

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

- 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.
- **RARC Social at the Research Society on Alcohol Annual Meeting** – For those of you who are attending the Research Society on Alcohol Annual Meeting in Bellevue, WA this month, the RARC invites you to the RARC Social on **Monday, June 26 @6:30-9:30pm**. This event is for all RARC faculty and trainees, as well as collaborators and friends. Please RSVP to the RARC (rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu) and indicate approximately how many collaborators you intend to bring.

Rutgers News

- A huge congratulations to the **Center for Gambling Studies (CGS)** at the **Rutgers University School of Social Work** on receiving a three-year Center of Excellence grant from the International Center for Responsible Gaming to study the etiology and epidemiology of emerging adults who gamble. To learn more, [click here](#).
- A recent study led by **Dr. Qiana Brown**, an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, published in *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, examines the associations between cannabis use, DSM-5 cannabis use disorder, and DSM-5 mental health disorders among pregnant and postpartum women. To access the full study, [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.

- 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](#).
- **Innovations for Substance Use Disorders (I4SUD) Applications Open** - A newly launched Executive Education certificate program for participants to work individually or in teams to assess if their ideas and inventions can be transformed into innovations to address problems in substance use disorders (SUDs). The virtual program features asynchronous and synchronous online activities; a multi-day visit to Carey's Baltimore - Inner Harbor location for workshops, clinical site visits, and community building. All participants will have their airfare, meals, and accommodations covered by the sponsoring grant. **Applications are due by June 30**. 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 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

- The **Pharmacotherapies for Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder Alliance (PASA)** currently has 4 funding opportunities focused on developing new medications that can improve treatment outcomes for alcohol and substance use disorders. The opportunities include a planning, pre-clinical animal research, non-clinical research, and expansion award. Letters of intent for all awards are due **June 30, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **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:

- [Adolescent and Young Adult Response to Hypothetical E-Liquid Flavor Restrictions](#)
Natasha K. Sidhu, William V. Lechner, Sam N. Cwalina, Lauren Whitted, Sabrina L. Smiley, Jessica L. Barrington-Trimis, Junhan Cho, Theodore L. Wagener, Adam M. Leventhal, Alayna P. Tackett
- [How Do Industry-Funded Alcohol and Gambling Conferences Frame the Issues? An Analysis of Conference Agendas](#)
Kate Dun-Campbell, May C. I. Van Schalkwyk, Mark Petticrew, Nason Maani, Elizabeth McGill

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [Recreational Marijuana Legalization, Local Retail Availability, and Alcohol and Marijuana Use and Co-Use among California High School Students](#)
Sharon E. O'Hara, Mallie J. Paschall, and Joel W. Grube
- [Adolescent Advertising Exposure to Cannabis Products in Rural Oklahoma via Medical Dispensaries](#)
Melvin Livingston, Caroline Barry, Andrew Walker, Bethany Livingston, Sierra L. Talavera-Brown, Megan Harmon, Alexander Wagenaar, Terrence Kominsky, and Kelli A. Komro

Save the Dates!

- **New Jersey Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council Listening Session**

Thursday, June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. EDT

The New Jersey Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council is holding listening sessions to gather public input in distributing opioid settlement funds. New Jersey will receive about \$1 billion over 18 years as part of a federal opioid settlement. These listening sessions are open to all. For more information, [click here](#).

- **SAMHSA Gains Center Webinar: When Recovery Is Work: Promoting Wellness in Peer Support Roles**

Tuesday, June 27th at 3:00 p.m. EDT

This webinar will feature Dr. Peggy Swarbrick (Associate Director, Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies) providing an introduction to the 8 Dimensions of Wellness as a framework for identifying personal goals and opportunities to increase self-care practices. Speakers will also discuss the importance of self-care amongst peer support staff, as well as specific strategies peers can use to achieve and maintain personal wellness. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Drug-free NJ Learning Series: The Intersection of Race, Culture, and the Opioid Crisis**

Thursday, June 29th at 11:00 a.m. EDT

The speakers at this free webinar include Capt. Jason Piotrowski (NJ State Police), Dr. Aleesa Mobley (Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences – Rowan University), Solomon Middleton-Williams (Deputy Director, Newark Community Street Team), and Ahsley Hill Trotter (LCSW, Newark Community Street Team). For more information and registration, [click here](#).

- **15th Annual Pioneers in Endocrinology Workshop**

Tuesday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. EDT

Save the date for the 15th 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

- [The Most Common Eating Disorder in the U.S. Is Also the Least Understood](#) (New York Times)
- [Teens Rarely Get Anti-Addiction Meds When Treated for Opioid Misuse](#) (U.S. News & World Report)