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Dear Esteemed Members and Colleagues,

Welcome to the latest edition of *The Bridge – Newsletter of the International Social Capital Association*. As we embark on this journey of knowledge exchange and scholarly discourse, we are delighted to bring you a curated collection of insights, updates, and accomplishments that reflect the vibrant spirit of our academic community.

This edition will feature an interview with Jeff Donaldson, Ph.D., a founding ISCA member and the principal researcher at Preparedness Labs Incorporated. We highlight our web-based programs in this edition and talk about other ways that members can get involved with the association.

The directors at ISCA extend our appreciation to each of you. Your dedication and enthusiasm continue to shape the International Social Capital Association (ISCA). Your invaluable support fuels our mission to create a platform where ideas and connections flourish.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Jeff Donaldson, Ph.D., is the principal researcher at Preparedness Labs Incorporated, an organization that provides resources and conducts research on emergency preparedness. Based in Canada, Jeff and his team have provided emergency preparedness education for individuals, organizations, and government entities and published books on a wide range of challenging scenarios from pandemics and natural events to economic impacts on the lives of individuals, families, and communities.



Social capital theory influences my work on a daily basis. It is the framework for my contribution to emergency management. Much of what is completed in the pillar of preparedness is building relationships, creating norms of reciprocity. The potential that exists in our social networks are often the most valuable resources in the immediacy of an event and for the recovery period.

Jeff is also a founding member of ISCA. Interested in identifying a theory to explain the relationship between emergency management agencies and community members, he discovered social capital through the ISCA webinar program. Building trusting relationships is critical to successful responses and collaborative solutions in emergency situations. Jeff also realized that social capital was at work in building trusting and sustainable relationships with

municipalities, building the necessary foundation for engagement in a disaster.

Jeff says that the greatest benefit he's gained through his membership with ISCA is networking and getting to know others who use social capital in their work and research. He really enjoys being exposed to the diverse lenses and applications with which people leverage social capital.

When asked about his vision for the future of ISCA, Jeff is very hopeful noting that, so far, ISCA is the only international association dedicated to the dissemination and elevation of the theory focusing on both academics and practitioners. He sees social capital as a critical piece to navigating idea exchange and conflict. Jeff is a firm believer in both the utility and the ideals of social capital. He is hopeful that members become more engaged in the programming provided by ISCA and use the organization to expand their own network through the building of social capital with each other.

To learn more about Preparedness Labs Incorporated, [go to this link](#).



GET INVOLVED

Are you ready to be a catalyst for change and contribute to a thriving community? The International Social Capital Association invites you to become an integral part of our mission through volunteering.

SUNBEST 2024 CONFERENCE (EDINBURGH) COLLABORATION WITH HEATHER MCGREGOR

Attend and present your work on social capital at the conference and meet other members. [Click here for more information.](#)

ISCA WEBINAR SERIES WITH TRISTAN CLARIDGE

Attend our webinars on social capital with leading scholars and practitioners. [Click here to view upcoming events.](#)

DISASTER RESILIENCE WITH JEFF DONALDSON

Join this exciting new interest group and meet people with shared interests. [Click here to visit or join our community.](#)

SOCIAL CAPITAL PARADIGM WITH TRISTAN CLARIDGE

Contribute to the work on definition, theory, and conceptual approaches in this interest group. [Click here to visit or join our community.](#)

RESEARCH DESIGN AND MENTORING WITH BEVERLY SLOAN

Attend the ongoing workshop series exploring research design and methodologies for social capital. [Click here to view details and register.](#)



SHARE YOUR WISDOM: Be a webinar presenter and share your expertise with a global audience, igniting discussions that shape the future.

LEAD THE WAY: Consider board service to guide our vision, shaping our path towards a brighter tomorrow.

UNLOCK KNOWLEDGE: Sign up for membership and access a wealth of resources, connections and opportunities.

CONNECT AND COLLABORATE: Engage in our vibrant Mighty Networks platform, where ideas converge, and relationships flourish.

READY TO ENGAGE, CONTRIBUTE AND INSPIRE? Contact us at [this link](#), and let's take this impactful journey together.

MIGHTY NETWORKS

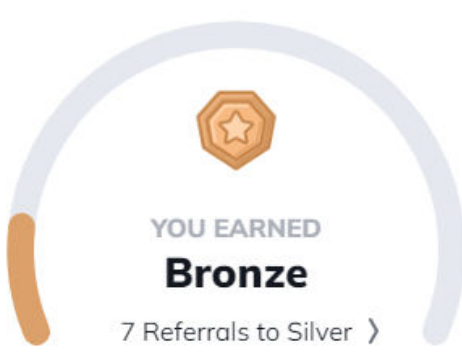
Our community platform has been a bit quiet lately, so we have decided to improve access by making it available to non-members as well as members. This means you can invite people to join, even if they are not a member of ISCA. This will remove the barriers to participation and encourage more people to get involved.

As our interest groups start to develop, this will be important to provide an easily accessible platform for interest group discussions.

To invite someone to our Mighty Networks community, [click here](#) and copy the link or you can invite people by email directly from that page. Be an ambassador for our association and get recognition for helping us grow.

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Invite Members, Earn Rewards



Go for Silver! Reach the next level when 10 people join through your invite link.

<https://community.intsocialcapital.org/> [Copy Link](#)

Invite by Email

Add multiple email addresses here

ISCA WEBINAR SERIES

Our webinar series has been running since April 2020 with presentations by prominent scholars and practitioners including Prof Robert Putnam, Prof Eric Uslaner, Prof Lindon Robison, Prof Daniel Aldrich and many more.

Our webinar series provides a platform for people to share their research or their practical applications of social capital with an international audience.

Click here to submit a [proposal to present](#) in the ISCA Webinar Series.

Visit the ISCA events page to [register for upcoming webinars](#).

RECENT WEBINARS

CULTURAL MATTERS: A CONVERSATION ABOUT CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CAPITAL
 Dr James Hale and Tristan Claridge - [YouTube](#)

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF SOCIAL CAPITAL: A GENERAL GUIDE
 Tristan Claridge - [YouTube](#)

MEASURING THE SOCIAL CAPITAL AND RESOURCE ACQUISITION OF ENTREPRENEURS RESIDING IN MULTIPLY DEPRIVED LOCALITIES: IMPLICATIONS FOR ENTERPRISE POLICY
 Dr Robert Lee - [YouTube](#)

GETTING BY AND GETTING AHEAD: THE INFLUENCE OF INFORMAL RELATIONSHIPS ON THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING OUT OF HOME CARE
 Dr Jacinta Waugh - [YouTube](#)

A SOCIO-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE FOR WORKING WITH SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES IN PRACTICE: A FOCUS ON RELATIONSHIP QUALITIES
 Dr Esther Carmen - [YouTube](#)

OUTLINE FOR THE SOCIAL CAPITAL PARADIGM
 Tristan Claridge - [YouTube](#)

SHARE YOUR WORK

Are you using social capital theory in your research and public-facing writing? Please submit information about your work so we can share it on our website. Listings will not include the full text, but links to text or downloads can be included.

[Go to this survey to submit.](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you and answer any questions you have about ISCA. ISCA board members can be contacted through the [Governance page](#).

