The Psychology Department welcomes

Dr. Craig Bryan
(Psychiatry, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio)
who will be giving a presentation on

Combat exposure and military suicide risk

Thursday, October 27th
3:00-4:30 pm
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Dr. Bryan will be joining the College of Social and Behavioral Science as the new Associate Director of the Center for Veteran Studies. His research program over the past several years has primarily focused on identifying military-unique aspects of suicidality, empirically identifying warning signs for suicide, and evaluating the effectiveness of a brief cognitive-behavioral therapy (B-CBT) for the treatment of suicidality among active duty military personnel. Although his research has primarily emphasized military populations up to this point, his program has broad implications for the treatment literature in suicidality and day-to-day clinical practice for the general public.

Suicide is a leading cause of death in the general population, and it is the second most common cause of death in the United States Armed Forces. In recent years the suicide rate of military service members and veterans has been quickly rising, which has sparked a pressing interest in better ways to treat and assess this phenomenon in military personnel. Dr. Bryan’s research program has been designed to accomplish these goals primarily through the translation of theory and basic research to military and clinical contexts, with several central aims: (1) to identify reliable indicators of acute fluctuation in suicide risk levels (i.e., warning signs) that are clinically meaningful and empirically-supported; (2) to identify reliable predictors of suicidal behaviors that do not rely upon self-report methods; and (3) to develop effective suicide prevention strategies and clinical treatments that can be easily and effectively administered to military personnel.