



# *How do relationship dynamics contribute to adolescent relationships and dating violence?*

- Event:** Webinar - How do relationship dynamics contribute to adolescent relationships and dating violence?
- Coordinated by:** Federal Interagency Workgroup on Teen Dating Violence
- Date and time:** Monday February 27, 2017  
2:00-3:30 PM (1 hour 30 minutes)  
Eastern Standard Time (New York, GMT-05:00)  
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- Description:** Teen dating violence is a common and serious public health problem that persists into adulthood. While it is evident that relationship dynamics are important to consider in teen dating violence, there is limited understanding about how these relational interactions shape relationships and impact dating violence among youth. Furthermore, current intervention and prevention efforts generally do not consider and incorporate these relationship dynamics into their strategies. This webinar will provide newly emerging information from two NIJ-funded longitudinal studies regarding important relationship dynamic contexts in dating violence among youth. In the first presentation, Drs. Michael Lorber and Amy Smith Slep will discuss the role of negative interaction patterns in dating relationships and violence over time in a sample of 200 adolescent dating couples in New York City. In the second presentation, Dr. Megan Bair-Merritt will present findings about how daily changes in relational factors like feelings of jealousy, intimacy, and instrumental support are associated with dating violence victimization and perpetration in a sample of 158 high-risk adolescent females. Following the research presentations, Jeff Matsushita and Brandy Selover, MPH, of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, will provide a practitioner perspective on how research findings can be used for intervention and prevention strategies - from individual to societal level norms change - and, share relevant resources and discuss how promising practices can also inform research and evaluation.
- Registration link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDVAM2016FVPSA>
- Panelist(s) Info:**
- Dr. Michael Lorber is a Research Scientist/Adjunct Professor and Director of Developmental Research at the Family Translational Research Group in the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care at New York University College of Dentistry.
  - Dr. Amy Smith Slep is a Professor and Lab Director at the Family Translational Research Group in the Department of Cardiology and Comprehensive Care at New York University College of Dentistry.
  - Dr. Megan Bair-Merritt is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine.
  - Jeff Matsushita is been a member of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence team since 2004.
  - Brandy Selover, MPH, is a Staff Evaluator with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and Project Coordinator for the CDC funded DELTA FOCUS program.