

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 Faculty Candidate Chalk Talk with Dr. Anjali Rajadhyaksha (April 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EDT)**
Please join us for Dr. Anjali Rajadhyaksha's Chalk Talk. Dr. Rajadhyaksha is a recruitment candidate for a senior faculty position in the Rutgers Addiction Research Center. During her presentation, she will provide her ideas for growing the Rutgers Addiction Research Center. All are welcome to attend this hybrid seminar. **Lunch will be provided to those who registered for in-person by this afternoon (4/21).** For more information and registration, [click here](#).
- **RARC Faculty Candidate Chalk Talk with Dr. Kristina Jackson (April 26, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EDT)**
Please join us for Dr. Kristina Jackson's Chalk Talk. Dr. Jackson is a recruitment candidate for a senior faculty position in the Rutgers Addiction Research Center domain of Epidemiology, Etiology, & Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Department of Psychiatry. During her presentation, she will provide her ideas for growing the Rutgers Addiction Research Center. All are welcome to attend this hybrid seminar. **Lunch will be provided to those who registered for in-person by the afternoon of 4/24).** For more information and registration, [click here](#).
- **RARC Faculty Candidate Chalk Talk with Dr. Jill Rabinowitz (April 28, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EDT)**
Please join us for Dr. Jill Rabinowitz's Chalk Talk. Dr. Rabinowitz is a recruitment candidate for a senior faculty position in the Rutgers Addiction Research Center domain of Epidemiology, Etiology, & Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Department of Psychiatry. During her presentation, she will provide her ideas for growing the Rutgers Addiction Research Center. All are welcome to attend this hybrid seminar. **Lunch will be provided to those who registered for in-person by this afternoon (4/26).** For more information and registration, [click here](#).
- **RARC Faculty Candidate Chalk Talk with Dr. Alfred Robison (May 4, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EDT)** – All are welcome to attend this hybrid seminar. Registration coming soon!
- **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. This will be an opportunity to connect with colleagues across Rutgers conducting addiction research and our clinical and community partners. Food and beverage will be provided. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

- **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](#).

Rutgers News

- **Dr. Calvin Chatlos**, professor of psychiatry at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, will be presenting at NJAMHAA Spring Conference 2023: Transcending Today, Transcending Tomorrow on **April 25, 2023**. He will talk about using an expanded Cognitive Behavioral Theory (CBT) practice to develop spiritual competency with patients and promote spiritual awakening to be used clinically for emotional healing. To learn more about the event, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Petros Levounis**, chair and professor of psychiatry and associate dean for professional development at the New Jersey Medical School, and **Dr. Danielle Dick**, director of the Rutgers Addiction Research Center will be presenting at NJPN Annual Addiction Conference 2023: ENGAGE + EMPOWER on **May 18-19, 2023**. Dr. Levounis' workshop is titled, *The Neurobiology of Addiction in 2023*. Dr. Dick will be presenting, *How basic science can inform intervention: New advances that promise to revolutionize addiction prevention & treatment*. To learn more about the event, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Diane Calello**, executive and medical director of the NJ Poison Control Center at the New Jersey Medical School was featured in the *Prevention Magazine* discussing the dangerous TikTok Benadryl Challenge. The new trend encourages teens to take 12 to 14 of the antihistamines — six times the recommended dose — in order to induce hallucinations. To learn more, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Snehal Bhatt**, from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and **Dr. Petros Levounis**, from the New Jersey Medical School, were featured in *The Record*, discussing how LSD, 'magic mushrooms', and ecstasy could alter the future of mental health care. To learn more, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Lia Nower**, director of the Center for Gambling Studies, was featured in a *NJ Spotlight News* article surrounding a proposal for a diversion court as an alternative to incarceration for gamblers who get into trouble with the law. To learn more, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Jill Williams**, director of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Division of Addiction Psychiatry, recently appeared on WMBC-TV to discuss her study published in the *Journal of Psychiatry Research* exploring caffeine intake among smokers with serious mental illness. To hear what she found, [click here](#).

Opportunities

- Dr. Mark Leeds, the producer of the Rehab Podcast on the Mental Health News Radio Network is seeking members who would be interested in speaking in their areas of expertise on his show. To learn more about his podcast, [click here](#). If you would be interested in speaking on his podcast, please email the RARC at rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu.
- RARC collaborator and director of the Center for Youth Social Emotional Wellness, Joshua Langberg is hiring a part-time **Research Assistant** in the **Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology**. Do you or someone you know have prior experience coordinating research? Maybe you've supported participant recruitment, built surveys, and/or organized project meetings? To learn more about the position, [click here](#).
- **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](#).
- **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 Grant 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.](#)

- **PAR-23-158: Exploratory Clinical Neuroscience Research on Substance Use Disorders** (R61/R33 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans (BESH) Required) - This NOFO invites clinical research applications that are exploratory and developmental in nature and focus on understanding the neurobiological mechanisms underlying SUD. For the first cycle, the Letter of Intent **due May 21, 2023** and Applications **due June 21, 2023**. Future cycles to follow. 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:

- [The Incidence and Temporal Patterns of Use of Amphetamine-Type Stimulant Use in Traffic-Related Ambulance Attendances From 2015 to 2020 in Victoria, Australia](#)
Amie C. Hayley, Rowan P. Ogeil, Agatha Faulkner, Naomi Beard, Luke A. Downey, Karen Smith, Dan I. Lubman, Deborah Scott
- [Subjective and Behavioral Impulsivity Differentially Moderate Within- and Between-Person Associations Between Physical Activity and Alcohol Consumption](#)
Laian Z. Najjar, J. Leigh Leasure, Craig E. Henderson, David J. Francis, Clayton Neighbors

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [Naloxone Online Information Exceeds the Recommended Reading Level for Patient Education Materials](#)
Nhu Dang, Mihir Khunte, Anthony Zhong, and Avik Chatterjee
- [Self-Report Survey Measures of Alcohol-Impaired Driving: A Systematic Review](#)
Brady R. Bushover, Christina A. Mehranbod, Ariana N. Gobaud, Charles C. Branas, Qixuan Chen, Daniel P. Giovenco, David K. Humphreys, and Christopher N. Morrison

Save the Dates!

- **BHI-sponsored Graduate Student Symposium – Neuro 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

- [The Fight Over a Drug That Is Great for Horses but Horrific for Humans](#) (*The New York Times*)
- [Schools' Suit Claims Social Media Companies Are Fueling a Youth Mental Health Crisis](#) (*Los Angeles Times*)