



# TRANSFORMING CHAPLAINCY

Promoting Research Literacy  
for Improved Patient Outcomes

**Chaplaincy Research Summer Institute**  
**July 23-27, 2018**  
**Boston University School of Theology**  
**Boston, MA**

## **Background and Purpose**

Chaplains have embraced the importance of a research-informed approach to chaplaincy practice, including the importance of research literacy. The [Transforming Chaplaincy](#) project and other activities such as the APC Webinar Journal Club are helping chaplains to develop research literacy. Through the Chaplain Research Fellowships, *Transforming Chaplaincy* is also helping to develop a cohort of chaplains with the training to contribute to chaplaincy research. What is missing is an opportunity for chaplains with more limited time to develop the knowledge and skills that will enable them to undertake basic but important research and quality improvement projects. The purpose of the Chaplaincy Research Summer Institute (CRSI) is to equip chaplains with that knowledge and those skills in a short-term intensive format with follow up. An additional purpose is to develop a network among novice and experienced chaplains engaged in chaplaincy research.

## **Audience and Content Overview**

The audience for the CRSI includes chaplains who wish to develop modest projects to advance their understanding of chaplaincy-related issues and practices (e.g. religious and/or spiritual needs and resources of patients and families being served in a specific clinical context; pilot testing a new approach to screening for religious/spiritual need in a new clinical area) and chaplains who are providing leadership to chaplaincy quality improvement projects. The CRSI will also be useful for chaplains who plan to collaborate on research projects with other non-chaplain investigators as well as those planning chaplaincy-related DMin projects.

The content of the CRSI will provide participants with an introduction to the research process, to various methods relevant for chaplaincy research (e.g. case studies, qualitative and quantitative methods), and to important examples of existing chaplaincy-related research. The CRSI will include an introduction to using PubMed to conduct a literature search. Participants will also work in small groups to develop research questions and proposals of interest to them. On the last morning, four participants will have an opportunity to make a presentation and receive feedback from all the participants attending the Institute.

## **Content Detail**

As seen in the Schedule (below) the CRSI content includes presentations, 'under the hood' discussions of important examples of chaplaincy-related research, and small consultation groups.

## **Small Consultation Groups**

Each participant will be assigned to a small consultation group that will meet three times during the Institute. The consultation groups will have seven or eight participants and will be led by an experienced researcher. The groups will be a time when participants can get consultation that addresses their

specific question about chaplaincy-related research. These may be questions related to developing a research project, for example selecting a research question or developing a research protocol. Or they may be questions related to a research project that is in process, for example questions about data analysis or interpretation, or presentations and publications.

### **Follow Up**

Following the CRSI, participants will have the option to participate in a free discussion group as they continue to develop and refine projects in their home contexts.

### **Faculty**

The CRSI will be co-led by **George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, BCC**, Professor and Director of Research, Department of Religion, Health and Human Values, Rush University Medical Center and **Wendy Cadge, PhD**, Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at Brandeis University.

Onsite faculty include:

- **Daniel H Grosseohme, DMin, BCC**, Associate Professor, Division of Pulmonary Medicine and Staff Chaplain III, Department of Pastoral Care, Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center.
- **Katherine Piderman, PhD, BCC, Coordinator of Research, Chaplain Services, Mayo Clinic and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine** Rochester, Minnesota.
- Additional faculty will participate by video conference.

### **Details, Registration and Application**

The 2018 CRSI will be a four and a half day conference held July 23-27, 2018 and hosted by the School of Theology at Boston University.

Participation will be limited to 30 persons. Participants must be working or otherwise engaged as a chaplain, or providing consultation to chaplains, in a health-related context (hospital, clinic, hospice, long-term care). Registration is \$900 per person. It includes two breakfasts, three dinners plus snacks and coffee/tea service during the sessions.

Participants will be responsible for their own travel (this includes roundtrip travel to and in Boston during the Institute), lodging, and meals not provided by the Institute. The Institute will provide breakfast on Monday and Friday, daily snacks and beverages, and dinners on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

There are many nearby hotels. Or you could choose to stay at an apartment style residence hall at Boston University (*details forthcoming*), which also offers several affordable dining halls on campus. Additionally, there are many nearby restaurants with a range of cuisine and prices. Recommendations for reasonably priced lodging convenient to BU will be provided.

### **Applications**

Application to the Institute consists of a one-page statement of interest including any relevant research experience and a current resume. Applications should be submitted to: Kathryn Lyndes, *Transforming Chaplaincy* Project Coordinator ([Kathryn\\_Lyndes@Rush.edu](mailto:Kathryn_Lyndes@Rush.edu)). Decisions will be made within three weeks after applying. Scholarships may be available from APC, NACC and NAJC. Members of these organizations should contact them for information. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 will be required for those who are accepted for the Institute. The balance of the registration (\$600) will be due no later

than June 25, 2018. The online registration and payment system will be available by the end of January, 2018.

**Questions**

Questions about the Institute may be addressed to Kathryn Lyndes, PhD, *Transforming Chaplaincy* Project Coordinator ([Kathryn\\_Lyndes@Rush.edu](mailto:Kathryn_Lyndes@Rush.edu); 312-942-0247).

**2018 Chaplaincy Research Summer Institute**

**Schedule**

	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
8:30-noon Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Presentation 1: Chaplaincy Research: An Overview</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation 3: Conducting a Literature Search</li> <li>• Under the Hood 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation 5: Qualitative Methods</li> <li>• Under the Hood 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation 7: Quantitative Methods 1</li> <li>• Under the Hood 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Small Group Presentations</li> <li>• Planning for Future</li> </ul>
1-5 Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the Hood 1</li> <li>• Presentation 2: The Research Process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Consultation Group 1</li> <li>• Presentation 4: Case Study Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Consultation Group 2</li> <li>• Presentation 6: The Evidence Hierarchy &amp; Study Design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Consultation Group 3</li> <li>• Presentation 8: Quantitative Methods 2</li> </ul>	Depart at lunch
6 – Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner, networking, homework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner on your own</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner, networking, homework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinner, networking, homework</li> </ul>	

