

Communication Committee Update

The Communications Committee (ComCom) is thrilled to announce the return of the SPR Webinar Series! Dr. Heidi Levitt (UMass Boston) will be presenting on, “Designing and Publishing Meaningful Qualitative Research: Establishing Methodological Integrity.” The webinar will take place on Wednesday May 10, 2017 at 11am (EST). Please follow this link for the full abstract on the webinar:

<http://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/?page=SPRWebinUpc>

Further information about how to access the webinar will be circulated on the SPR listserv and website closer to the webinar. If you are interested in presenting a webinar or would like to request a webinar on a particular topic, please contact Jana Volkert (Jana.Volkert@med.uni-heidelberg.de).

The ComCom is also excited to launch our Communications Survey. The ComCom is in the process of preparing a communications strategy for SPR, and we are seeking your insights, opinions, and feedback. We have put together a short survey to help identify communication priorities, as well as to determine the most effective means of engaging and communicating with the SPR membership. We invite your participation in shaping the SPR communication strategy. Please follow this link to complete this survey:

http://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/surveys/default.asp?id=ComCom_Survey.

Your thoughts, comments, and suggestions are important, so please take a moment to complete this brief survey!

We would like to welcome Catherine Reich, our new North American representative to the ComCom. Please keep an eye out for Catherine at SPR in Toronto this June, as she will be running some important focus groups. More information on this to follow!

Finally, we are in search of new ComCom Chair. The main purpose of the ComCom is to help promote communication with current and prospective SPR members, ultimately leading to increased engagement with SPR, retention of membership, and attendance at conferences and other SPR-related events. The ComCom Chair is responsible for conducting regular meetings with the ComCom members, ensuring the ongoing progress of communication tasks (e.g., promoting the journal, sharing information with our membership, maintaining social media), and reporting activities of the Committee to the Executive Committee. The ComCom Chair is a 3-year term, which will begin in June 2017. All interested applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest, including relevant interests, skills, and experiences in the realm of communications. The ComCom Chair Search Committee consists of Chris Muran, Chris Perry, and Tali Boritz. Please send your applications to tali.boritz@camh.ca.