



The Office of Faculty Research & Support invites all
faculty and students in the College of Education

For Presentation and Discussion of

Dr. Zac Imel's

Award Winning Research:

***“Empathy and the Machine: Technology
and the Future of Psychotherapy”***

funded by NIH and POCRI.



Join Us

Tuesday, April 17

12:00—1:00 PM RESEARCH HUB (1220)

****this is “brown bag” lunch—drinks & dessert provided****

Dr. Zac Imel is currently in his 7th year at the University of Utah and is an Associate Professor of Educational Psychology and Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Utah. Zac's research has focused on the quantitative analysis of patient-provider interactions – particularly in mental health and psychotherapy. Much of medical care is essentially just a conversation, but the raw material of that conversation is daunting - often hours of unstructured, messy, emotional, free flowing dialogue. How do we begin to understand how this process is helpful? What things do providers do to mess up the process? What specific factors tell us why some providers are better than others? Dr. Imel's team works with colleagues in speech signal processing and computer science to sophisticated computational methods to help both scale up and improve the specificity of efforts to evaluate of patient provider interactions.