



# AUGUST 2016 PCRFB NEWS

## Letter from the Director, David Page



Congratulations to Corey Bryan for winning Best Research, and to Sahaj Khalsa for receiving best Oral Presentation at the 2016 NAEMSE Symposium. Corey Bryan's work "Exploring the Career Success of Paramedic Program Directors" informs all of us about the stresses and challenges ahead for administration of paramedic programs.

Sahaj was magnetic and uncompromising during his presentation. His subtle satire melded with quick wit and true science gave the audience a unique insight into "Tying it Together: Examining the Relationship Between Student Affective Domain Traits and Restraint Use." Listen to Sahaj's summarize his presentation on the PCRFB Facebook page:

<http://bit.ly/2cGSWqG>

Voting for Best Research was tight; Greg Vis, with his project on "Mobile Simulation for Rural EMS Training" almost edged out Dr. Bryan. This longitudinal study was very well planned, and funded by the office of Rural Health Initiatives. It's nice to see EMS research in rural areas focusing on improvement of care through simulation. Greg discussed his poster here: <http://bit.ly/2cGSWqG>



*Left to right: Dave page, Corey Bryan, Marilee Vosper, Greg Vis, and Sahaj Khalsa at the 2016 NAEMSE Symposium.*

## Got Research?

The deadline for clinical and systems research to be presented at the JEMS-EMS Today Conference is **October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Submit abstracts at:

<http://bit.ly/2d6gZhe>



## Board Member Spotlight: Megan Corry, EdD, EMTP

Megan is the Program Director for the City College of San Francisco Paramedic Program and on the board of advisors for the PCRf. She is a frequent host of the PCRf Journal Club Podcast and uses her unique expertise and perspective to help audiences interpret science and advance EMS. She frequently pushes boundaries of thought and concepts. As a tireless advocate for diversity and inclusiveness, she has promoted Freedom House: <http://bit.ly/2cx4aLc>. Her work is illustrative and each documentary has been exemplary. Dr. Corry also recently completed her EdD. She is a tireless mentor for young researchers, and this month, Dr. Corry was faculty for the 2016 NAEMSE Symposium presenting, "Action Research in the EMS Classroom" and "Evaluating EMS Research Competency."



She is now continuing her focus on action research, which is the empowering process of taking one element of teaching practice and conducting a disciplined process of inquiry to improve upon the practice and educational experience. Corry elaborated further by saying, "EMS educators will tell you they continuously 'tweak' their curriculum and pedagogy based on student experience and outcomes. Action research takes this a step further. It is systematic and uses research methodology to continuously examine a practice with the goal of improving the student outcomes."

## Looking Forward: EMS Today

Who will be in Salt Lake City to advance EMS for the JEMS - EMS Today conference? Join us for a conversation on Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2czov4l>

## 2016 Research Presenter Spotlight: Marilee Vosper

Marilee Vosper was the principal investigator for the "Can You Fail Your Way to Success?" research project. She presented a poster and oral abstract as part of the NAEMSE 2016 PCRf-NAEMSE Educational Research Forum.



While Marilee has a Master's degree, she was fairly new to research only a few years ago. Marilee heard about the PCRf/Fisdap relationship from colleagues who insisted that research is FUN. "I laugh because I had a little Fisdap button that said 'I love research!' on it, and I used to see it and roll my eyes." Then, Marilee attended the Fisdap - Research Summit for the first time in 2013, and she had a change of heart.

Marilee was a co-author on several projects prior to being a principal investigator, contributing to the scientific base for EMS education. These include: "Diversification in EMS: Are We as Diverse as We Think We Are?", and "Are You There, Doc? Paramedic Student Team Lead Utilization of MD Consultation."



## NAEMSE 2016 Presenters

Congratulations to our poster presenters! All of our abstracts can be found on the PCRf website:  
[www.prehospitalcare.org](http://www.prehospitalcare.org)

**Greg Vis:** Greg caught the simulation bug in Los Angeles in 2001 while filming a series of EMS skills videos with faculty at UCLA. "We had been lent an early OB simulator by the manufacturer for filming and it was just amazing to watch what it could do and I got hooked." He then went on to work for 7 years with the US Dept. of Defense in simulation. In 2009 he founded his own company, Hudson Simulation Services.

**Cornelia Bryan:** Cornelia is paramedic program director at Louisiana Delta Community College.

**Sahaj Khalsa:** Sahaj is the Director of the EMSI Program at Santa Fe Community College. He took his first EMT-Basic class in 1993 and has been a paramedic since 2002. He's taught all levels of EMS since 2005 and was part of the team responsible for developing & implementing an EMS curriculum at ENMU-Roswell. He also trained pararescue jumpers at Kirtland AFB. He has been EMSI lead faculty at SFCC since 2013.

**Marilee Vosper:** Marilee is the Community Education Manager for American Ambulance in Fresno, California. She oversees the American Heart Association (AHA), National Association of EMT's (NAEMT), and EMT training courses as well as the Community Outreach Program. She began her career in EMS as an EMT over ten years ago. She has since become licensed as a Paramedic, trained as an EMS Educator and graduated from George Washington University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Health Science with a concentration in EMS Management

## PCRf Associates

Over the past few months, the PCRf Associates were asked to reapply, and renew their commitment to the forum. Associates help educate, and especially mentor new researchers. They also assist the forum in performing peer review for our dissemination activities. We are proud to announce our current Associates:

Alan M. Batt, PHECC, HCPC, AEMCA  
Christopher T Boyer, PhD(c), NRP, FP-C, MPA, MA  
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Elliot Carhart, EdD, RRT, NRP  
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Dan Swayze, PhD, NRP  
Mike Taigman, EMT-P  
Atilla Uner, MD, MPH, FAAEM  
Brett Williams PhD, FPA, MHLth Sc

Please put these people to work, they want to help you do research! If you'd like mentoring services, contact [dpape@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:dpape@mednet.ucla.edu).



### Corporate Partner News

**iSimulate** – It gives us great pleasure to announce that iSimulate has become a partner at the Founder level. We are very excited about this new corporate partnership. PCRF is proud to be working with iSimulate to assist EMS Educators in research. At a special meeting in Fort Worth, five groups have launched new research projects thanks to this sponsorship. The topics include:



- Does simulation improve critical thinking?
- How much variability exists between raters looking at a standardized scenario?
- Does simulation increase feelings of preparedness in paramedic students?
- Is standardized patient use better than high fidelity manikin use?
- Does IPE simulation improve hand-off communications between paramedics and nursing students?

**Pocket Nurse** – Please also welcome Pocket Nurse at the Friend level.



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