



Suicide Prevention Seminar

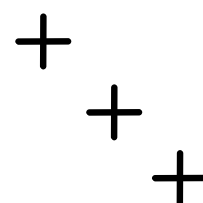
Visiting International Speaker

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University of
Melbourne,
Parkville,
207 Bouverie St.,
room 410



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The Centre for Mental Health (CMH)
at Melbourne School of Population and Global
Health in collaboration with the Mental Health PhD Program
(MHPP) are delighted to host an
international expert in suicide prevention: Prof Robert Cramer.



PRIMARY TALK: CORE COMPETENCIES FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING: EVIDENCE AND UPDATES

Abstract: Training for mental health providers (MHPs) is a common approach to ensuring sound clinical care for persons experiencing suicidality. The Core Competency Model (CCM) of Suicide Prevention Training was founded as a training approach intentionally designed to improve beginner-to-intermediate provider focused (e.g., managing one's own suicide attitudes) and clinical (e.g., clinical documentation) skills. In this talk, Prof Cramer summarizes CCM training application and evidence, including studies in community mental health and university counseling settings. This talk will also address development and validation of the Suicide Competency Assessment Form (SCAF), a tool for assessing MHP competencies in supervision, training, and research contexts. Prof Cramer will then provide example adaptations of the CCM for interprofessional higher education, correctional, and military settings. Finally, given recent developments in multicultural, theoretical and clinical practice avenues of suicide prevention, Dr. Cramer will review recent updates to the CCM. Updates include refining the core competencies as measured by a revised SCAF, as well as infusing the training approach with contemporary cultural and therapeutic considerations.

SECONDARY TALK: PREVENTION FOR MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY AND VETERANS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM RESEARCH, POLICY & PRACTICE IN THE UNITED STATES

Abstract: Military-affiliated personnel are at increased risk for suicide in the U.S. In this talk, Prof Cramer will provide backdrop for U.S. military suicide prevention through review of clinical best practices and findings from a recent independent commission report. He will then provide recent examples of his work from partnerships with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Specifically, Prof Cramer will review research addressing measurement of military suicide stigma, implementation of a health promotion program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, & other minority (LGBTQ+) military veterans, and psychometric properties of commonly used suicide screening tools. The talk will conclude with an overview of a recent therapeutic development: Group Brief Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Suicide (GBCBT).

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BIOGRAPHY:



Robert Cramer is a Professor and the Irwin Belk Distinguished Scholar in Health Research in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC, USA). His research expertise spans suicide prevention, hate crimes/violence prevention, sexual and gender minority health, military health, young adulthood, social science, law & policy, and community-engaged research. In particular, his suicide prevention and related work has been funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Navy Clinical Investigations Program, U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and a variety of private sources. His approach places a high value on interdisciplinary collaboration; as such, Prof Cramer has partnered with researchers in nursing, athletic training, law, criminal justice, and variety of other disciplines. U.S. and international community partner collaborations include Yatala Prison & White Forensic Psychology (Australia), Ashworth High Secure Hospital (UK), North Carolina Adult Division of Prisons, and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, among others. An internationally recognized scholareducator, Prof Cramer has served as visiting research or teaching faculty with the Griffith University Criminology Institute, University of Strathclyde School of Psychological Sciences & Health, University of Central Lancashire School of Psychology, and Prague Centre for Public Policy. Prof Cramer has considerable experience as a passionate mentor and educator. His teaching spans methods, theories, mental health/suicide prevention, law/policy, and health services. Grounded in the Jesuit ideal of Cura Personalis (educating or caring for the whole person), he enactsmentoring of graduate and undergraduate student research and career development. Mentees havegone on to pursue doctoral degrees in many disciplines (e.g., psychology, health services research),and assumed careers in private practice, healthcare, academia, non-profit and other industry research.

Prof Cramer is active in community and professional service in three core areas: scholarly dissemination, student development, and mental health. For instance, he has served as co-editor ofthe Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research, with additional editorial board roles with theJournal of Interpersonal Violence, BMC Psychiatry (suicide prevention division), Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, and Aggressive Behavior. Prof Cramer is founder of the Core Competency Model (CCM) of Suicide Prevention Training. As an active continuing education trainer, has delivered variations of the CCM program to thousands of trainees and providers over his career. Current adaptations of the CCM include pilot implementation for the U.S. Navy and North Carolina Department of Corrections.