Research Breakout Session: Generating Positive Change

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Underlying four vastly different changes—a school seeking improvement through adopting positive practices, a society trying to change behaviors to stave off marriage by abduction among the poor, an army trying to reform mental health practices to fight Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and a regeneration effort at a summer camp—may live a common set of mechanisms, processes and practices that help illuminate change theory and practice. By stretching ourselves to find common ground among such different contexts, we will foster a much richer understanding of some of the critical features that explain and cultivate positive change.

Papers Presented (alphabetical order)

“Back to Life: Teaming Processes Enabling Organizational Regeneration”
Author: Reut Livne-Tarandach

“Positive Deviance and Child Marriage by Abduction in Ethiopia”
Author: Ashley Lackovich-Van Gorp

“The Importance of Countervailing Role Pressure and Reflective Action for Implementing Mental Healthcare Reform for Active Duty U.S. Soldiers”
Author: Julia DiBenigno

“Using Positive Organizational Scholarship and Positive Organizational Behavior to Drive Whole School Change”
Author: Mathew White