Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute,

As always, the end of the academic year brings a flurry of activity. We are preparing to celebrate graduation this week of many undergraduate and graduate students. Congratulations to all 2022 graduates who persevered through the pandemic conditions!

We were excited to hold our annual Poster Showcase in-person this spring for the first time since 2019. The event included 26 posters that represented the work of over 76 authors. Many attendees commented on how inspiring and thrilling it was to hear and feel the buzz in the McClelland Park lobby as students enthusiastically discussed their work. Posters featured undergraduate honors theses and independent study projects, graduate student research that was also presented at professional conferences, and the final projects in an undergraduate course on Program Planning and Evaluation. You can find the research posters archived on our website. This is one of the few events on campus that includes undergraduate and graduate researchers. The poster showcase represents FMI’s commitment to supporting the next generation of scholars and community leaders.

As another way to support student research, we recently concluded our first ever crowdfunding campaign. Thank you to those who participated! Although we fell short of our goal, we raised enough money to support two future dissertation grants. Most of those who participated gave to FMI for the first time. Notably, more than 50% of donors were graduate alums and 25% were faculty members. Generosity from these members of our community underscores how meaningful our work is to those directly impacted by our support of student researchers. If you missed your chance to donate during the crowdfunding campaign, you can still make a gift to support FMI.

We have a busy summer ahead as we work on planning in-person and/or hybrid events. We will soon be releasing the call for nominations for the
FMI 2022 Poster Showcase

Thank you to those who attended and presented at the Spring 2022 Student Poster Showcase, the first in-person event at FMI since the beginning of the pandemic. We enjoyed learning about each student's research on a variety of topics centered around improving the lives of children, youth, and families.

FMI Crowdfunding Campaign
Thank you for your donations that allow FMI to continue to support student research.

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SRCD 2022 Conference
Several faculty members and graduate students affiliated with FMI participated in a recent special topics conference held by the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD).
Congratulations to Elia Bueno, FSHD doctoral student, for her new publication titled, “That Was the Biggest Help”: The Importance of Familial Support for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Community College Students. This manuscript was written while Elia was a 2021 Lang Summer Fellow. The fellowship supports FSHD graduate students to write first-author manuscripts that will advance understanding of factors that contribute to the wellbeing of children, youth, and families.


Current Research from the Institute
Dr. Russell Toomey, FSHD Program Chair & Professor, was recently featured in an article by Fatherly on how families can navigate conversations about gender with their children.

Congratulations to Evelyn Sarsar, FSHD doctoral student, and Dr. Katharine Zeiders, FSHD faculty member, for a new publication accepted by JMIR Formative Research journal titled, Feasibility, Acceptability, and Preliminary Efficacy of an App-Based Meditation Intervention to Improve Firefighter Well-Being During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic. This paper reports on findings from a study led by Dr. Zeiders that was funded by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

FMI Resources

Resources for COVID-19
Check out our website for updated COVID-19 resources here.
FMI's Commitment to Social and Racial Justice

Check out our website for our list of social, racial and gender justice resources here.

Thank you for your support of the Institute. Stay in touch with us by following FMI on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

In Partnership,

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