

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 Interest Group on Cannabis:** The next RARC Interest Group on Cannabis meeting will be held **Thursday, September 21 @12:00 p.m. Eastern**. This will be a hybrid event (in-person and Zoom attendance options) open to all Rutgers-affiliated individuals. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please reach out to rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu for the meeting details.
- **Training in Addiction Research Program (TARP) Monthly Hybrid Meeting (October 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.):** Please join us for the Rutgers TARP Monthly Meeting in the Deans Conference Room (first floor of the RWJMS Research Tower) or on zoom. This event will feature Drs. Dan Jackson and Carol Sledz Keys from CITRUS Health Group to give their talk, "Non-academic career paths in science: Medical communications". All TARP and RARC faculty and trainees, as well as collaborators are invited. Food and drinks will be provided! For more information, [click here](#).
- **Faculty Candidate Virtual Seminar with Dr. Judith Tsui, (October 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.):** Please save the date for a research presentation by Dr. Judith Tsui. Dr. Tsui is a recruitment candidate for a faculty position in the area of Treatment & Recovery at the RARC. More information coming soon!
- **Brain Health Institute Post-Doc Meet-Up (September 22 at 10:30 a.m.):** The BHI is hosting a networking event for postdocs with free professional headshots over coffee and breakfast. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Brain Health Institute Cognitive Neuroscience Hybrid Seminar (September 25 at 12:30 p.m.):** Please join the BHI-CAHBIR Faculty Candidate Hybrid Seminar with Dr. Guillermo Horga in Room V12 in the Research Tower. Dr. Horga will share his research "Computational mechanisms and neuroimaging biomarkers of psychosis".
- **Brain Health Institute Postdoc Recruitment Event (November 29, 2023):** Apply to explore post-doc training opportunities in basic, translational, and clinical neuroscience research at Rutgers University. The BHI will select up to 20 PhD or MD/PhD students and current post-docs to attend the all-expenses-paid event. **The application deadline is September 30th!** For more information,

[click here.](#)

Rutgers News

- **Dr. Lewis Nelson**, director of the division of medical toxicology at the **New Jersey Medical School** was featured on ABC News to shed light on how many people who use drugs like cocaine recreationally may not be aware these drugs are laced with fentanyl, a powerful opioid that can be deadly in small doses. This could be fueling unintentional overdoses. For more information, [click here.](#)
- **Dr. Lia Nower**, director of the **Center for Gambling Studies** at the **School of Social Work**, shared insights with NPR on emerging trends in sports betting impacts. She emphasizes the surge in third-party payment systems, complicating risk assessment, and the concerning rise of in-game betting among young gamblers, where impulsivity can take center stage. To listen to the full interview, [click here.](#)
- **Dr. Diane Calello**, executive medical director of the **New Jersey Poison and Information System** at the **New Jersey Medical School**, was featured on NJ.com highlighting the importance of safety and poisoning prevention when it comes to legalized retail marijuana in New Jersey. For more information, [click here.](#)
- **Dr. Danielle Dick**, director of **Rutgers Addiction Research Center** was featured on NJ Spotlight News to discuss how the sober-curious movement is gaining momentum as younger generations become more aware of alcohol's risks and its impact on health and behavior. For more information, [click here.](#)

Opportunities

- **Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship Announcement** - This is a two-year endowed post-doctoral clinical research fellowship available to clinical psychologists and other social scientists (e.g., from health related fields such as sociology, social work, public health, psychiatric rehabilitation) from an accredited institution interested in developing their professional trajectory towards translational research on interventions and treatments for traumatic stress and addictions and wellness promotion. **Applications due by November 15, 2023.** For more information, [click here.](#)
- The **Rutgers Institute for Nicotine and Tobacco Studies** is seeking a full-time Research Teaching Specialist V to conduct specialized research in the area of tobacco studies. For more information, [click here.](#)

Funding Opportunities

- **National Institutes of Health (NIH): Alcohol and Other Substance Use Research Education Programs for Health Professionals (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (PAR-23-240)** - The NIH Research Education Program (R25) program is to support educational activities that foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research and its implications. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this NOFO will support educational activities with a primary focus on Outreach. For more information, [click here](#).
- **International Center for Responsible Gaming invites applications for online gambling research** - The ICRG invites investigators to apply for a two-year Large Grant in support of online gambling in the US and potential health harms. Applicants may request a total of \$172,500. This initiative is funded by a grant from the Boyd Gaming Corporation, one of the founding donors of the ICRG. **Application Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023.** For more information, [click here](#).
- **The Developmental/Pilot Projects Program of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies (CAS)** started in 2019. The Program aims to support new and innovative interdisciplinary research relevant to the advancement of treatments for individuals with traumatic stress and addictions of all kinds. Letter of intent due **Sept 30, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy (IDEA) Innovation Grants Program** – These grants offer a way for creative, innovative, and grassroots efforts to join in the larger institutional strategy. Two tracks available: partnership track and development track. The partnership track is for any project where at least two units/departments across the New Brunswick campus (excluding RBHS) are working collaboratively. The development track is for one department/unit that can demonstrate ongoing EDI capacity-building. Applications are due **Oct 27th**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **HEAL Initiative: Native Collective Research Effort to Enhance Wellness (N CREW): Addressing Overdose, Substance Use, Mental Health, and Pain Program (ROA OTA-23-007)** solicits applications from Tribes and Native American Serving Organizations (T/NASOs) for the planning, development, piloting, and/or implementation of research and/or data improvement projects. Projects must explicitly include a focus on overdose, substance use (including opioids or stimulants), or pain management. Applications are due **Nov 1, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **BHI-CAHBIR Pilot Grants for RU-NB faculty** - The BHI and CAHBIR are pleased to announce the availability of pilot grants for Rutgers-New Brunswick faculty to facilitate research at the Center for Advanced Human Brain Imaging Research. Two different awards are available this fall. The full research pilot is for \$100,000 spread over two years and is designed to encourage ambitious projects. These proposals require an R21-style application. Smaller mini-grants for \$35,000 are also available and utilize a brief 3-page proposal format. Funds for both types of grants can be used for a combination of scanning fees, TMS, EEG, technical support for analyses, subject participation fees, with a percentage of funds can also be used toward nonfaculty staff effort. Applications of both types of awards are **due by November 1st, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Supporting Recovery-Oriented, Family-Centered Care for Pregnant, Postpartum, and Parenting Women with Opioid Use Disorder (NOT-DA -24-008)** This NOSI seeks applications that test innovative models of service delivery to address maternal and family needs for mothers experiencing OUD during pregnancy and in the post-partum period, with an emphasis on reducing mortality and providing recovery-oriented, family-centered care. Applications are due **Nov 15, 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* 84/4:

- [Multilevel Risk and Protective Factors for Frequent and Nonfrequent Past-30-Day Marijuana Use: Findings From a Representative Sample of High School Youth](#)
Taylor Lensch, Cara Drake, Kristen Clements-Nolle, Jennifer Pearson
- [High Spirits? Exploring “Halloweekend” Alcohol and Cannabis Use Among Heavy-Drinking College Students](#)
Reagan E. Fitzke, Denise D. Tran, Justin F. Hummer, Jordan P. Davis, Mark A. Prince, John J. Prindle, Daniel S. Lee, Eric R. Pedersen

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [Disparities in Alcoholics Anonymous Participation from 2000-2020 among U.S. Residents with an Alcohol Use Disorder in the National Alcohol Survey](#)
Sarah E. Zemore, Amy A. Mericle, Priscilla Martinez, Brandon G. Bergman, Katherine J. Karriker-Jaffe, Deidre Patterson, and Christine Timko
- [The impacts of selling alcohol in grocery stores in Ontario, Canada: a before after study](#)
Naomi Schwartz, Brendan T. Smith, Sze Hang Fu, Daniel Myran, Erik Loewen Friesen, and Erin Hobin
- [Apologising for the alcohol industry? A response to ISFAR's defence of alcohol's purported health benefits](#)
Tim Stockwell, Jinhui Zhao, and Tim Naimi

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Save the Dates!

- **Wellness: A model for Personal & Professional Practice featuring Margaret Swarbrick, PhD**
Thursday, September 21st at 12:00 p.m. EDT
This webinar will recognize National Recovery Month by focusing on many aspects of the process. Experts will discuss recovery from a clinical standpoint and a personal perspective, as well as key

elements of recovery support and barriers that exist. For more information, [click here](#).

- **JCOIN Speaker Series: Xylazine Prevalence and Response Strategies**
Friday, September 22nd at 1:30 p.m. EDT
The Addiction Policy Forum is hosting a panel of speakers to discuss the prevalence and toxicology of xylazine, overdose response strategies, and what healthcare professionals and criminal justice practitioners can do to respond. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Supportive Communication for Learner Well-being and Success featuring Chantal Brazeau, MD and Margaret Swarbrick, PhD**
Tuesday, September 26th at 12:00 p.m. EDT
Have you ever wondered how to respond to a student who is stressed or distressed? How to offer supportive feedback? If so, join us to learn how you can strengthen your communications skills to enhance learner well-being and success. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Stress on the Farm: Understanding and Addressing the Stress and Suicide Risk in Farmers**
Wednesday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. EDT
Hosted by Northeast & Caribbean Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Center, this free webinar This webinar will provide information on suicide and substance misuse rates in farmers, discuss stress and its impact, review simple strategies for stress management, and provide an overview of an Extension-based intervention to address farmer stress. For more information, [click here](#).
- **New Jersey Prevention Network 7th Annual Peer Summit**
Wednesday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m. EDT
This exciting one-day LIVE & FREE event will include keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and recovery-oriented activity events brought together exclusively for everyone working in the peer recovery support services field. For more information, [click here](#).
- **TRACC Seminar with Dr. Manesh Gopaldas**
Thursday, September 28th at 12:30 p.m. EDT
The Translational Research Training in Addictions for Underrepresented Groups is hosting Dr, Manesh Gopaldas to share his health services research that focuses on identifying, developing, and implementing best practices to engage and retain individuals with substance use disorders in their care. For more information, [click here](#).
- **15th Annual Pioneers in Endocrinology Workshop**
Tuesday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. EDT
The Rutgers Endocrine Program is hosting its 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. To register for the event and/or to submit an abstract for the poster presentation, [click here](#). **The registration deadline is Monday, September 18, 2023.**
- **Emerging Addiction Seminar Series: Dr. Renee Goodwin**
Thursday, October 12th at 12:30 p.m. EDT

The *Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies* is hosting Dr. Renee Goodwin as she presents her work “Implementing a human ecology and equity framework to develop multi-level interventions for cannabis, alcohol and tobacco use”. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Annual NIDA-NIAAA Frontiers in Addiction Research Mini-Convention**

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 7th-8th at 11:00 a.m. EDT

This FREE Mini-Convention will be held as a 2-day virtual meeting and will provide a forum for presentations and discussions of current topics in neuroscience and addiction research. For more information, [click here](#).

Addiction in the News

- [Narcan Nasal Spray Available Over-the-Counter](#) (Addiction Policy Forum)
- [During Overdose Awareness Week, SAMHSA Awards \\$57.6 Million to Connect Americans to Substance Use Recovery and Treatment Supports](#)(SAMHSA)
- [Five Things About Vaping and E-Cigarettes](#) (NIJ)
- [New Assessment Tools for Non-Clinicians to Diagnose Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders](#) (Addiction Policy Forum)
- [Treating Overdoses Over the Counter](#) (The New York Times)