

RARC DIGEST

Dear RARC Community,

Please see below for our weekly round-up of addiction-related news and events across Rutgers. Have news or events you'd like us to highlight in an upcoming digest? Send the details to RARC Communication Specialist, Ricki Arvesen (ricki.arvesen@rutgers.edu).

RARC News

- **RARC Undergraduate Research Bootcamp - May 22-26, virtual** - Our research bootcamp aims to promote a working understanding of the basics of research and data science. In the course of one week, students will learn to read scientific papers, formulate scientific hypotheses, and learn the basics of secondary data analysis (looking at data that is already collected). No prior research experience is needed and participation is free. **Priority will be given to applications received by May 1, 2023.** For more information, [click here](#).
- **RARC Faculty Candidate Chalk Talks** – More information on upcoming hybrid recruitment candidate “Chalk Talks” coming soon. Mark your calendars!
 - 4/24, 12pm – Anjali Rajadhyaksha – E-545, Medical Science Building, Newark
 - 4/26, 12pm – Kristina Jackson – D201, UBHC Building
 - 4/28, 12pm – Jill Rabinowitz – D201, UBHC Building
 - 5/4, 12pm – Alfred (AJ) Robison – Dean’s Conference Room, RWJMS Research Tower
- **You’re Invited to the Rutgers Addiction Research Center One Year Anniversary Event - Friday, May 5th at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. EDT**
In honor of our one-year anniversary, the RARC will be hosting an event at The Rutgers Club to share what we’ve accomplished this past year and our plans for what is to come. Food and beverage will be provided. Registration coming soon!

Rutgers News

- **The Hart Laboratory** at the Department of Cell Biology & Neuroscience is seeking a **Postdoctoral Research Associate** with experience in neuroscience, addiction, cell biology, genetics/genomics and/or bioinformatics for an NIH-funded study of alcohol use disorder (AUD) risk-associated genetic

variants using human iPSC-derived neurons. To learn more, [click here](#).

- A report authored by **Charles E. Menifield**, professor and dean emeritus of the School of Public Affairs and Administration and **Yong Chan Rhee**, a doctoral student at Rutgers University-Newark, explores public attitudes towards cannabis. To learn more, [click here](#).

Training Opportunities

- **Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training** – The Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program is offering a Virtual Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist training in May for social workers, nurses, psychologists, physicians, pharmacists, certified alcohol and drug counselors, marriage and family therapists, certified recovery support practitioners, health educators, and any other professionals who treat individuals who use tobacco products. **Registration closes April 24**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Enhancing Diversity in Alcohol Research (EDAR) Training Program** – *Information provided from the desk of Dr. Denise Hien*: EDAR is a two-year, fully virtual, NIAAA-sponsored training program, open to psychology doctoral trainees from underrepresented backgrounds (per [NIH NOT-OD-20-031](#)). No prior alcohol research experience is required! More details about eligibility, program structure and content, and available mentors can be found on their [website](#). Please contact Dr. Julianne Flanagan (Director) at hellmuth@musc.edu with questions. **Applications are due July 3, 2023** and include a brief online survey, a 1-2 page statement of interest, and current CV. For more information, [click here](#).

Funding Opportunities

- **Busch Biomedical Grant Program** is sponsored by the Office for Research and is designed to enhance biomedical research at the university and to strengthen the competitive position of faculty members who seek external research funds. The Busch Biomedical Grants program supports two funding mechanisms: Early Career Pilot Grants and New Direction Pilot Grants. Notice of Intent to Submit **due May 1, 2023**. Full proposals **due June 1, 2023** by 5pm EDT. For more information, [click here](#).

News from the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (a publication of the Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies):

New in JSAD 84/1:

- [Adolescent and Young Adult Drunkenness and Future Educational Attainment and Labor Market Integration: A Population-Based Longitudinal Study](#)
Froydis Enstad, Willy Pedersen, Tilmann von Soest
- [Hepatitis C Among People Who Inject Drugs \(PWID\) in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Meta-Analysis of Prevalence Over Three Decades](#)
Mariana Cavalheiro Magri, Caroline Manchiero, Bianca Peixoto Dantas, Arielle Karen da Silva Nunes, Thamiris Vaz Gago Prata, Dayse Evely Alexandre Domingos, Gabrielly Dos Santos Nascimento, Maria Stella Montanha Alvarez, Wanderley Marques Bernardo, Fátima Mitiko Tengan

Just accepted in JSAD:

- [‘Safe Supply’ Initiatives: Are They a Recipe for Harm Through Reduced Healthcare Input and Supply Induced Toxicity and Overdose?](#)
Emmert Roberts, Keith Humphreys

Save the Dates!

- **BHI Hybrid Plenary Seminar – Efficiently Irrational**
Thursday, April 20th at 12:00 p.m. EDT
The BHI Cognitive & Sensory Neuroscience FAWG is hosting Dr. Paul Glimcher to present an interdisciplinary synthesis arguing for a novel interpretation: choice is efficiently irrational. This approach rationalizes many of the puzzling inconsistencies of human choice behavior, explaining why these inconsistencies arise as an optimizing solution in biological choosers. For more information, [click here](#).
- **EASS Webinar – Data Blitz**
Thursday, April 20th at 12:30 p.m. EDT
The Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies is hosting Dr. Brianna Altman, who will discuss her research Examining the Influence of a Negative Affect Induction of Self-Reported Cannabis Use Variables and Dr. Nina Cooperman, who will discuss her research on Mindfulness Oriented Recovery Enhancement as an Adjunct to Methadone Treatment for Opioid Use. For more information, [click here](#).
- **BHI-sponsored Graduate Student Symposium – Neuron RECEPTR**
Thursday and Friday, April 27-28th at 9:00 a.m. EDT
The Neuro RECEPTR (Rutgers External Convention for Exceptionally Promising Trainee Research) is a two-day symposium at Rutgers University, featuring graduate students and faculty talks. This symposium is designed to connect graduate students with faculty looking for postdocs. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Addictions Division Conference - Coming Together: Courage and Collaboration in Substance Use Psychotherapy**
Friday, April 28th at 9:00 a.m. EDT
Join The Division on Addictions of the New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA) and the Concentration in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling at The New School for Social Research for their first in-person conference in 4 years! For more information, [click here](#).
- **Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies - 2023 Summer Symposium**
Wednesday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m. EDT
The symposium will be held at Rutgers Busch Campus Center and will address inequities and social determinants of addiction through creative and collaborative efforts in science practice, community engagement and advocacy. For more information, [click here](#).

Addiction in the News

- [White House Drug Czar Declares Xylazine-Laced Fentanyl an 'Emerging Drug Threat'](#) (MedPage Today)