

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.

Rutgers News

- **Dr. Morgan James**, RARC Chair for Junior Faculty & Trainee Engagement is hosting a special seminar on **Thursday, July 6, 2023** (12 - 1:00 p.m. EDT) featuring talks from graduate students at the University of Sydney. All are welcome to the event! For more information, click here.
 - *Oxytocin as a treatment for methamphetamine addiction: Why is it not translating?*
Tylah Doolan, University of Sydney
 - *Sleep and sociality: The influence of acute sleep loss on social motivation in female and male rats*
Joel Raymond, University of Sydney
- **Emma Schweitzer** and **Dr. Anna Konova** from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School recently had an editorial published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, highlight novel approaches towards identifying generalizable neural markers that are involved in cravings. To access the full article, [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](#).
- **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

- **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:

- [Tall Tales and Hidden Shallows: The Single-Minded Influence of the Alcohol Industry Over Public Discourse, Science, and Government Bodies—A Comment on Mitchell and McCambridge \(2023\)](#)
Nason Maani, Kathrin Lauber
- [More Public Health Scrutiny Is Needed on Government Actions: A Comment on Mitchell and McCambridge \(2023\)](#)
Franco Sassi

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [The Relationship between Drinking Patterns and Chronic Health Conditions: New Evidence from Two US National Alcohol Surveys](#)
Cheryl J. Cherpitel, Libo Li, and William C. Kerr
- [Parental divorce and trajectories of alcohol consumption in men: A genetically informative perspective](#)
Jessica E. Salvatore, Steven H. Aggen, and Kenneth S. Kendler
- [Experimental Test of Drinking and Abstaining Social Media Content on Adolescent and Young Adult Social Norms and Alcohol Use](#)
Dana M. Litt, Zhengyang Zhou, Anne M. Fairlie, Katja A. Waldron, Femke Geusens, Melissa A. Lewis

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](#).
- **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

- [Pregnant Women on Anti-Addiction Medication Had Their Babies Taken Away](#) (*New York Times*)
- [Once-resistant rural court officials begin to embrace medications to treat addiction](#) (CBS News)