**Research Education for Chaplains: Chaplaincy Research Summer Institute 2023**

**Los Angeles, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, July 17-21, 2023**

**Background and Purpose** Chaplains have embraced the importance of a research-informed approach to chaplaincy practice. The purpose of the Chaplaincy Research Summer Institute (CRSI) is to help chaplains develop research literacy. Being research literate means two things. First, it means having the ability to critically read and understand basic research, and, if indicated, apply the findings of research studies to one’s chaplaincy practice. Second, it means being generally familiar with the existing body of chaplaincy research including topics that have been studied and important areas for future research. Participation in the CRSI also facilitates networking with novice and experienced chaplains engaged in chaplaincy research. Participation in CRSI counts toward research-related CE hours of professional chaplaincy organizations.

**Audience** The audience for the CRSI includes chaplains who wish to develop their ability to critically read and apply findings from research to their spiritual care practice. The audience also includes 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 non-chaplain investigators as well as those planning chaplaincy-related DMin projects. The CRSI also provides a useful background for CPE Educators who are leading research literacy education in their centers.

**Content** The content of the CRSI provides participants with an introduction to the research process, various methods relevant for chaplaincy research (e.g., case studies, qualitative and quantitative methods), and important examples of existing chaplaincy-related research. The CRSI includes an introduction to using PubMed to conduct a literature search. Participants will also work in small groups to discuss individual or group research questions and proposals. Participants in the midst of chaplaincy-related projects are welcome to bring those projects to work on through the week. Time will be available for several participants to present their research to the whole group at the end of the week for consultation and feedback.

**Faculty** The 2023 CRSI will be led by **Csaba Szilagyi, MDiv, MLA, MS, ACPE**, Director of Research, Department of Religion, Health and Human Values, Rush University Medical Center and Director of Transforming Chaplaincy, and **George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, BCC**, Senior Advisor, Transforming Chaplaincy. Core faculty will include **Katherine “Kate” Piderman, PhD, BCC**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Mayo Clinic, **Annelieke Damen, PhD**, Postdoctoral Researcher, University for Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, The Netherlands, and **Shelley Varner Perez, MDiv, MPH, BCC, CPH**, Sr. Program Manager for Spiritual Care Research, Indiana University Health.

**Application** Participation is limited to 30 persons. Participants must be working or otherwise engaged as chaplains, or providing consultation to chaplains, in a health-related setting (e.g., hospital, clinic, hospice, long-term care).

[**Click here to apply to the Chaplaincy Summer Research Institute (CRSI)**](https://redcap.rush.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=E3JA8NNDRDD9RP8C) (<https://redcap.link/crsi>).

**Cost** $900. Registration includes 3 dinners, 2 lunches, and 2 breakfasts during the sessions. Participants will be responsible for their own travel, lodging, and remaining meals during the week. 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 one week prior to the start of the Institute. Transforming Chaplaincy is pleased to offer a limited number of tuition scholarships for participants from safety-net hospitals, under-resourced departments or with serious financial hardships. Additional scholarships might be available from APC, NACC, NAJC, or cognate groups; members of these organizations should contact them for information.

*Early Bird Registration*: $800 for participants enrolling before **June 16, 2023.**

**For further information and registration details, go to** [**Transforming Chaplaincy**](http://www.transformchaplaincy.org) **(**[**www.transformchaplaincy.org**](http://www.transformchaplaincy.org)**)**

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