



International Society  
for Traumatic Stress Studies  
36th Annual Meeting

**Bridging Science and Practice to  
Reach Underserved Communities:  
Barriers, Opportunities and Innovations**

**Call for Presentations**

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## **Bridging Science and Practice to Reach Underserved Communities: Barriers, Opportunities and Innovations**

The field of traumatic stress is at an exciting point in its history with significant advances in the scientific understanding of important factors that influence psychological adjustment following trauma exposure. However, there is a continued struggle to translate this large and growing evidence base to practice to meet most effectively the needs of those exposed to trauma. This gap is particularly apparent for the hardest to reach and most vulnerable populations. That is, despite a proliferation of research, we know that most trauma-exposed individuals will not access evidence-based support. Some of the challenges to broader dissemination and application of existing scientific knowledge include high burden associated with training clinicians; feasibility challenges for patients seeking to engage in evidence-based care; treatment approaches that are complex, burdensome and lengthy; and cross-cultural differences that interfere with treatment acceptability and feasibility in certain populations.

To address this need, the 36th Annual Meeting of ISTSS will seek to provide cutting-edge presentations that highlight the most up-to-date, innovative and novel work being conducted by diverse professionals devoted to the study of traumatic stress across the globe. Goals of the meeting will be to increase discussion around the most effective ways to disseminate empirically based assessment and treatment techniques, methods for streamlining treatments to make them easier to deliver and receive, adaptations that make interventions a better fit for diverse populations, and basic and applied science findings that can be used to make our interventions more targeted, precise, mechanistic and ultimately easier to deliver. Taken together, a bridging of science and practice is necessary to meaningfully enhance recovery and resilience following trauma exposure in diverse settings and the 2020 ISTSS Annual Meeting aspires to showcase and promote novel and innovative work in this area.

### **The established learning objectives of this meeting are to be able to:**

1. Discuss emerging scientific evidence that can inform and propel dissemination of evidence-based approaches to assessment and treatment of trauma-related problems.
2. Identify unique challenges to providing evidence-based care, including in low-resource, underserved settings, and recognize potential approaches to improving access to care and reducing treatment burden including adaptations of treatments and novel implementation activities.
3. Examine the latest innovations in mechanism research, as a means of improving the precision of how we identify, conceptualize, prevent, and treat the entire spectrum of trauma-related symptoms and problems.

### **Topics that would be of interest include, but are not limited to:**

- Dissemination and implementation work that seeks to understand barriers and opportunities for improving access to evidence-based services
- Dissemination and implementation work that seeks to improve access to care through improved training or delivery methods
- Mechanistic research that seeks to identify precise treatment targets and can be used to streamline current approaches to intervention
- Research that elucidates cultural differences that interfere with service delivery
- Cross cultural adaptations to treatments that make them more accessible
- Approaches that incorporate technology or other innovative approaches that improve access to care
- Research on innovative ways to work across diverse health services (e.g., mental health, social services)
- Research on public health approaches to addressing trauma and its effects
- Applications of big data resources to answer questions on the impact of traumatic stress
- Research that seeks to understand policies and structural factors in high risk communities
- Research that seeks to address issues around health inequities in the field of traumatic stress

### **On behalf of the 36th Annual ISTSS Meeting Committee**

Scientific Program Chair: Michele Bedard-Gilligan, PhD

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## Physicians/Nurses

### Full accreditation statement



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Amedco LLC and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

(ISTSS). Amedco LLC is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

## Psychologists



The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education

for psychologists. ISTSS maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

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### New York Board for Social Workers

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### Ohio Chemical Dependency Board

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### Ohio Counselor, Social Work & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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Participation in the ISTSS 36th Annual Meeting is limited to registered attendees. Online registration will be available in June 2020.

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### Questions?

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