

# 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

- Save the Date - The **annual RARC Fall Symposium** is scheduled for **Friday, September 8, 2023** in the Busch Student Center in Piscataway. More details coming soon.
- Thank you to everyone who joined yesterday for the in-person **Special Seminar hosted by the James Lab** We had a packed room, which included 20+ trainees attending the insightful talks from Tylah Doolan and Joel Raymond from the University of Sydney.

## Rutgers News

- A Rutgers study published in the *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*, led by **Dr. Grant Victor**, an assistant professor in the Rutgers School of Social Work, suggests that increasing access to prescription opioid painkillers may reduce opioid overdose deaths in the United States. For more information, [click here](#).
- The **Rutgers Center for Tobacco Studies**, which is one of the nation's leading tobacco focused research centers, announced their new name, **Rutgers Institute for Nicotine and Tobacco Studies**. To learn more, [click here](#).
- The **New Jersey Dept. of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services** implemented the NJ "**Naloxone 365**" program to remove barriers to this lifesaving medication by making it more accessible to individuals requesting naloxone in community pharmacies. To access information about participating pharmacies, [click here](#).

## Opportunities

- **Rutgers Training in Addiction Research Program (TARP)** - announcing a new NIDA-funded T32 Pre/Postdoctoral Research Training Program in Neuroscience! We are now accepting applications for the 3 Pre-Doctoral and 3 Post-Doctoral positions available. For interested applicants, please send

your CV to [Dr. Chris Pierce](mailto:chris.pierce@rutgers.edu) at [chris.pierce@rutgers.edu](mailto:chris.pierce@rutgers.edu).

- The **Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Department of Psychiatry** is seeking a part-time research assistant to assist with the implementation of research projects in addictions and mental health, with a focus on recruiting, consenting and interviewing research subjects. To learn more about the role, [click here](#).

## Funding Opportunities

- **Notice of Special Interest: Advancing mHealth Interventions for Understanding and Preventing Alcohol-Related Domestic Violence** – In light of the documented increases in both alcohol misuse (among some individuals) and domestic violence (DV) as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the purpose of this grant application solicitation is to announce NIAAA's interest in addressing the critical need for research related to developing, testing, and intervening proximal to drinking occasions, when risk of DV is elevated, to decrease the likelihood of alcohol consumption at levels sufficient to trigger DV and to provide skills shown to reduce risk of DV perpetration and victimization. For more information, [click here](#).
- The **International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG)** is looking to grow its portfolio of researchers and offers a variety behavioral addictions research opportunities including funding for dissertation grants, seed grants, and large grants. Current funding opportunities are focused on research on lottery gambling and online gambling, with applications due in **September 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Prevention Services Evaluation Partnerships: Building Evidence for Mental Health, Substance Use, In-home Parent Skill-based, and Kinship Navigator Programs and Services** - These three-year grants aim to support summative (i.e., impact) randomized control trial or quasi-experimental evaluations of a mental health, substance abuse prevention and/or treatment, in-home parent skill-based, or kinship navigator program or service. The grants will support collaborations among evaluators and partnering Title IV-E agencies, community entities, and/or other researchers to conduct well-designed and rigorous summative evaluations of programs and services intended to provide enhanced support to children and families, including pregnant and parenting youth in foster care, as well as prevent child abuse and neglect and foster care placements. Applications due **July 11, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **NIH HEAL Initiative Partnerships to Advance INTERdisciplinary (PAIN) Training in Clinical Pain Research: The HEAL PAIN Cohort Program** (RFA-NS-24-015) will support interdisciplinary postdoctoral training to promote the next generation of independent clinical pain researchers. The HEAL PAIN Cohort Program, will fund up to four T90/R90 institutional postdoctoral training programs in clinical pain research, and foster a cohort experience among programs at different institutions through the HEAL R24 Coordinating Center for National Pain Scientists. Letter of Intent due **August 11, 2023** and Applications due **September 27, 2023**. 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* 84/2:

- [The Alcohol Industry Is No Ordinary Stakeholder: A Response to the Commentaries on Mitchell and McCambridge \(2023\)](#)  
Gemma Mitchell
- [Links Between Industry and U.S. NIAAA Underline the Need to Rebalance Science in the Public Interest: A Comment on Mitchell and McCambridge \(2023\)](#)  
Anna B. Gilmore, Alice Fabbri

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [New validity evidence of the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs-Short Screener for evaluating internalizing/externalizing behaviors in Spanish adolescents](#)  
Víctor Martínez-Loredo, Alba González-Roz, Alba Martin-Roig, Sergio Fernández-Artamendi
- [Perceptions of health risks and benefits of cannabis use among college students: Prevalence and associations with cannabis use](#)  
Eric D. Malain, Benjamin O. Ladd, Joshua L. Stanz, Renee E. Magnan, and Addictions Research Team
- [Proximity to legal cannabis stores in Canada and use of cannabis sources in the first three years of legalization, 2019-2021](#)  
Elle Wadsworth, Pete Driezen, Julia A Dilley, Robert Gabrys, Rebecca Jesseman, and David Hammond

**Save the Dates!**

- **Psychopharmacology for People with Co-Occurring Diagnoses**  
**Wednesday, July 12th at 9:00 a.m. EDT**  
*The School of Social Work* is hosting a webinar to detail the best practices as it applies to prescribing (or not prescribing) psychotropic medications for a person in recovery with both a mental illness and substance abuse (MISA) diagnosis. For more information, [click here](#).
- **BHI/CAHBIR/RWJMS Faculty Candidate Seminar - Towards Personalized Reproductive Psychiatry**  
**Tuesday, July 18th at 10:00 a.m. EDT**  
Rutgers Brain Health Institute & CAHBIR is hosting Dr. Sheila Shanmugan (University of Pennsylvania) who will present her recent work on sex differences in personalized functional networks and her graduate work on indicators of and treatments for perimenopausal executive dysfunction. Dr. Shanmugan will describe the path she envisions towards developing sex-specific machine learning models that aim to personalize early interventions in reproductive psychiatry. For

more information, [click here](#).

- **Combating fatal overdoses: A data-driven and multidisciplinary approach to addiction response Webinar**

**Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. EDT**

The National Center for Complex Health & Social Needs is hosting a webinar about the innovative methods used in Hamilton County, Ohio that led to a 24% decrease in overdose deaths. Presenters will highlight innovative methods to identify and catalog services in target areas and how to create a coordinated pathway to care by sharing and maximizing outreach data. The presenters will walk through the development of the initiative, the data collection, and talk about the key metrics of success for the work. For more information, [click here](#).

- **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneers in Endocrinology Workshop**

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. EDT**

*Save the date for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneers in Endocrinology Workshop.* This year's theme is Early-Life Stress and the Endocrine System. Featuring scientific presentations, a luncheon, and a poster presentation, this is an event you will not want to miss. More information coming soon!

#### **Addiction in the News**

- [Why Isn't Buprenorphine Available at All Pharmacies?](#) (MedPage Today)
- [HHS Releases Draft Framework to Accelerate Efforts to Help Americans Avoid and Quit Smoking](#) (HHS Headquarters)