

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 Town Hall Meetings** – Thank you everyone who attended our virtual Town Hall meeting this Thursday. For those who were unable to make it, we hope you will also consider joining us for the following one on May 31, 2023. If you are unable to attend a Town Hall Meeting and would like to meet with Director, Dr. Danielle Dick individually, please reach out to Emily Balcke (emily.balcke@rutgers.edu) to set up a call.
 - **5/31, 12pm** – In-Person & Zoom Meeting
Register to attend this event in person: [click here](#) (Please register by Tuesday, May 30)
Dean's Conference Room #123, RWJMS Research Tower, 675 Hoes Ln. W. Piscataway, NJ
<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/93551147862?pwd=ZXgwMk5acmsvT3Q1SoNHK3VzQjVSZz09>
Meeting ID: **935 5114 7862**; Password: **rarc**; Phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Rutgers News

- A huge congratulations to the **Center for Gambling Studies (CGS)** at the **Rutgers University School of Social Work** on received a three-year Center of Excellence grant from the International Center for Responsible Gaming to study the etiology and epidemiology of emerging adults who gamble. To learn more, [click here](#).
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- U.S. health regulators on Monday approved a new easy-to-use version of a medication to reverse overdoses caused by fentanyl and other opioids driving the nation's drug crisis. **Dr. Lewis Nelson**, Professor and Chair of the NJMS Department of Emergency Medicine, discusses potential downsides, including long-lasting withdrawal symptoms of opioid reversal drugs. To learn more, [click here](#).
- According to new data from the American Gaming Association, the trade group for the legal gambling industry, casinos, sports betting sites, and online gambling companies are raking in record revenue. **Dr. Lia Nower**, director of the Center for Gambling Studies, shares why more people are

gambling even as many American face economic uncertainty. To learn more, [click here](#).

- A recent article published in the *Archives of Depression and Anxiety*, authored by **Dr. John Calvin Chatlos**, professor in the Department of Psychiatry, aims to understand and tackle bullying using the Framework of Spirituality. Access the full article, [click here](#).
- At the 2023 Summer Symposium, hosted by Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies, **Drs. Chyrell Bellamy and Mark Costa**, will be presenting the **Imani Breakthrough Project**, which seeks to address health disparities among Black and Latinx people experiencing harms associated with substance use and addiction. To learn more, [click here](#).

Opportunities

- **Applicant Seeking Postdoc Position in RARC** – We have an applicant looking to gain expertise around interventional clinical evidence-based interventions to treat individuals with substance use disorders (SUD). She has a special interest in geriatric populations, and has had strong mentorship and clinical experience with this population. Her current study is exploring the acceptability of utilizing peer recovery specialists and digital peer support for older adults with SUD. Additionally, the applicant has previously worked with RARC Director, Dr. Danielle Dick at VCU. If you would be interested in a copy of the applicants CV, please email Dr. Danielle Dick at danielle.m.dick@rutgers.edu.
- **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](#).
- **Dr. Mark Leeds**, the producer of the **Rehab Podcast on the Mental Health News Radio Network** is seeking members who would be interested in speaking in their areas of expertise on his show. To learn more about his podcast, [click here](#). If you would be interested in speaking on his podcast, please email the RARC at rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu.
- **The Hart Laboratory** at the Department of Cell Biology & Neuroscience is seeking a **Postdoctoral Research Associate** with experience in neuroscience, addiction, cell biology, genetics/genomics and/or bioinformatics for an NIH-funded study of alcohol use disorder (AUD) risk-associated genetic variants using human iPSC-derived neurons. 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 **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](#).
- **RBHS-IDEA: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy Innovation Grants** program is designed to support action-oriented projects that promote an inclusive, diverse, and cohesive culture at RBHS and that show meaningful and measurable results. Faculty, students, trainees, and staff across RBHS are eligible to apply. Proposal submission **deadline is May 31, 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](#).
- **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](#).

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:

- [Examining Attitude, Norms, and Intentions as Predictors of Prospective Change in Alcohol-Induced Blackouts](#)
Angelo M. DiBello, Mary Beth Miller, Nadine R. Mastroleo, Kate B. Carey
- [Cultural Factors and Alcohol Use in American Indian Adults: Results From a Culturally Tailored Contingency Management Intervention](#)
Jalene Herron, Katherine A. Hirschak, Kamilla Venner, Davood Tofighi, Michael G. McDonell, The Honor Study Team
- [Relative and Interactive Associations of Psychosocial Intervention and Alcoholics Anonymous Attendance With Alcohol Use Disorder Outcomes](#)
Rory A. Pfund, Dylan K. Richards, Cassandra L. Boness, Frank J. Schwebel, J. Scott Tonigan, Stephen A. Maisto, Katie Witkiewitz

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [The Relationship Between Cigarette Dependence and Cessation Methods: Implications for Smoking Cessation Among People With HIV](#)
Megan R. Wirtz, Amelia M. Stanton, Rohin Manohar, Allison K. Labbe, Michael J. Zvolensky, Jasper A. J. Smits, Bettina Hoepfner, and Conall O'Cleirigh
- [Patient-Concerned Other Dyads' 12-Step Involvement and Patients' Substance Use: A Latent Class Growth Model Analysis](#)
Christine Timko, Michael A. Cucciare, Mai Chee Lor, Michael Stein, and Noel Vest
- [Contagious Transmission in a Swedish National Sample of Alcohol Use Disorders as a Function of Geographical Proximity among Siblings and Propinquity-of-Rearing Defined Acquaintances](#)
Kenneth S. Kendler, Henrik Ohlsson, Jan Sundquist, and Kristina Sundquist

- **Save the Dates!**

- **BHI Addiction Neuroscience Seminar with Dr. Doo-Sup Choi**
Friday May 26th at 12:00 p.m. EDT
*Dr. Mi-Hyeon Jang, the Brain Health Institute, and RWJMS-Neurosurgery are hosting Dr. Doo-Sup Choi to share his talk, *Breaking the Addictive Habits: Molecular and Computational Approaches Focusing on Striatum-Pallidal Circuits*. For more information, [click here](#).*
- **Mental Health America Conference: Next Gen Prevention**
June 6-10th at 9:30 a.m. EDT
This conference offers free virtual attendance options and will cover topics from youth mental

health and technology to substance use and prevention. For more information, [click here](#).

- **NJ ACTS Special Populations Core Seminar Series: The Role of Confidence in the Hard Problem of Addiction with Dr. S. Matthew Liao**

June 13th 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 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

- [Major Update to Popular Alcohol Facts and Statistics Resource](#) (NIAAA Spectrum)