

# 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

- **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](mailto:rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu)) and indicate approximately how many collaborators you intend to bring.
- **RARC DEI Needs Assessment** - The RARC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) working group has developed a **short** survey to determine needs and preferences related to DEI in the RARC community of faculty, staff, and students. Survey responses are confidential and will solely be used to gather information and develop programs over the 2023-2024 academic year. For access to the DEI Needs Assessment Survey, [click here](#).
- The **Brain Health Institute** plans to hold its next **Post-Doc Recruitment Day** on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They will select up to 20 high-qualified post-doc candidates to visit Rutgers and meet prospective faculty mentors. The BHI is requesting that faculty please submit responses to this [google survey form](#) assessing faculty interest in participating in and supporting this event by June 15.
- 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

- The O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, with support from associate director of the **Center for Alcohol Studies, Dr. Peggy Swarbrick**, and recent Rutgers School of Social Work graduate, **Daniel Fishbein**, released a new report, *Transcending MET (Money, Ego, Turf): A Whole Person, Whole Government Approach to Addressing Substance Use Disorder Through Aligned Funding*

*Streams and Coordinated Outcomes*. To learn more, [click here](#).

- Rutgers Tobacco Surveillance Center has been awarded \$18 million to help tobacco regulators by providing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with real-time data on tobacco and nicotine marketing, products and consumer behaviors. To learn more about the effort led by **Rutgers Center for Tobacco Studies** director and PI of this center, **Dr. Cristine Delnevo**, [click here](#).
- A recent study led by **Peter Treitler** and **Dr. Stephen Crystal** published in *JAMA Health Forum* examined whether post-release overdose death and drug-related hospital and emergency department visits increased after a large-scale prison release in New Jersey in late 2020. To learn more, [click here](#).
- The **New Jersey Poison Control Center** at **Rutgers New Jersey Medical School** shares the importance of reducing access to prescription and non-prescription medicines at home in preventing adolescent suicide attempts. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Opportunities

- **Rutgers Training in Addiction Research Program (TARP)** - We are thrilled to announce 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](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](#).
- **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](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

- **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. 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](#).
- **National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT)** program is seeking proposals that explore ways for graduate students in research-based master’s and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers. Proposals are requested that address any interdisciplinary or convergent research theme of national priority. Proposal submission **deadline is September 6, 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](#).

**Save the Dates!**

- NJ ACTS Special Populations Core Seminar Series: The Role of Confidence in the Hard Problem of Addiction with Dr. S. Matthew Liao**  
**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. EDT**  
 Many people who have a substance use disorder sincerely want to give up their addiction or not relapse, but they often struggle to do so. Dr. S. Matthew Liao, Director of the Center for Bioethics, calls this the Hard Problem of addiction because the explanation for this problem seems difficult to find. He proposes that paying closer attention to the confidence levels of those with addiction gives us a fuller explanation of the Hard Problem. 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](#).
- Substance Use Recovery: Integration of Peer Support**  
**Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. EDT**  
 Join the New Jersey Medication-Assisted Treatment Centers of Excellence Project ECHO for their summer series with seminars on substance use disorders held every Friday. 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

- [New drug for marijuana addiction shows promise, small study finds](#) (NBC News)
- [ChatGPT's responses to suicide, addiction, sexual assault crises raise questions in new study](#) (CNN)