

Suicide in Eastern Montana—Latest Research*The First Congregational Church*

Nine (9) CE units for \$225

Mt. Board of Behavioral Health **Class ID: TBD**

Montana researchers present their work regarding suicide in Montana. Sarah N. Keller, Professor of Communication and Primary Investigator for *Let's Talk* Suicide Prevention Program, is the Featured Speaker. She recently published, in the International Journal of Environmental Research & Public Health, an article titled,

“A Look at Culture and Stigma of Suicide: Textual Analysis of Community Theatre Performances.”

Conference includes:

- Documentaries of Montana's adolescents and young adults, performing their shared experiences with stigma and mental health help-seeking.
- Lunch catered by *Mitzi Racine*.
- Dana West, Professor of School Counseling, provides an update on research and information on treatment protocols.

April 5, 2019 Agenda

**Everything is included in
registration fee!!**

9:00 AM	Coffee and Check-In Welcome & Introductions Speaker: Vanessa McNeill, M.S., Adjunct Professor of Psychology, MSUB, dba/Mt. Social Scientists
9:30 AM	Speaker: Melanie Reaves begins us on our journey towards creative deep processing
10:00 AM	Speaker: Dana West, Assistant Professor of Educational Theory, MSUB
11:00 AM	Speaker: Danielle Arnoux, M.P.A., Program Manager, <i>Let's Talk</i> Presentation <i>Let's Talk</i> Billings “Under the Blanket” Documentary (Discussion)
11:30 AM	Speaker: Sky Jackson, <i>Let's Talk</i> , Billings, MT Presentation <i>Let's Talk</i> Billings “Hear Me, Help Me” Documentary (Discussion)
11:45 AM	Speaker: Lani Paulson Quantitative Researcher, <i>Let's Talk</i>
12:00 PM	Working Lunch Presentation <i>Let's Talk</i> Billings “The Sound of Silence” Documentary (Discussion)
1:00 PM	Speaker: Patrick Scott-Wilson, Adjunct Professor of Theatre, MSUB
1:30 PM	Featured Speaker: Sarah N. Keller, Professor of Communication, MSUB
2:00 PM	Speaker: Darla Tyler-McSherry, Director, Student Health Services, MSUB
3:00 PM	Speaker: Melanie Reaves Guides us through Creative Self-care Strategies
4:00 PM	Speaker: Michelle Anderson, Adjunct Professor of Communication, MSUB Presentation <i>Let's Talk</i> Miles City “Miles City Story” Documentary (Discussion)
5:00 PM	Speaker: Vanessa McNeill, Discussions & Wrap-up
6:00 PM	Collect your Certificate of Completion for 9 CE units.

SPEAKERS



Featured Speaker: Sarah N. Keller, MS, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Communication & Theatre, Montana State University Billings, Billings, MT, USA, (406) 896-5824, skeller@msubillings.edu. **Dr. Keller's** research revolves around health communication, narrative education and service learning. She routinely combines her research with a social marketing curriculum that developed at Emerson College, where she taught in a master's program in Health Communication from 2000-2004. Her curriculum combines professional experiences from overseas entertainment education and health communication campaigns with local non-profits and student learning. Prior to becoming an academic, Keller worked with Population Communication International, USAID, and Family Health International to study media interventions for reproductive health. More recently, Keller has been funded by the Montana Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence to evaluate community-based media projects for suicide prevention. Research on her campaigns has

resulted in papers appearing in the Journal of Marketing Education, Nursing & Health Sciences, Journal of Advertising, Health Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices by Nova Press, and others. Her ongoing research agenda centers on examining the use of mass media to promote health behavior and attitude change on a variety of public health topics.



Dr. Melanie Reaves, PhD., Assistant Professor of Educational Theory & Practice College of Education, Montana State University Billings, Billings, MT, USA, (406) 657-2355, melanie.reaves@msubillings.edu.

Dr. Reaves's research focuses broadly on language/literacy and sociocultural processes within learning and teaching. Projects that have emerged in this line of study include affective investments as language and literacy learning scaffolds; learning as embodied social and multimodal practice; interest-based, purpose-driven learning and responsive teaching; social creed and cultural intersections within teaching and learning; and supporting critical thinking through image-based reflection and talk. Methodologically her work is situated within qualitative (e.g., ethnography, case study, narrative inquiry, and phenomenology) and post-qualitative approaches in which she seeks to open up the structure of qualitative inquiry while maintaining the use of rigorous research methods. Most recently this methodological quest has led to arts-based research (ABR) methods, including mindful creativity and reflection.



Dr. Dana West, PhD., LCPC, NCC, Professor of School Counseling, Montana State University Billings, Billings, MT, USA, (406) 657-2345, dana.west@msubillings.edu. **Dr. West** has 30+ years presenting suicide prevention with QPR and counseling youth with suicidal issues in the schools. She has received advanced training in suicide assessment through QPR and recently became retrained and recertified as a Gatekeeper trainer.



Patrick Scott-Wilson, Co-Founder/Artistic Director at Sacrifice Cliff Theatre Company, Former Adjunct Professor at Montana State University Billings, and Director for *Let's Talk*.



Danielle Arnoux, M.P.A., Program Manager, Let's Talk. Researcher for the Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery MSU, working with the Youth Aware of Mental Health (Y-A-M.org) program. Social worker/case manager in mental health. "I have interest in social change through government policy."



Michelle Anderson, MS
Owner of MI Consulting, Inc. and Adjunct Professor at Montana State University Billings.



Darla Tyler-McSherry, MS Health & Human Performance
Director, Student Health Services, Montana State University Billings
Visionary of [Ask in Earnest](http://www.askinearrest.org), a website dedicated to suicide prevention for farmers.

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