

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

- **Now Hiring:** The **Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Department of Emergency Medicine, BHI,** and **RARC** are recruiting a tenure track faculty member at the Associate or Assistant Professor level with expertise in addiction, substance use, or overdose. For more information, [click here](#).
- **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](#).
- **Do you need administrative support?:** The RARC would be happy to work with you to budget part of the RARC Program Assistant, Priscille Myrthil-Harder's efforts into your grants as a project coordinator. If you are interested in exploring this option, please reach out to RARC Program Manager, Emily Balcke (emily.balcke@rutgers.edu).
- **Faculty Candidate Virtual Seminar with Dr. Judith Tsui, (October 17, 2023 at 3:00 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!
- **BHI-CAHBIR Research Pilot Grants for RU-New Brunswick Faculty:** The BHI and CAHBIR are pleased to announce the availability of two different pilot grant awards for Rutgers-New Brunswick faculty to facilitate research at the Center for Advanced Human Brain Imaging Research. For more information, [click here](#).
- **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

- The Attorney General's Office has released the results from a second study examining the prevalence of gambling in New Jersey. The report, funded by the Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE), was led by **Dr. Lia Nower**, director of the **Center for Gambling Studies** at the **School of Social Work**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Lewis Nelson**, director of the division of medical toxicology at **New Jersey Medical School** shared insights with NPR on the recent Narcan availability at drug stores without prescriptions. Dr. Nelson highlights potential barriers related to stigma, accessibility, and affordability. For more information, [click here](#).
- **The Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies** has launched a new resource collection for supporting wellness self-care, as part of its expanding focus on wellness. The new [Wellness Self-Care Resources site](#) provides free downloadable materials, including a Wellness Self-Care Plan to help build healthy habits across the eight dimensions of wellness: emotional, financial, social, spiritual, occupational, physical, intellectual, and environmental. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Dr. Danielle Dick**, director of **Rutgers Addiction Research Center** was featured on CNN Health highlighting the crucial reasons why families should pay attention to teens drinking alcohol as well as the relationship between the age at which a person starts drinking and their risk of addiction. For more information, [click here](#).

Opportunities

- **The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is recruiting research mentors for the 2024 NIDA Summer Research Internship Program** - This program is intended to support the growth of a diverse biomedical research workforce in substance use and addiction science. If you are interested in serving as a mentor to a student as part of this program, **register by Oct 13, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **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 Nov 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 Request for applications for research on responsible gambling and prevention** - The ICRG invites investigators to apply for three-year grant in support of research on responsible gambling and prevention strategies to reduce gambling-related harms. The safety and effectiveness of Voluntary Self-Exclusion is a priority but other topics in this area are also welcome. Applicants may request a total of up to \$207,000. This initiative is funded by a grant from GeoComply. Applications are due **Oct 16, 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 27, 2023**. 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 **Nov 1, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Translating Socioenvironmental Influences on Neurocognitive Development and Addiction Risk (TranSINDA) (R34)** - The goal of this NOFO is to seek applications proposing a set of planning

activities that will lay the groundwork for scientific projects aimed at using animal models and longitudinal research designs to elucidate mechanisms mediating the impact of the early-life social environment on neurobehavioral development and the risk for substance use disorders (SUD) and their comorbidities in adolescence and adulthood. For more information, [click here](#).

- **NIDA 2023 “\$100,000 Start an SUD Startup” Challenge: Testing novel ideas addressing SUD that can be fostered into biotech startups** - NIDA is looking for research ideas that can potentially be commercialized as products for use in the area of substance use disorders (SUDs). Ideas may have originated in another research field as long as it is applicable to SUD, and NIDA is encouraging those with ideas for products that would address social determinants of health to submit their ideas to this Challenge. Submissions are due **Nov 15, 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:

- [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., David H. Jernigan
- [Comparing the Efficacy of Mindfulness-Based Relapse Prevention Versus Relapse Prevention for Alcohol Use Disorder: A Randomized Control Trial](#)
Carillon J. Skrzynski, Hollis Karoly, Jarrod M. Ellingson, Sarah L. Hagerty, Angela D. Bryan, Kent E. Hutchison

Just accepted in *JSAD*:

- [Change in Alcohol Consumption in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood – A Meta-Analysis](#)
Martin Piquart
- [Pronounced State Level Disparities in Medicaid Prescribing of Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder \(2019-2020\)](#)
Sydney R. Dana, Stephanie D. Nichols, Kenneth L. McCall, and Brian J. Piper
- [Do changes in parent-student phone call and text message communication during the transition to college predict first-year drinking and consequences? A prospective study](#)
Bradley M. Trager, Reed M. Morgan, Sarah C. Boyle, and Joseph W. LaBrie

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<https://www.jsad.com/photos>

Save the Dates!

- **GENA Hybrid Meeting with Dr. Peter Barr: "Using the All of Us Research Program for Research into Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders"**

Monday, October 2nd at 1:00 p.m. EDT

The All of Us Research Program is a rapidly growing, publicly available resource combining social, clinical, and biological data, with the broad goal of accelerating precision medicine and promoting equity in medical research. This presentation will cover basic epidemiology of psychiatric and substance use disorders within the All of Us electronic health record (EHR) data, the sociodemographic correlates of these various diagnoses, and practical considerations for those interested in working within the All of Us Researcher Workbench. 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, [click here](#).

- **Rutgers Office for Research - Communicating with Impact: The Art of Storytelling**

Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. EDT

Strategic communication is an important skill that encompasses active listening, precise message delivery, and asking for feedback. Learn how to tell the story of your research effectively and in a way that is meaningful to industry and investors. Hear from experts on how to gain attention and interest from industry for your innovative research/start-ups. For more information, [click here](#).

- **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](#).

- **2nd Annual No More Dead Ends on the Road to Recovery Conference**

Friday, October 27th at 8:00 a.m. EDT

Hosted by the Passaic County Department of Health Services and Overdose Fatality Review Team, this conference will feature topics focused on harm reduction, exploration of barriers, strategies for building strong rapport with clientele/target populations, and more; this conference will provide in-depth exploration, quality information, and discussion on the aforementioned topics and various methods of preventative action that can be utilized. 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

- [States Maintain Outdated Laws That Create Barriers to Screening and Treatment for Alcohol Use Disorder, Finds Analysis](#) (Medical Press)
- [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Launches an Educational Virtual Reality Experience for Teens](#) (NIAAA)
- [Substance Abuse in Pregnancy Doubles Cardiovascular Risk](#) (Cedars Sinai)

RARC Resources - *Don't forget the RARC has collated addiction-related resources for Rutgers addiction researchers.*

- **[Funding Opportunities](#)** – This is a list of funding announcements from multiple organizations, including the NIH, that may be of interest to Rutgers addiction researchers.
- **[Active Projects](#)** – The RARC hosts a collection of active addiction-related projects ongoing across Rutgers. Learn about on-going research projects and datasets available for analysis. If you are interested in hosting your project on this page, please email rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu with your project details.
- **[Participate in Research](#)** – The RARC hosts a list of Rutgers research projects that are actively seeking participants. If you are a researcher interested in hosting your project on this page, please email rarc@bhi.rutgers.edu with your project details.