

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

- **RARC Program Assistant Position (Hourly)** - The RARC is recruiting a part-time Program Assistant to assist with the development, implementation, and monitoring of programs within the Rutgers Addiction Research Center. This includes clerical work, procurement, planning and support of program activities, and the coordination of office operations. Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested in supporting the RARC in a part-time capacity. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Rutgers Addiction Research Center Interest Group on Cannabis** – The RARC invites all researchers with an interest in cannabis-related research to join a newly established Interest Group on Cannabis. The primary goal of this interest group is to develop an inventory of on-going cannabis research being conducted at Rutgers, build on the current research to fill in gaps, develop new lines of research, and strengthen collaboration among Rutgers cannabis researchers. If you are interested in joining this interest group, [click here](#) for more information!

Rutgers News

- Consumers Helping Others Improve their Condition by Ending Smoking (CHOICES), a partnership of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School's **Division of Addiction Psychiatry**, the Mental Health Association in New Jersey (MHANJ) and the state's Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), received the first-place New Jersey Social Innovation Award for Community Voice Impact. The program is a consumer-driven initiative to reach out to smokers with mental health issues. For additional information on the award, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Mahnaz Fatahzadeh**, Professor at the School of Dental Medicine, highlights how tobacco use can impact oral health and the conditions that affect young tobacco users. For access to RU Tobacco Free education videos, [click here](#).
- A study conducted led by **Dr. Jill Williams** at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School found that adult smokers with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia consume the most caffeine and are at

greater risk of negative health outcomes. Access to the full article, [click here](#).

- **Rutgers Center for Tobacco Studies** researchers recently published a protocol on Assessing the Effectiveness of Tobacco 21 Laws to Reduce Underage Access to Tobacco in *Methods and Protocols*. Access to the full article, [click here](#).

Funding Opportunities

- **The NJ Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science** announced their **2023-2024 Fellowship Program for Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Training Awards**. This program will enhance career development beyond that encountered in traditional pre- and postdoctoral programs by focusing on the knowledge and expertise needed to conduct translational team research across disciplines. Required online intention to apply to the program is due **March 22, 2023** and applications are due **April 14, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **The Faculty Diversity Collaborative (FDC)** housed within the University Equity and Inclusion office announced their **2023 Mutual Mentoring Grant Program**. This program will offer funds to support faculty at any career stage, within and outside of Rutgers University, to combat isolation and ensure that all faculty have the resources they need to thrive and excel. Proposals due **March 30, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- The **Rutgers Brain Health Institute (BHI)** and the **Center for Advanced Human Brain Imaging Research (CAHBIR)** announced the availability of **Pilot Research grants** to fund RU-New Brunswick and RBHS faculty in initiating neuroimaging research at CAHBIR on Busch Campus, Piscataway. Applications are due **by April 1, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).

Events

- **CHI Science Seminar: Neural Basis of Behavioral Variability**
Thursday, March 16th at 12:00 p.m. EST
Dr. Zhiping Pang is hosting Dr. Gowan Tervo, the laboratory head at Howard Hughes Medical Institute to discuss his research on the neural basis of behavioral variability. For more information, [click here](#).
- **NJ ACTS Webinar: Patterns in Geographic Distribution of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities in the US and Accepted Forms of Payment from 2010 to 2021**
Tuesday, March 21st at 12:00 p.m. EST
NJ ACTS Special Populations Core 2023 Seminar Series is hosting Dr. Jonathan Cantor, a full policy researcher at the RAND Corporation to assess whether the geographic availability of services was limited for older adults despite the increasing need for substance use disorder and opioid use disorder treatments in this population. For more information, [click here](#).
- **EASS Webinar: Emerging Evidence on Psychedelic-assisted Treatments for Substance Use Disorders**
Thursday, March 23rd at 12:30 p.m. EST

The Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies is hosting Dr. Albert Garcia-Romeu, an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine to provide an examination of psychedelic therapies, current hypotheses surrounding biological and psychological mechanisms of action relevant to psychedelic treatments, and potential risks and contradictions. For more information, [click here](#).

- **GSAPP Webinar: Opioids Then and Now Webinar**

Friday, March 24th at 9:30 a.m. EST

Rutgers GSAPP is hosting a workshop to examine the factors that contributed to the escalation of opioid use and highlight implications for treatment. Additionally, participants will examine the benefits and misconceptions of pharmacotherapy (Medication Assisted Treatment) as well as opioid diversion activities and efforts to combat them. For more information, [click here](#).

Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs News

New in *JSAD* 84/1:

- [Association Between Parental Supply of Alcohol and Later Adolescent Alcohol Use in a Highly Permissive Context](#)
Albert J. Ksinan, Gabriela Ksinan Jiskrova, Eliška Hrežová, Lenka Andrýsková, Hynek Pikhart, Martin Bobák
- [Access to Alcohol Outlets From Home and Work in Sweden: Longitudinal Associations With Problem Drinking](#)
Auriba Raza, Linda L. Magnusson Hanson, Hugo Westerlund, Pia Mäkelä, Jaana I. Halonen

Recently accepted in *JSAD*:

- [Pennsylvania's Community Coordination Strategy to Reduce Opioid Overdose Deaths](#)
Renee M. Cloutier, Arnie Aldridge, Glenn Hoffman, Kristina L. Boyd, Erh-Hsuan Wang, Kiandra Foster, Karley Snyder, William Dowd, and Janice L. Pringle
- [Risk Factors for Binge Drinking in Young Adulthood: The Roles of Aggregate Genetic Liability and Impulsivity-Related Processes](#)
Séverine Lannoy, Jon Heron, Matthew Hickman, and Alexis C. Edwards

Addiction in the News

- [More Doctors Can Now Prescribe a Key Opioid Treatment Will It Help?](#) (*The New York Times*)
- [New Jersey Health Department Initiative Targets Overdose Hotspots](#) (*nj.gov*)