



Follow us on social media!

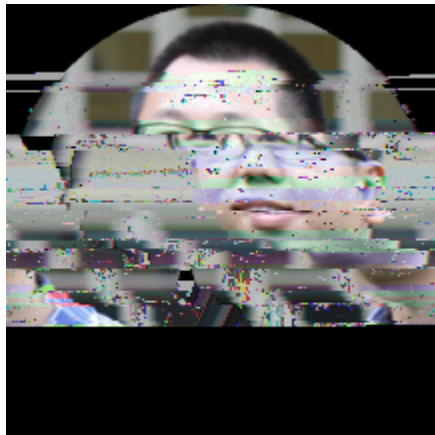


In : hi i e

Dr. Mingyang Zheng
Assistant Professor, Early-Career Faculty Scholar
School of Social Work

Project Title: *Enhancing Geriatric Care Competency: A Virtual Reality Continuing Education Program for Social Workers*

Sponsor: The Virginia Center for Aging



Dr. Zheng's one-year pilot project offers an innovative continuing education program using Virtual Reality (VR) simulation to increase knowledge about specific diseases, change attitudes toward aging, and build confidence in interactions with older individuals. This four-credit continuing education program includes three simulations relevant to an aging population: Alzheimer's Disease, Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson's Disease, and End-of-Life Conversations.

Radford's School of Social Work will partner with New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS), the New River Valley Agency on Aging (NRVAOA), and the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center to recruit social workers currently practicing in the NRV and southwest Virginia for this valuable continuing professional education opportunity.

Dr. Zheng received his M.S.W. from Boston University in 2013 and his Ph.D. in Social Work with a minor in Biostatistics from the University of Minnesota in 2021. His research interests include long-term services and support in community settings, mental health among older adults, and program evaluation and assessment.

F l - n S a S de cce

In September 2023, Radford's Wicked Problems Toolkit Team, a group of ~~se~~ ^{se} m u



Pictured with their awards: Jackson Hunter, Sonya Sanie, Luke Quesenberry, and Dr. Tay Keong Tan



The team shared their results with the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education (UN PRME). Their research on creating open resources for global faculty to teach wicked problem-solving earned Meritorious Achievement Awards for **Jackson Hunter, Sonya Sanie, and Luke Quesenberry** from the PRME. Dr. Tan was recognized with a faculty "Innovator's Award" by the global network of scholars. The presentation is set to act as a spring board into creating a student-run journal called *Pathfinders*, along with a podcast.

Radford University Online Digital Initiatives



Sponsored Programs and Grants Management (SPGM) would like to remind all faculty who are interested in internal funding to be sure to check out our **SEED Grant Program**. Applications are due on the 15th of each month from September through April.

[SEED Grant application and guidelines](#)

Research Excellence

Research scholars at Radford have access to databases, teaching resources, and training in data access, curation, and methods of analysis through the **Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)**. Below is a list of ICPSR's upcoming webinars:

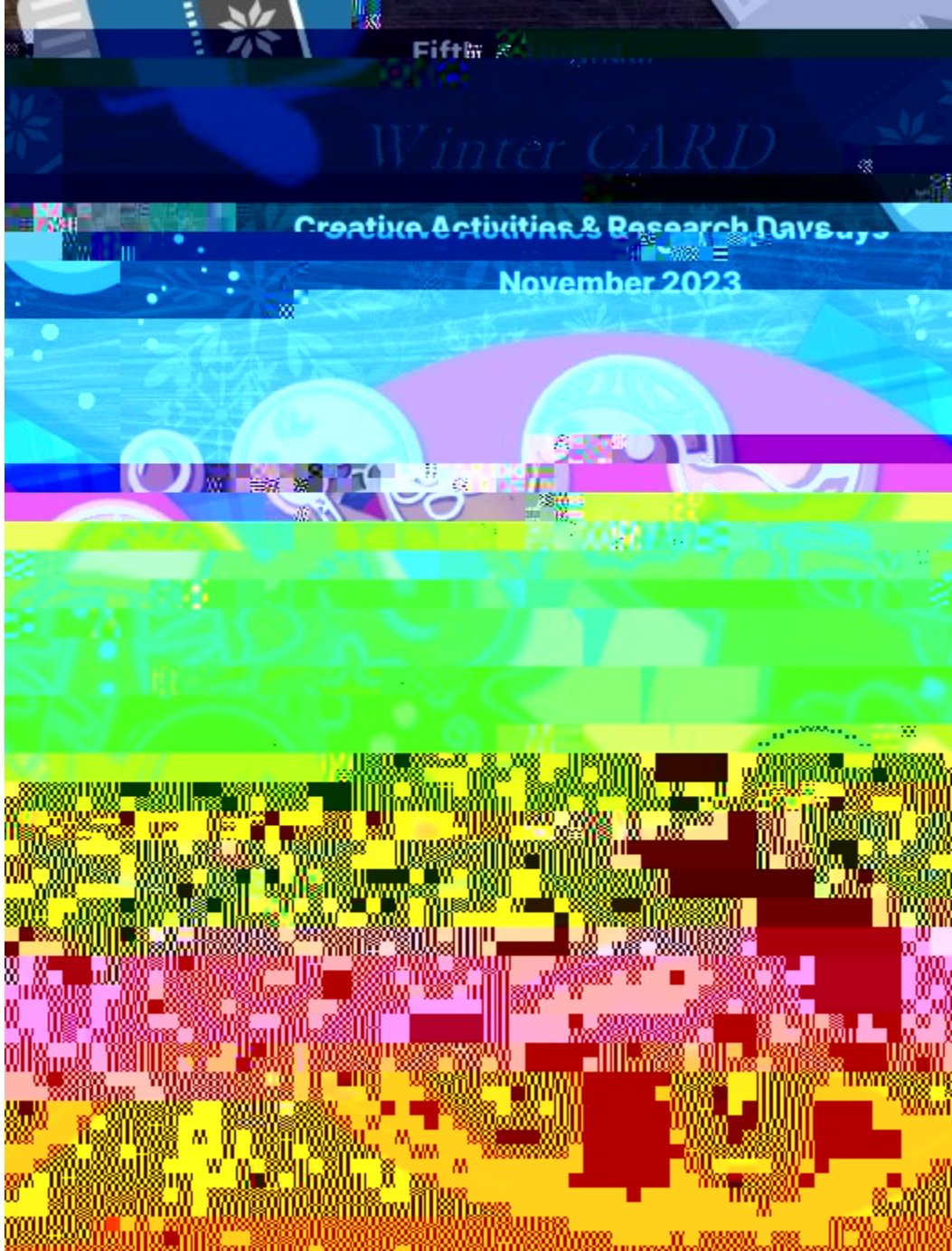
- **Nov. 30 at noon** - Using Arts Data from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study

Carilion Clinic TriNetX Training Carilion offers instructor-led, focused training for an in-depth, step-by-step learning experience building patient cohorts and delving into Analytics. The next training session, led by Dee Myers, will be held **December 13, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

If you cannot attend but are interested in training outside the scheduled session, please email HART@carilionclinic.org with the subject "TriNetX Training" for more information. You can also visit the [Carilion Clinic Health Analytics Research Team website](#) for full details and registration instructions.

D kn ? id

Radford University offers a week-long **Summer Institute in Research and Creativity** each May, in which faculty explore resources to support their research, plan and gain tools for completing summer research projects, hear about publishing possibilities, and gain the support of their colleagues. Topics change annually - if you have specific interests, feel free to share



Full program for 2023 Winter CARD

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.