



## San Diego HIV Implementation Science Hub

Issue #2

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## January's In-Person Implementor Learning Core Meeting Recap

We convened our ILC partners on January 29, 2026 in San Diego.

The Implementer Learning Core (ILC) of the San Diego Implementation Science Hub is a collaborative partnership between researchers and community implementers that strengthens Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) efforts by co-developing technical assistance, building capacity, translating evidence into practice, and advancing community-centered strategies and tools that support equitable HIV outcomes and can be adapted by national hubs.

We mapped out a proposed training curriculum and reviewed our co-leadership model. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to engage with our ILC!



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## Writing Retreat Awardees Spotlight

We are excited to spotlight the four awardees selected for our upcoming **HIV Implementation Science Writing Retreat** in San Diego on April 6-7, 2026. This retreat provides a collaborative space for scholars to focus on refining competitive R-level NIH grant proposals.

Meet the teams and their proposed projects:

- Bryan Kutner, Einstein Medical
  - Proposed Title: Advancing implementation of anal cancer screening at Montefiore
- Lauren Suchman, University of California, San Francisco
  - Proposed Title: Optimizing Clinical Support for Kenyan Providers Working with Women Living with HIV as They Go through the Menopausal Transition
- Jane Lee, University of Southern California
  - Proposed Title: A Community-Engaged Approach to HIV Prevention and Care for Transgender Latina Women

*An additional awardee will be announced soon.*

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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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# UC San Diego Implementation Science Seminar

March 19th, 2026  
2-3 PM Pacific Time

Co-hosted by: DISC, IN STEP,  
and SD HIV IS Hub

## Advancing HIV Prevention and Treatment Through Implementation Science: A New Special Topic in the D&I Models in Health Webtool



### Presenters:

**Borsika A. Rabin, Ph.D., MPH, Pharm.D.,  
Laramie Smith, Ph.D., Carrie Geremia, M.Ed**

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/3OVk5qe>

or Scan the QR Code



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# ADAPTATION FIDELITY & TAILORING WORKGROUP

## MEETING

MARCH 16TH, 2026

9:00 - 10:00 AM PACIFIC TIME

**Tracking Adaptation in Real-World  
Implementation: Using FRAME-IS Across  
Dynamic Clinical Settings**

**Presenter:**



**Leslie Johnson,  
PhD**

Assistant Professor in the  
Department of Family and  
Preventive Medicine,  
Emory University School of  
Medicine

Associate Program Director for the  
D43 Training on Implementation  
and team Science  
for NCD Control (TITANS) program

**Register here:**

<https://bit.ly/3z96LKy>

 <https://aft.ucsd.edu>

 [DISC@health.ucsd.edu](mailto:DISC@health.ucsd.edu)



## **Adaptation Fidelity & Tailoring Workgroup Meeting**

Monday, March 16, 2026 9-10 AM PT

Presenter: Leslie Johnson, PhD

Topic: Tracking Adaptation in Real-World Implementation: Using FRAME-IS Across Dynamic Clinical Settings



**ERIKA CRABLE, PHD**

# EPIS OFFICE HOURS

**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**SESSION 1: 8:00 TO 9:00 AM PACIFIC TIME**  
**OR**

**SESSION 2: 16:00 (4PM) TO 17:00 (5PM) PACIFIC TIME**



**GREG AARONS, PHD**

## An opportunity to learn about the EPIS Framework!

- Informal opportunity to meet other EPIS users
- Ask questions about the EPIS Framework
- Share your experiences using the EPIS Framework
- Discuss application of D&I Theories, Models, and Frameworks etc.

Questions? Email [DISC@health.ucsd.edu](mailto:DISC@health.ucsd.edu)

**REGISTER HERE:**

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**UC San Diego**  
ACTRI Dissemination and  
Implementation Science Center

**EPIS** Exploration, preparation,  
implementation and sustainment

## EPIS Office Hours

The EPIS Office Hours are an opportunity to speak with experts in the Dissemination and Implementation Science (DIS) Field. Learn from the developers of the Exploration, Preparation, Implementation, and Sustainment (EPIS) Framework about applying it to your work. These office hours bring together EPIS users of all backgrounds and experience levels and provide an opportunity to ask EPIS-related questions and learn from one another. EPIS Office Hours are offered at two times- feel free to join either session!

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Session 1: 8 - 9 AM PT

Session 2: 4 - 5 PM PT

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/EPISOfficeHours>

## Implementation Science Beachside Chat

Please join the UCLA Rapid, Rigorous, and Relevant (3R) Implementation Science Hub for an upcoming Beachside Chat entitled, “**What are Implementation Mechanisms and Why Should We Care About Them?**” on **Friday, March 13, 2026**, from **10:00 – 11:00 AM PT**.

This session will feature Rebecca Lengnick-Hall, MSW, PhD, MPAff, and Rosemary Meza, PhD, MS, and will be moderated by Alison Hamilton, PhD, MPH.

Over the past decade, increasing attention has been paid to understanding how implementation strategies work—what are referred to as implementation mechanisms. In this Beachside Chat, two leading experts in the field will discuss why it is important to study implementation mechanisms and share pragmatic approaches for examining them in real-world settings. We hope you will join us for this engaging and informative discussion.

If you have any questions, contact Enrique Sanchez at [eesanchez@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:eesanchez@mednet.ucla.edu)

UCLA Rapid, Rigorous, Relevant Implementation Science Hub

## IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE BEACHSIDE CHAT

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EXPERTS:

 Alison Hamilton, PhD, MPH  
Moderator

 Rebecca Lengnick-Hall, MSW, PhD, MPAff  
Discussant

 Rosemary Meza, PhD, MS  
Discussant

**REGISTER HERE**  
<https://tinyurl.com/4ms8x84k>

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Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services

**REGISTER HERE** or copy and paste link: <https://tinyurl.com/4ms8x84k>

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