

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 Faculty Candidate Chalk Talks** – More information on upcoming hybrid recruitment candidate “Chalk Talks” coming soon. Mark your calendars!
 - 4/10, 12pm – Hedy Kober (Basic Science) – Dean’s Conference Room, RWJMS Research Tower
 - 4/24, 12pm – Anjali Rajadhyaksha (Basic Science) – E-545, Medical Science Building, Newark
 - 4/26, 12pm – Kristina Jackson (Prevention & Policy) – D201, UBHC Building
 - 4/28, 12pm – Jill Rabinowitz (Prevention) – D201, UBHC Building
 - 5/4, 12pm – Alfred (AJ) Robison (Basic Science) - Dean’s Conference Room, RWJMS Research Tower
- **You’re Invited to the Rutgers Addiction Research Center One Year Anniversary Event - Friday, May 5th at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. EDT**

In honor of our one-year anniversary, the RARC will be hosting an event at The Rutgers Club to share what we’ve accomplished this past year and our plans for what is to come. Food and beverage will be provided. Registration coming soon!

Rutgers News

- RARC Chair of Epidemiology, Etiology & Prevention, **Dr. Tammy Chung**, discusses the challenges with accurately diagnosing cannabis use disorder and proposes a new model that addresses the critical need to improve how cannabis use disorder is diagnosed in individuals who use cannabis for therapeutic purposes. For access to the article, [click here](#).
- RARC researcher, **Christine Ramdin**, discusses how the rates of naloxone prescriptions to people at high risk for opioid overdose, as well as co-prescribing with opioids, increased in U.S. emergency departments, which provides insight on the positive impact of federal regulations. For access to the article, [click here](#).
- RARC researcher, **Dr. Mark Rossi**, discusses how people whose mothers were overweight during pregnancy and nursing may become obese as adults and struggle to moderate their consumption of treats because early overnutrition rewires developing brains to crave unhealthy food. For access to the article, [click here](#).

- RARC researchers from **Rutgers Institute for Health** found that receiving buprenorphine after a nonfatal opioid overdose was associated with a 62 percent reduction in the risk of subsequent opioid overdose death. For access to the article, [click here](#).
- **Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies** announced that their **Annual Poster Session** will take place at the **CAS 2023 Summer Symposium** on June 14 at the Busch Campus Center, Piscataway NJ. Posters will be viewed all day and there will be a formal viewing starting at 3:30pm followed by an Awards Ceremony and Reception. They encourage submissions from Rutgers and TRACC students/scholars, faculty, community advisory board members, affiliates, and community partners. **Submissions are due April 17, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).

Training Opportunities

- **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

- **Busch Biomedical Grant Program** is sponsored by the Office for Research and is designed to enhance biomedical research at the university and to strengthen the competitive position of faculty members who seek external research funds. The Busch Biomedical Grants program supports two funding mechanisms: Early Career Pilot Grants and New Direction Pilot Grants. Notice of Intent to Submit **due May 1, 2023**. Full proposals **due June 1, 2023** by 5pm EDT. 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](#).

News from the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (a publication of the Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies):

New in *JSAD* 84/1:

- [Polysubstance Use Patterns Associated With HIV Disease Severity Among Those With Substance Use Disorders: A Latent Class Analysis](#)
Nicolas Bertholet, Michael R. Winter, Timothy Heeren, Alexander Y. Walley, Richard Saitz

- [Contingency Management in Canadian Addiction Treatment: Provider Attitudes and Use](#)
Megan E. Cowie, David C. Hodgins

Just accepted in JSAD:

- [Social Media Campaigns to Influence Alcohol Consumption and Related Harms, Attitudes, and Awareness: A Systematic Review](#)
Jih-Cheng Yeh, Jeff Niederdeppe, Neil A. Lewis Jr., and David H. Jernigan
- [Momentary Craving, Craving Variability, and Cannabis Use: Associations with THC Concentrates and Sex](#)
Kristina T. Phillips, Michael M. Phillips, Trent L. Lalonde, and Michael D. Stein

Save the Dates!

- **EASS Webinar - Data Blitz**
Thursday, April 20th at 12:30 p.m. EDT
The Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies is hosting Dr. Brianna Altman, who will discuss her research Examining the Influence of a Negative Affect Induction of Self-Reported Cannabis Use Variables and Dr. Nina Cooperman, who will discuss her research on Mindfulness Oriented Recovery Enhancement as an Adjunct to Methadone Treatment for Opioid Use. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Addictions Division Conference - Coming Together: Courage and Collaboration in Substance Use Psychotherapy**
Friday, April 28th at 9:00 a.m. EDT
Join The Division on Addictions of the New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA) and the Concentration in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling at The New School for Social Research for their first in-person conference in 4 years! For more information, [click here](#).
- **Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies - 2023 Summer Symposium**
Wednesday, June 14th 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](#).

Addiction in the News

- [NJ's Good Problem-gaming Efforts Need Outside Oversight](#) (*The Press of Atlantic City*)
- [Breaking News: F.D.A. Approves Narcan for Over-the-counter Sales](#) (*The New York Times*)