

# 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](mailto:ricki.arvesen@rutgers.edu)).

## RARC News

- **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 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. For the Zoom Link, [click here](#).
- **RARC Faculty Candidate Chalk Talk with Dr. Alfred Robison (May 4, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EDT)** –  
Please join us for Dr. A.J. Robison's Chalk Talk. Dr. Robison is a recruitment candidate for a senior faculty position in the Rutgers Addiction Research Center domain of Basic Science. During his presentation, he will provide his 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 Tuesday, 5/2.** 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](#).

- Congratulations to all of the recipients of the 2022-23 Faculty Year-End Excellence Award Recipients, some of whom were RARC researchers:
  - *The Presidential Outstanding Faculty Award - **Zhiping Pang***
  - *The Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research – **Christine D. Delnevo***
- Congratulations to RARC researcher and director of the Center for Gambling Studies, Dr. Lia Nower, who
- **Dr. Morris Davis**, professor in the Rutgers Business School, recently weighed in on Governor Phil Murphy’s plan to reform old liquor license laws, and its ensuing opposition from the restaurant lobby. To learn more, [click here](#).
- Rutgers **Project ECHO** recently introduced a new evening series: Caring for Pregnant & Parenting People with an OUD. In this ECHO, participants will understand how to build more empowering relationships for pregnant people with an OUD, learn best practices for treatment, and identify helpful community resources with a panel of Maternal Child Health and Addiction Medicine specialists. To learn more, [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](mailto:rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu).
- **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](#).
- **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](mailto: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:

- [Between- and Within-Person Correlates of Alcohol-Impaired Driving in First-Year University Students: The Roles of Impulsivity, Binge Drinking, Depression, and Anxiety](#)  
Christina L. Robillard, Nicole K. Legg, Brianna J. Turner
- [Establishing the Relative Accuracy of Using City Directories as Proxies to Define and Reconstruct Historical Alcohol Environments](#)  
Richard Casey Sadler, Pamela Trangenstein, Alan Harris, Zachary Buchalski, Thomas Walter Wojciechowski, C. Debra Furr-Holden

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [Alcohol Use Among Treatment-Seeking Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder](#)  
Wave-Ananda Baskerville, Erica N. Grodin, Johnny Lin, Karen Miotto, Larissa J. Mooney, and Lara A. Ray
- [Prospective Associations Between Anxiety Sensitivity, Distress Intolerance, Depressive Symptoms, and Indices of Alcohol and Cannabis Use among Veterans](#)  
Kayleigh N. McCarty, Angela K. Stevens, Rachel L. Gunn, Brian Borsari, and Jane Metrik

### Save the Dates!

- **Athletics Behavioral Health & Sport Psychology Team Spring Didactic Series – Substance Use: Marijuana and Performance**  
**Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. EDT**  
The RU Behavioral Health & Sport Psychology team is committed to spreading awareness and knowledge about athlete mental health to the community at large through this didactic series. For more information, [click here](#).

- **NJPN Annual Addiction Conference 2023: Engage & Empower**  
**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. EDT**  
*The NJPN Annual Addiction Conference 2023: Engage & Empower educates prevention, treatment, and recovery support professionals about critical issues surrounding substance use disorders, while providing a unique forum for networking, collaboration and workforce development. For more information, [click here](#).*
- **Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies - 2023 Summer Symposium**  
**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

- [Exercises like jogging or weight training may help addiction recovery](#) (The Washington Post)
- [AG Platkin Announces New Multi-Faceted Efforts to Curb Problem Gambling](#) (New Jersey Office of the Attorney General)