Welcome to the Spring /Summer 2018 APPEAR newsletter! We were thrilled to be able to attend the International Conference on Eating Disorders in Chicago in April, as well as the Appearance Matters Conference in Bath in June.

We will be enjoying the rest of the summer with some special projects, and preparing for more stimulating conferences before the year is out!

The APPEAR team

Recent Publications


IN THE MEDIA

Check out Dr. Rodgers’ talk at the STRIPED symposium in April https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/striped/news/events/eating-disorder-prevention-symposium/


Coming to a conference near you...

Eating Disorders Research Society Meeting, October 2018, Sydney

See you there!
RISE! Research, Innovation, & Scholarship Expo

White, M., Berry, R., & Rodgers, R.F. Pathological or healthy? The correlates of Orthorexia Nervosa among undergraduate students.


Recent Presentations

Society of Pediatric Psychology, April 2018 Orlando, Florida


Appearance Matters Conference, June 2018, Bath, UK

Campagna, J., Daferner, M, & Rodgers, R. F., Making gains: An investigation of the gendered portrayal of athletic bodies in Sports Illustrated. (Presentation)

Lowy, A., Rodgers, R. F., & Franko, D. L. Media literacy: Protection from body dissatisfaction through thin-ideal internalization? (Poster)

Rodgers, R.F., Campagna, J., Attawala, R., Richard, C., Kafka, C., & Rizzo, C. Swipe right! A qualitative investigation of the association between online dating and body image in female college students. (Presentation)


International Congress of Body Image & Health - June 2018, Almeria, Spain

Rodgers, R.F. Selling dissatisfaction: Media and macro-level influences on body dissatisfaction. (Presentation)
Recent Presentations (continued)

International Conference for Eating Disorders- April 2018, Chicago

Berry, R., White, M., & Rodgers, R. F. Pathological or healthy? The correlates of Orthorexia Nervosa among undergraduate students. (Poster)

Campagna, J., Richard, C., Attawala, R., Kafka, C., Rizzo, C., & Rodgers, R. F. Swipe right! A preliminary study of the association between online dating and body image in female and male college students. (Poster)

Cerolini, S., Rodgers, R. F., Crescentini, G., Bacaro, V., & Lombardo, C. Does sleep deprivation affect food intake at breakfast in subjects reporting binge eating symptoms and emotional eating? (Poster).

Choquette, E. M., Verzijl, C. L., Ahlich, E., Lang, B., Rancourt, D., Thompson, J. K., & Rodgers, R. F. Could pressure from medical professionals to maintain a “healthy weight” increase eating disorder symptoms? (Poster)

Danthinne, E., Giorgianni, F., & Rodgers, R. F. The use of labels in advertising to reduce the detrimental effects of media exposure on body image: A systematic review of experimental studies. (Poster)


O’Flynn, J. L., Gordon, A. R., & Rodgers, R. F. Beyond the dichotomy – Eating disorder risk in bisexual female college students. (Presentation)

Rodgers, R. F., O’Flynn, J. L., Bourdeau, A., & Zimmerman, E. Breastfeeding self-efficacy and eating disorder symptoms after childbirth: The role of body dissatisfaction. (Presentation)

A huge highlight of 2018 so far was the STRIPED symposium in April that was a vibrant and stimulating discussion related to eating disorder prevention.


In addition, we are thrilled that Dr. Rodgers has been awarded a Fellowship from the Institute of Urban Health at Northeastern University for next year, with seed funding for a project examining psychophysiological responses to scripts describing weight-related experiences. Watch this space!

Honors, prizes

Congratulations to Elisa Danthinne who received the Scholars Independent Research Fellowship to conduct exciting work examining the development and implementation of the CVS Beauty Mark Campaign.

A huge congratulations to Raihaan Attawala who was selected as the Student graduate commencement speaker for the Bouvé College of Health Sciences graduation. Such an achievement!

Many congratulations to Kristine Zhang who was recognized as a Huntington 100!

Congratulations to Russell DuBois who successfully defended his dissertation “Examining symptom connectivity as the mechanism of change in acceptance and mindfulness approaches to eating disorders: new insights from a network perspective.” Such excellent work!

And to Alice Lowy who successfully defended her dissertation proposal titled “Internalization of beauty ideals and eating pathology among Black and White women.” She is fortunate enough to be working with Dr. Jennifer Webb from UNC Charlotte as a member of her committee!

Finally, congratulations to Mika White and Kristine Zhang who graduated this spring, as well as Raihaan Attawala and Chris Kafka, who successfully obtained their Masters in Counseling Psychology.

Guest Appearances

We were very sad to say goodbye to Professor Mika Omori visiting us on a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship from Ochanomizu University. We miss you Mika!

Recent Activities

Dr. Edwards George was selected to attend the American Psychological Association’s Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology advocacy day and spent the day on Capitol Hill advocating for $50 million to the CDC to be devoted to gun violence research as a women’s issue.

We were pleased to participate in Northeastern University’s Delta Phi Epsilon’s ANAD event in February. They put together a wonderful panel of local experts raising awareness around eating disorders on college campuses and raising funds to support ANAD.

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