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## Bullying Research Network

**Uniting Researchers in Bullying Prevention and Intervention**

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BRNET Think Tank University of California – Santa Barbara

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# Thanks for the upcoming days together!

- Dr. Gale Morrison, Acting Dean of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
- Dr. Mike Furlong, Professor in the Department of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology
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# “To This Day” by Shane Koyczan

# History of the Bullying Research Network

- “Bye-Bye Bullies” conference in Anchorage, Alaska in 2004
- Bullying Research Network established in 2005
- Two co-directors and an advisory board
- Financially supported by the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL
- 26 national and international members in 2006 (today we have 132 members!)

# Mission of the Bullying Research Network

- To connect nationally- and internationally-known researchers in the areas of bullying prevention and intervention research
- To conduct interdisciplinary research related to bullying and aggression, with attention to links between basic and applied research
- To establish a national and international research network for advances in evidence-based prevention and intervention initiatives

## Mission (continued)

- To provide a virtual clearinghouse for publicizing and discussing the latest issues in bullying research, along with prevention and intervention efforts
- To close the gap between research and practice in bullying prevention and intervention by disseminating research findings through unique outlets (i.e., Education.com; the Arts; video; etc.).

Year	Initiatives
2004-2005	BRNET grant funded by CEHS; co-directors and advisory board established; International Bullying Research Study commenced (Canada, Japan, Korea, Australia, United States)
2005-2006	26 members; website restructured; International Bullying Research study preliminary results presented at ISSBD; partnership with the Canadian Initiative for the Prevention of Bullying (now PREVNet)
2006-2007	<i>Handbook of Bullying in Schools: An International Perspective</i> (Jimerson, Swearer, & Espelage, Eds.); quarterly BRNET newsletters disseminated; website revisions continued

# Selected BRNET Initiatives

Year	Initiatives
2007-2008	Supported an international speaker series, “The Bullying Research Network: Approaches to Solving the Problem of Bullying from a Global Perspective;” participated in a film project, “Stories of Us” with Australian film producer, Christopher Faull
2008-2009	Co-edited “Bullying @ School and Online” on <a href="http://www.education.com">www.education.com</a> ; paper from the International Study published in the <i>Canadian Journal of School Psychology</i> (Konishi et al., 2009)
2009-2010	50 members across 8 countries; made significant changes to the web platform; co-edited the 2 <sup>nd</sup> special issue on “International Bullying Perspectives” at Education.com; received grant funding for 1 <sup>st</sup> Think Tank



# Selected BRNET Initiatives

Year	Initiatives
2010-2011	75 members across 12 countries; 1 <sup>st</sup> annual BRNET Think Tank held at UNL; added Facebook and Twitter to facilitate communication and research-to-practice outlets
2011-2012	95 members across 13 countries; 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual BRNET Think Tank held at UVA; moral disengagement subgroup established and MD resource link added to website; special issue on school bullying proposed to the <i>American Psychologist</i> .
2012-2013	132 members across 15 countries! <i>Journal of School Violence</i> becomes the official journal of the Bullying Research Network; special issue in the July 2013 issue on directions for bullying research; started monthly newsletters; 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual BRNET Think Tank at UCSB.

# Hopes for this Think Tank

- Submit the prospectus to Oxford University Press for an edited book, *Bullying across the Lifespan*
- Secure chapter teams and plan work
- Connect national and international researchers and plan cross-national studies
- Plan innovative ways to study cyber-bullying and connect to unique intervention strategies

# Future Directions

- 4<sup>th</sup> annual BRNET/8<sup>th</sup> annual PREVNet conference will be held in Canada in October 2014, “Bullying and victimization: From cell to society.”
- Oxford University Press book will be the outcome; work will occur over the 2013-2014 academic year

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