

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.
- As we celebrate **Pride Month** this year, the RARC has collated a list of Rutgers resources related to addiction and the **LGBTQIA+ community**, as well as others from trusted sources. To view the resources, [click here](#).

Rutgers News

- **Dr. Cristine Delnevo**, director of the Rutgers Center for Tobacco Studies and principal investigator of the **Rutgers Center of Excellence in Rapid Surveillance in Tobacco** highlights how their new 5-year \$18 million grant award will enable researchers to rapidly identify and analyze critical information in real time about new tobacco products, marketing and usage. For more information, [click here](#).
- **The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, or World Drug Day, is marked on June 26th every year to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse. Every year, UNODC issues the World Drug Report, full of key statistics and factual data obtained through official sources, a science-based approach, and research. This year's report will be launched on Monday, June 26. For more information, [click here](#).

- **The Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (JSAD)** is welcoming a new editor, **Dr. Jennifer Read**. Dr. Read's program of research focuses on social and individual-level factors associated with alcohol misuse and on comorbid alcohol use disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder. To check out a video recording of a brief interview with Dr. Read, where she shares her insight and vision for the journal, [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](#) 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 accommodation 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:

- [Measuring How Public Health Stakeholders Seek to Influence Alcohol Premises Licensing in England and Scotland: The Public Health Engagement In Alcohol Licensing \(PHIAL\) Measure](#)
Niamh Fitzgerald, Andrea Mohan, Nason Maani, Richard Purves, Frank De Vocht, Colin Angus, Madeleine Henney, James Nicholls, Tim Nichols, Gemma Crompton, Laura Mahon, Cheryl Mcquire, Niamh Shortt, Linda Bauld, Matt Egan

- [Using Online Crowdsourced Data to Measure the Availability of Cannabis Home Delivery: A Pilot Study](#)

Ellicott C. Matthey, Ayush Gupta, Leyla Mousli, Laura A. Schmidt

Just accepted in JSAD:

- [Safe Supply In The Midst of a Crisis of Unregulated Toxic Drug Deaths - A Commentary on Roberts and Humphreys \(2023\)](#)

Matthew Bonn, Adam Palayew, Natasha Touesnard, Thomas D. Brothers and Claire Bodkin

- [A Sociologist and the Problems of Alcohol Studies: The Life and Legacy of Selden D. Bacon](#)

Nicholas Allred, William Bejarano, and Judit H. Ward

- [Drivers of Purchase Decisions Among Consumers of Dried Flower Cannabis Products – A Discrete Choice Experiment](#)

Jennifer R. Donnan, Karissa Johnston, Maisam Najafizada, and Lisa D. Bishop

Save the Dates!

- **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

- [New Jersey Looks to Toughen Underage Drinking, Marijuana Laws](#) (North-Jersey News)