

Exploring the Conceptualization, Measurement, and Reporting of SES in Social/Behavioral Research

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Raising Awareness

World Poverty Day – Sat, Oct. 17th

Stop Skipping Class Campaign

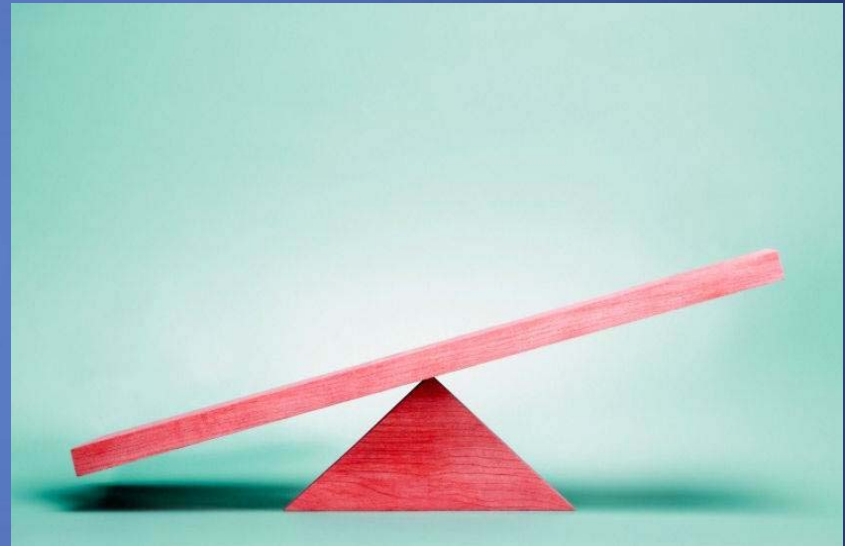
Aims:

1. Raise awareness of the importance of SES/social class
2. Facilitate improvements in the science of SES



Wealth and Health

- By whatever metric SES is among the most robust determinants of mental and physical health and wellbeing
 - Income
 - Education
 - Family/household factor
 - Neighborhood indicators
 - Social environment characteristics
 - Social class, social position
 - Objective and perceived



Generally inverse association although important exceptions

Improving the Science of SES

2006 APA Task Force Report on SES - Recommendations

- SES as a standard demographic variable
- Improve measurement and analysis strategy
- APA Journals Council of Editors actions (9/2015)

Current AIMS:

- Review contemporary approaches to the conceptualization and measurement of SES and illustrate with new data demonstrating predictive utility.

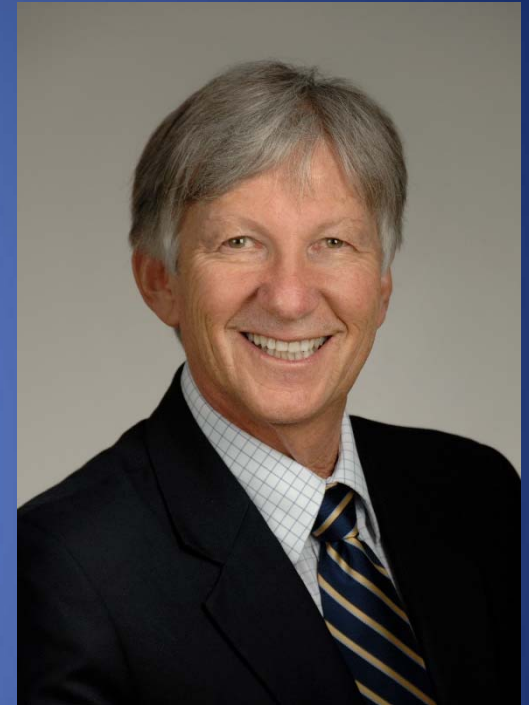
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 - Vice-chair, Dept. of Psychiatry
 - Director, Health Psychology Program
 - Director, Center for Health and Community
- Numerous Honors & Awards
- Chair, MacArthur SES & Health Network
- Elected Member, Institute of Medicine (IOM)
- Named, “World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds 2014” – Social Sciences, Thomas Reuters



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- Former Editor-in-Chief, *Health Psychology*, and *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*
- Authored 18 books, 500+ articles/papers
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Agenda

- Dr. Adler will address
 - Important issues in conceptualization and measurement of SES
 - Resources available through the MacArthur Foundation
- Dr. Kaplan will discuss
 - Broad associations between SES and health
 - Recent findings on Education and Health
- Questions from the Audience

Learning Objectives

Participants should come away with

1. An appreciation for why assessing and reporting SES is important.
2. An understanding of contemporary approaches to conceptualizing and measuring SES across a variety of context and populations.
3. An informed sense of the ways by which SES impacts health.

