, Nebraska's commissioner of education, and Cindy McIntee, past president of the National Rural Education Association. John White, deputy secretary for rural outreach at the U.S. Department of Education, will also give a special address.

Those interested in attending or supporting the conference can learn more at r2ed.unl.edu/2013. The conference will take place at the Embassy Suites Omaha - Downtown/Old Market hotel.

The National Center for Research on Rural Education is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and housed in the Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. More information on R²Ed can be found at its website: <http://r2ed.unl.edu>.

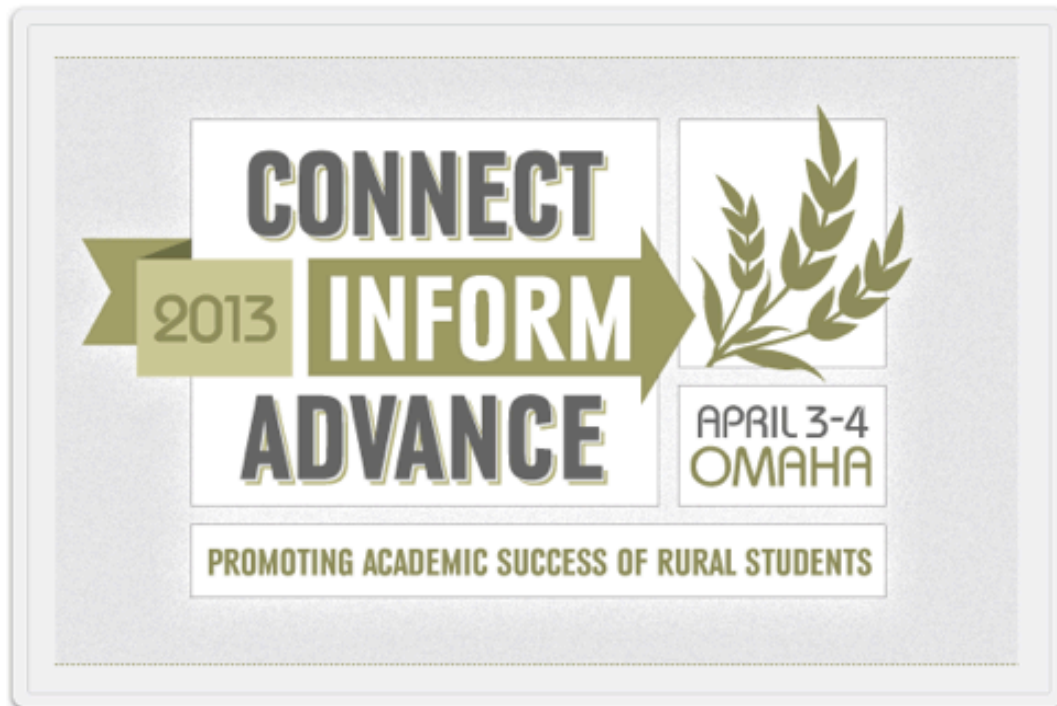
Connect-Inform-Advance Update

The National Center for Research on Rural Education (R²Ed) is pleased to announce several new developments ahead of *Connect-Inform-Advance*, the 2013 National Conference on Rural Education Research. For more information on the conference, please visit r2ed.unl.edu/2013/

Please visit the following link for the full announcement:
http://r2ed.unl.edu/2013/eblast/121129_Email.html



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Upcoming BRNET Think Tanks

Several BRNET members were at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association in Orlando, Florida. Susan met with Dr. Jane Close Conoley, Dean of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Santa Barbara. We are pleased to announce that UCSB will host the 3rd annual BRNET Think Tank in June 2013 in sunny Santa Barbara! BRNET members, Dr. Mike Furlong and Dr. Shane Jimerson will help coordinate the BRNET Think Tank, which has become a very productive and rewarding meeting. We extend our heart-felt “thank you!” to Jane, Mike, and Shane for hosting our next BRNET Think Tank. Stay tuned for a save-the-date announcement, but plan on joining us in late June 2013 in Santa Barbara, CA.

For the advance planners in the group: We are pleased to announce that the 2014 BRNET Think Tank will held in Canada and jointly hosted by BRNET and PREVNet (<http://www.prevnet.ca>). More information will be provided at the 2013 BRNET Think Tank at USCB in June 2013.

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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