

Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

Special Interest Group in Addictive Behaviors Newsletter

Spring 2007

Nominations for SIG Awards: August 15 deadline

As is our custom, we will be presenting three awards at this years fall convention in Philadelphia:

- **The Early Career Contribution Award**
 - **Eligibility.** Candidate must be within 5 years of receiving his or her terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D., MSW, MD).
 - **Application.** Send CV and reprint/preprint of one published (or in press) article. Also arrange for one confidential letter of recommendation to be sent. All materials are to be emailed to claytonn@u.washington.edu. Self-nominations are accepted.
 - **Criteria.** The total research and theoretical contribution of the candidate in the area of factors contributing to addictive behaviors, their prevention or treatment.
- **The Outstanding Student Poster Submission Award**
 - **Eligibility.** All students who submit posters (as senior authors) for either the SIG poster session or the ABCT poster session are eligible.
 - **Application.** Send copy of the abstract (if poster will be presented at ABCT poster session) or note on submission of poster if submitting it for the SIG cocktail party poster session. Send materials via email to claytonn@u.washington.edu.
 - **Criteria.** The overall quality of the research described in the poster abstract (importance of question, study design, findings).
- **The Lifetime Achievement Award – Biannual**
 - **Eligibility.** Senior members of the AB-SIG who has made outstanding contributions over the course of his or her career to the field of addictive behaviors which are consistent with the goal of advancing cognitive and behavior therapies.
 - **Nomination.** Please send nominations and letters of support to claytonn@u.washington.edu prior to August 15, 2007.

Nominations and applications will be reviewed and voted on by the AB-SIG executive committee. Recipients of all awards will be announced in the fall newsletter and awards will be given at the SIG meeting in Philadelphia. All recipients will receive a plaque acknowledging their contributions, and the student winner will receive a check for \$100.

Call for Poster submissions for SIG Cocktail party presentations: August 15 deadline

Don't forget the SIG poster session at a cocktail party. Our SIG has been strongly represented the last few conferences and we want to be this year in Philadelphia as well.

If ABCT's deadline for regular poster submissions passed you by, this is your second chance. The senior author of the poster must be a SIG member (and by definition, a member of ABCT now). Submit them to Clayton at claytonn@u.washington.edu. Abstracts are limited to 240 words. Please include contact information with the abstract so that we can let you know whether your poster is accepted by our August review committee.

Exposition posters must be mounted on foam core or poster board that is no larger than 28" wide x 22" high. This will enable the use of easel-like cardboard stands that permit the posters to be easily viewed by exposition attendees. Presenters must bring their posters pre-mounted. Posters may not be hung from hotel walls. If necessary, presenters may use handouts to supplement information that will not fit on their posters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NIDA/NIAAA Grant Writing Workshop being offered at APA Conference in San Francisco – Sponsored by Divisions 50 & 28
Presented by Drs. Harold Perl and Teri Levitin of NIDA and Dr. Robert Huebner of NIAAA

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) will present an in-depth workshop that will help investigators learn how to develop successful applications for NIH research grant funds. Researchers at all levels of experience, from the first-time applicant to the seasoned principal investigator, can gain valuable insights. Workshop attendees will get an illuminating behind-the-scenes look at the application process and can benefit from the experience of knowledgeable scientific review administrators.

Registration for this workshop is free and CE Credits will be awarded to attendees.

For more information or to register contact:

Ryan Vandrey at: rvandrey@jhmi.edu or

Clayton Neighbors at: claytonn@u.washington.edu

The Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University has moved to a new location.

The *NEW* address is:

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Brown University Box G-S121-5
Providence, RI 02912

Phone: 401-863-6600

Fax: 401-863-6697

SMART RECOVERY® DISTANCE TRAINING PROGRAM

SMART Recovery® is pleased to announce the next session of our Distance Training program will be held during June 2007. The distance training program, comprised of a combination self-study and [Evoice](#) voice on-line discussions, is available for those desiring to start a local SMART Recovery Meeting, and those desiring to volunteer within the SMART Recovery Online Community.

Training participants will perform a variety of pre-work/home-study tasks, combined with weekly meetings in [Evoice](#) voice chat. Classes will be limited to 15 participants, and are planned for 3 times per year.

Registration will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, if you desire to participate, please send your completed registration form via fax to 440-951-5358, or email your completed registration form to [Jodi Dayton](#) (Please use our online store to purchase your [starter kit \(click here\)](#))

We look forward to continuing to increase the number of meetings available to individuals who seeking assistance via the SMART Recovery program, and look forward to your participation.

Please Visit SmartRecovery.org for the distance learning program outline and registration form.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

2007 NIDA International Forum – Quebec City, Canada

June 15-18, 2007

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) International Program fosters international cooperative research and the exchange of scientific information by drug abuse researchers around the globe. As part of its ongoing efforts to foster international research on drug abuse, the International Program holds the NIDA International Forum annually. The 2007 NIDA International Forum is scheduled for June 15-18, 2007, in conjunction with the [69th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) of the College on problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD).

The annual NIDA International Forum highlights the range and quality of drug abuse research conducted around the world. The 2007 NIDA International Forum will feature a research symposium, interactive workshops, a poster session, and network-building activities highlighting NIDA-supported and other international research on drug abuse. This unique scientific meeting allows participants to network with talented colleagues, learn about drug abuse research and policy issues in other countries, and discuss NIDA-supported fellowships and other programs that can support international collaborations.

For more information please visit the official website:

international.drugabuse.gov/meetings/2007forum.html

Research Society on Alcoholism 30th Annual Scientific Meeting – Chicago, IL July 7-12, 2007

The annual Scientific Conference of the Research Society on Alcoholism provides a meeting place for scientists and clinicians from across the country, and around the world, to interact. It allows a unique opportunity to meet people, doing work in alcohol research, on a personal level. The meeting also gives members and non-members the chance to present their latest findings in alcohol research through abstract and symposia submissions.

The format of the meeting consists of plenary presentations, symposia, roundtables and workshops. Lengthy abstract/poster sessions are provided for adequate viewing time. Additionally, RSA's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Study Group (FASDSG) usually holds their meeting/luncheon on the day prior to RSA's official opening.

An annual tradition of the meeting is to start with an Opening Reception/Social the night prior to the official opening and have the Banquet/Awards Presentation a few days into the meeting.

For more information please visit the official website:

<http://www.rsoa.org/2007meet-indexPre.htm>

American Psychological Association 115th Annual Convention

San Francisco, CA – August 17-20, 2007

There will be three levels of programming: divisional programming, cross-divisional sessions developed by groups of divisions, and governance-sponsored and APA plenary sessions. In addition, there will be opportunities for earning continuing education credits. The purpose of the annual convention is to provide a forum in which members may present their scientific and scholarly work, to present a general program that will be informative and of interest to all members of the association, to facilitate the exchange of experience relating to the applications of psychology, and to provide a place where the business of the association can be carried on efficiently.

Convention programs are scheduled between 8:00am and 6:00pm and are developed by the divisions of APA and include symposia, paper and poster sessions, invited addresses, discussions, workshops, and so on. Meetings for the 115th APA Annual Convention are scheduled in the Moscone Center South and West, the Hilton San Francisco Hotel, and the San Francisco Marriott Hotel. APA will provide shuttle buses among these facilities.

For more information please visit the official APA convention website:

<http://www.apa.org/convention07/>

Current research

Abstracts of articles recently published, in press, under review, or in preparation, or of newly funded research.

Chan, K.K., Neighbors, C., Gilson, M., Larimer, M.E., & Marlatt, G.A. (2007). *Epidemiological trends in drinking by age and gender: Providing normative feedback to adults. Addictive Behaviors, 32, 967-976.*

Abstract

Objective: The purpose of this research was to evaluate drinking rates as a function of age and gender and to disseminate current estimates of U.S. population drinking norms based on age and gender. *Methods:* Participants included 42,706 men and women 18 years and older who provided information about their drinking from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions [National Alcohol Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC, 2001) dataset collected between 2001 and 2002 from a representative, non-institutionalized sample. *Results:* Results revealed greater frequency and typical quantity of alcohol consumption among men versus women. Age differences in drinking frequency suggests a sharp increase with legal drinking age followed by a period of reduced frequency, in turn followed by gradual increase up to retirement age. Age differences in typical drinking quantity suggest a sharp increase with legal drinking age followed by a gradual linear decline in number of drinks per occasion. Age differences in typical quantity were more pronounced among men. *Conclusions:* Analyses provide epidemiological

trends in drinking rates by age and gender, and emphasize the importance of within group differences when examining drinking rates. Discussion focuses on explaining how to incorporate norms information in prevention and treatment.

Positions available

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN ALCOHOL RESEARCH

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN has openings for postdoctoral fellows in alcohol research (after July 1, 2007). A NIAAA training grant offers federally-funded fellowships for U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Training areas span the breadth of state-of-the art approaches to alcohol and addiction research, from psychosocial to molecular. We are currently seeking an individual who would work specifically with Dr. Kim Fromme in the Department of Psychology at UT Austin. Current projects include a longitudinal study of adolescents to emerging adults, as well as human alcohol administration and fMRI studies. For more information, please contact Dr. Fromme via email (fromme@psy.utexas.edu) or phone (512-471-0039).

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY RESEARCH

The Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory at the Center of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers University is seeking a postdoctoral fellow in the area of psychophysiology to participate in two NIH supported studies of autonomic nervous system reactivity and modulation in response to emotional and appetitive cues. One study involves alcohol and placebo challenges in healthy individuals and the other examines a variety of special populations including drug treatment samples, mandated college students, and student athletes. This two-year position affords the opportunity work with expert physiologists and psychophysiology to learn new approaches to the assessment and analysis of heart rate variability, as well as skin conductance and temperature, respiration, finger pulse, and pulse transit time. The studies are mid stream, thus providing immediate and substantial publication opportunities. Direct inquiries to mebates@rci.rutgers.edu, Marsha E. Bates, Ph.D., Center of Alcohol Studies, 607 Allison Road, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ 08854-8001

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION RESEARCH

**Department of Psychological Sciences at the University of Missouri - Columbia
and the Midwest Alcoholism Research Center**

The Department of Psychological Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia (MU) anticipates openings for postdoctoral research fellowships in alcohol and addictions research. Faculty preceptors include: Lynne Cooper (drinking motives, alcohol and sexual behavior, adolescent risk-taking, personality, diary and longitudinal methodologies), Tom Piasecki (tobacco dependence and withdrawal, alcohol X tobacco interaction, hangover, ecological momentary assessment), Ken Sher (etiological processes in alcohol use disorders, comorbidity, alcohol and adult development, college student drinking), Wendy Slutske (psychiatric epidemiology and behavioral genetics of alcoholism and pathological gambling) Tim Trull (alcoholism and personality, personality disorder comorbidity), Phil Wood (alcohol use and cognitive development, alcohol use and schooling, quantitative methodology), Denis McCarthy (drinking motives, underage use, drinking and driving, behavioral pharmacogenetics of alcohol), Bruce Bartholow (alcohol and social cognition, social neuroscience, individual differences in alcohol sensitivity), Dennis Miller (behavioral pharmacology of nicotine and other drugs), and Matt Will (behavioral pharmacology of appetitive behavior including eating and psychoactive substance use). Postdoctoral research fellows will undertake advanced training in addictions and pursue their own research interests under the supervision of faculty sponsors. MU's addiction training is closely affiliated with the Midwest Alcoholism Research Center (MARC) based at Washington University in St. Louis (PI: Andrew Heath). Postdoctoral fellows will have the opportunity to become involved with MARC research activities in addition to those activities based on the MU campus. At least one position will be internally funded and international candidates will be considered for that position. The other positions are on an NIAAA Research Training Grant, and the applicant must be a United States citizen or permanent resident. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or other doctoral degree relevant to the study of the psychology of addiction. These positions are for up to two years and start date is negotiable.

Send vita, up to 5 representative reprints, a cover letter describing your research interests and training goals, and 3 letters of reference to: Addiction Research Training, c/o Carol Waudby, Dept. of Psychological Sciences, 200 S. 7th Street, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. Inquiries can be made to Ken Sher, 573-882-4279, Email: SherK@missouri.edu. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.

The University of Missouri-Columbia does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability, status as disabled veteran, or veteran of Vietnam era.

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM University of Michigan Addiction Research Center (UMARC)

The Addiction Research Center invites applications from Ph.D.s and M.D.s for its NIAAA funded post-doctoral research training program. UMARC is the research

arm of the Section on Substance Abuse (<http://www.med.umich.edu/psych/sub/>) within the Department of Psychiatry, and it currently houses 23 projects addressing issues pertaining to the etiology, course, clinical manifestations, and treatment of alcoholism and alcohol problems. The University provides an unusually strong methodological infrastructure for trainees, and a research environment that is rich in interdisciplinary collaborations. An interdisciplinary faculty from the Departments of Psychiatry, Psychology, Statistics, Human Genetics, Pharmacology, Emergency Medicine, the Institute for Social Research, and a number of other university-wide Centers and institutes provides a broad range of mentored research opportunities. UMARC's activities are focused in six areas: I. Developmental Psychopathology and Genetics; II. Neuroimaging and Neurophysiological Research; III. Treatment Research; IV. Health Services Research; V. Prevention and Early Intervention; and VI. Research on Sleep and Sleep Problems as Related to Substance Use Disorder.

Current projects are in all six areas. Mentoring faculty include Kristen L. Barry, Ph.D., Frederic C. Blow, Ph.D., Kirk J. Brower, M.D., Margit Burmeister, Ph.D., Stephen T. Chermack, Ph.D., Mary M. Heitzeg, Ph.D., Jeffrey C. Long, Ph.D., Susan A. Murphy, Ph.D., Elizabeth A. R. Robinson, Ph.D., John E. Schulenberg, Ph.D., Maureen A. Walton, M.P.H., Ph.D., James H. Woods, Ph.D., Jon-Kar Zubieta, Ph.D. and Robert A. Zucker, Ph.D. A larger group of other faculty affiliated with the Center compliment the program and are available for specialized work. Fellows in recent years have been drawn from a number of specialty areas: behavior genetics, sociology, cognitive, clinical, community, and developmental psychology, developmental psychopathology, behavioral pharmacology, addiction medicine, emergency medicine and neuroscience. Fellowships offer the opportunity to develop an integrated research program and enhance skills necessary for a successful academic/research career. In addition to the primary emphasis on research development, fellows participate in a broad menu of content relevant courses and workshops to develop their methodological expertise. Trainees also complete a web-based research responsibility training called PEERRS. Fellows attend quarterly UMARC Fellow meetings, monthly research seminars, a regular series of UM Substance Abuse Research Center (UMSARC) pro-seminars and interdisciplinary lectures, and Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

Fellows must be US citizens or permanent residents with a Ph.D. or M.D. degree. Appointments typically are for two years of training although a third year appointment is sometimes available. Salaries are commensurate with prior postdoctoral experience and NRSA regulations. Applications will be considered as received for appointments in the 2007-2008 year, although an earlier start date is preferable. Send a CV, three letters of reference, and a detailed cover letter describing your research interests, potential project foci for the fellowship period, and longer term career goals to:

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