

Faculty Focus:

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What does your research focus on?

I try to bridge three research domains of Social Network Analysis (SNA), Dissemination & Implementation Science (D&I), and Mixed Methods Research. Most of my studies involve at least two of these domains.

Why did you choose to do research in public and community health?

I am interested in health systems and organizations, because I believe without understanding the complexity of social structures and contexts our knowledge of the challenges we face in improving the well being of individuals and populations, and our solutions to address those challenges are simplistic and myopic. For gaining a better insight you need to observe those complexities from afar (that's why I am interested in network science), and also from the perspectives individuals who are dealing with those challenges on a daily basis (that's why I am interested in mixing quantitative and qualitative research).

What do you enjoy most about University of Rochester?

I love the collaborative research culture at UR. I developed several productive collaborations with diverse teams and departments. I am really hopeful about these collaborations, because it is through cross disciplinary collaborations that innovations are created.

What opportunities are there for students to engage in your projects, both current and future?

I am eager to develop and expand programs of research that bridge Social Network Analysis (SNA), Dissemination & Implementation Science (D&I), and Mixed Methods Research. These three are domains that have been under explored in Health Services Research (HSR). There are several opportunities to push the boundaries of HSR forward by exploring these novel and emerging fields, both methodologically and by applying them in primary studies to improve health.

