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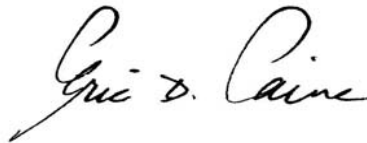
I am pleased to announce the fifth annual session of the *Summer Research Institute on Suicide Prevention (SRI/SP)*, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and organized by the University of Rochester Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide (CSPS). The SRI/SP will be held from 8-14 June in Rochester, New York. It provides the opportunity to train a multidisciplinary array of young investigators and develop a cadre of researchers with the knowledge and skills required to address the public health and therapeutic intervention challenges of suicide and other major mental health problems.

Suicide, attempted suicide, and their antecedents serve to bring together the primary public health challenges relating to mental disorders, alcoholism, substance use disorders, and health services delivery in the United States. Currently there are few researchers who devote their efforts to investigating risk factors associated with suicidal behavior; to developing new approaches for preventing suicide or attempted suicide; to designing and testing clinical interventions with higher risk clinical groups or with community populations; or to evaluating ongoing efforts to reduce the mortality and morbidity associated with suicide, attempted suicide, and their antecedents. There is a strong emphasis on rigorous research methodology. The SRI/SP focuses on both research training and career development issues, where each participant works with identified mentors drawn from its national faculty, which includes researchers from the CSPS, from other major suicide research centers from the US and abroad, and program staff from NIH.

Funding is available for participants to attend this weeklong training institute. Two groups of participants will be included: "Level 1" – early postdoctoral fellows or the equivalent, with backgrounds in psychiatry, clinical or counseling psychology, social psychology, epidemiology, public health, or related areas; or uniquely qualified individuals who are in the midst of residency training in psychiatry, or in graduate training or medical school; and, "Level 2" – advanced post-doctoral fellows or similarly qualified junior faculty who are preparing career development awards or NIH-type grant early in their careers, or prior Level 1 participants where advanced training is especially warranted.

Additional information and application procedures are included in the enclosed brochure. **The application submission deadline is 1 March 2008.** Please encourage potential applicants to contact me or Sue Diesel, sue_diesel@urmc.rochester.edu (585.275.3571).

Yours truly,



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