

## EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION

The December 2012 issue of China Health Review focuses on mental health.

On December 14, 2012, a tragedy happened in Newtown, Connecticut, claiming lives of twenty children and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School, in addition to the gunman himself and his slain mother. The gunman, Adam Lanza, was believed to suffer from personality disorder, a fact largely overshadowed by a more controversial side of the story.

Few in the United States realized that, about ten hours earlier of the Newtown shooting, in Xinyang, China, a mentally ill man wounded twenty two children in Wanquan Elementary School with a knife. The suffering of children in both countries demonstrates the importance of mental health policies and practice, as well as research that provides evidence and guidance for the policy debates.

In the *Interview* section, we are fortunate to have two conversations with Professors Michael Phillips and XIAO Shuiyuan to discuss mental health in China. **Professor Michael Phillips** is a Canadian scholar who has stayed and worked in China for more than 25 years. He had a passionate and frank talk with Jing Hao on his route to mental health work in China and his perspective on mental health priorities. **Professor XIAO Shuiyuan** of Central South University shared with Shuli Qu his views on the choice of mental health as his life-long career, resource allocation in mental health, public health emergency preparedness, and mental health legislation.

*Research Twitter* provides summaries of nine recent publications, covering topics such as the association of low birth weight for gestational age and earlier puberty among Hong Kong's "Children of 1997" birth cohort, breast cancer, China's National Health Development Strategies, prenatal care research in rural China, pandemic influenza H1N1 vaccination, pneumonia vaccines, long-term care system, urinary isoflavonoids and coronary heart disease, as well as mental disorders in Taiwan.

*Policy Practice and Updates* includes nine updates concerning topics including Shenzhen's new initiative to reform the existing medicine procurement system, follow-up of the tainted medicine capsule, China-U.S. Health Diplomacy, catastrophic health insurance, and private capital's role in China's health insurance market.

In *About CHPAMS*, we introduce to you **Dr. Xiaohui Hou**, a health economist with the World Bank. You will also find recent career and professional updates from **Drs. Xiaodong Cai, Zhuo (Adam) Chen, Jie Pan, Qi (Harry) Zhang, and Kai Zheng**, and reports of grants received by **Professor Li Wang** and **Ms. Yanfang Su**. **Drs. Zhanlian Feng, Xiaoxing He, and Xinping Zhang** reported their recent publications.

*News and Announcements* section features job opportunities with Peking University and the Johns Hopkins University.

Happy Holidays!

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**2012年12月期《中国卫生评论》的主题是精神卫生。**

2012年12月14日，美国康乃迪克州纽顿镇（Newtown）发生了一起悲剧，桑迪胡克（Sandy Hook）小学枪击惨案造成 28 人死亡，包括 20 名儿童、6 位学校员工、以及凶手和他的母亲。据报道，枪手亚当·兰扎（Adam Lanza）患有人格障碍，然而这一事实很大程度上被美国枪支合法性的争议所掩盖。

美国很少有人知道，康州枪击案发生的大约十小时前，在中国河南省信阳市，一个患有精神病的男子持刀闯入完全小学砍伤 22 名儿童。中美两国发生在儿童身上的悲剧彰显了精神卫生政策和措施、以及为政策论证提供依据和指导的相关科研的重要性。

访谈部分，我们很荣幸邀请到**费立鹏教授**和**尚水源教授**就中国精神卫生领域分别进行探讨。费立鹏教授是一位加拿大学者，在中国居住和工作了 25 年多。他热情而坦诚地与郝静讲述了他在中国精神卫生领域的工作历程和对当前中国精神卫生工作重点的看法。中南大学尚水源教授同曲姝丽分享了他选择精神卫生作为终身事业的原因，以及他对精神卫生资源分配、公共卫生应急准备和精神卫生立法的见解。

*研究动态*栏目提供了 9 篇近期学术文章的总结，涉及领域包括：香港“1997 儿童”孕龄低出生体重与早熟的关联、乳腺癌、中国国家卫生发展战略、中国农村地区产前护理、大流行性流感 H1N1 疫苗、肺炎疫苗、长期护理系统、尿异黄酮与冠心病、以及台湾地区精神障碍状况。

*政策与新闻*栏目提供了 9 条最新信息，包括深圳对现行药品采购制度进行改革的新举措、毒胶囊的后续报道、中美健康交流、大病医保、以及私人资本在中国医保市场的作用。

在 *CHPAMS 之声* 栏目，我们介绍了世界银行经济卫生学家**侯晓辉博士**。您还可以找到 **CAI Xiaodong**、**陈茁**、**PAN Jie**、**张琪**和 **ZHENG Kai** 博士的近期工作和学术活动，**WANG Li** 教授和 **SU Yanfang** 女士获得项目资助的报告，以及 **FENG Zhanlian**、**HE Xiaoxing** 和 **ZHANG Xinping** 也汇报了他们近期发表的文章。

*快讯*栏目中请注意北京大学和 Johns Hopkins 大学的工作机会。

节日愉快！