

Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

Special Interest Group in Addictive Behaviors Newsletter

Spring 2008

News

Brian Borsari will take over as incoming SIG President at the ABCT Conference during the SIG meeting.

Nominations for SIG Awards: August 15 deadline

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

- **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).

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 Orlando. 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 Orlando 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.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2008 NIDA International Forum – San Juan, Puerto Rico June 13-19, 2008

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 2008 NIDA International Forum is scheduled for June 13-14, 2008, in conjunction with the 70th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD) June 14-19, 2008.

The annual NIDA International Forum highlights the range and quality of drug abuse research conducted around the world. The topic for the 2008 NIDA International Forum is Globally Improving and Applying Evidence-Based Interventions for Addictions. The 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:

http://international.drugabuse.gov/information/intl_forum_2008.html

Research Society on Alcoholism/International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Joint Scientific Meeting – Washington, D.C. June 27- July 2, 2008

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/2008meet-indexRegistration.htm>

**American Psychological Association 116th Annual Convention Boston, MA – August 14-17, 2008
Conference and Hotel Registration Opened April 15, 2008**

There are two levels of programming: sessions sponsored by APA's governance and programs developed by APA's divisions. 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. Most of the Convention programming will take place at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center over the event's four days. Other events will take place at the Boston Marriott Copley Palace Hotel, Sheraton Boston Hotel, Westin Copley Place Boston Hotel and Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

For more information please visit the official APA convention website:
<http://www.apa.org/convention08/>

Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 42nd Annual Convention
Orlando, FL – November 13-16, 2008
Dolphin Hotel

The ABCT Convention is designed for the Scientist/ Practitioner

The annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies welcomes individuals representing a wide variety of disciplines, specialties, and experience levels. The thread that ties this meeting together is ABCT's mission to establish or confirm as well as disseminate the empirical basis for clinical practice.

All those involved in designing the Convention strive to offer you a good mix of both the "how to" and the "why."

While many sessions offer both, typically symposia and panel discussions often more strongly concentrate on the "why." The clinical roundtables, workshops, master clinician seminars, institutes, and clinical intervention seminars more strongly concentrate on the "how to." That being said, the majority of the presenters are clinical scientists whose interests integrate an evidence-based practice approach.

First-time attendees: Come to our special convention orientation on Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. or Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Folks there will help you get the most from your ABCT experience.

For more information please visit the official ABCT convention website:
<http://www.abct.org/mentalhealth/convention/>

Current research

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

Hester, R.K. & Squires, D.D. (in press). Web-based norms for the Drinker Inventory of Consequences from the Drinker's Check-up. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Abstract

To date, the only published norms for the widely utilized Drinker Inventory of Consequences (DrInC) have come from a sample of heavy drinkers in Project MATCH (Matching Alcoholism Treatments to Client Heterogeneity) who were enrolling in a treatment program. We have generated an additional set of norms for the DrInC based on a large sample (N = 1,564) of heavy drinkers who have completed the DrInC as part of a web-based brief motivational intervention, the Drinker's Check-up (DCU; www.drinkerscheckup.com). Although these drinkers were not seeking formal treatment, they were concerned enough about their drinking to pay \$25 to use the DCU. Comparing the means and decile scores for lifetime and recent total scores and subscale scores between the DCU and MATCH samples revealed that DrInC scores for the DCU sample were significantly lower than the MATCH sample. These findings have implications for giving normative feedback using the DrInC with non-treatment-seeking populations. The use and limitations of these findings are discussed.

Positions available

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN ALCOHOLISM AND CLINICAL RESEARCH

Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, SC

The Medical University of South Carolina, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs is recruiting a candidate for a 1-2 year fellowship beginning July 1, 2008 on an NIAAA-funded Institutional Training Grant (T32). The fellow will have the opportunity to gain experience in clinical research projects including clinical trials of alcoholism comorbid with social anxiety disorder, alcoholism screening in primary care, and laboratory studies on stress-induced alcohol consumption. Additionally, the fellow will receive grantsmanship training, will be involved in every level of NIH

grant execution, and will be mentored on manuscript preparation and submission. The Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs includes the NIAAA funded Charleston Alcohol Research Center, an innovative, multidisciplinary research environment where basic scientists and clinical researchers collaborate on state of the art alcoholism treatment research. Applicants with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from an accredited university are preferred.

Candidates should supply a CV and 3 letters of recommendation to:

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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 (MU) has an opening for a **POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW IN ALCOHOL AND ADDICTIONS**. Faculty preceptors include: Ken Sher (etiological processes in alcohol use disorders, comorbidity, alcohol and adult development, college student drinking), Lynne Cooper (drinking motives, alcohol and sexual behavior, adolescent risk-taking, personality, diary and longitudinal methodologies), Tim Trull (alcoholism and personality, personality disorder comorbidity), Phil Wood (alcohol use and cognitive development, alcohol use and schooling, quantitative methodology), Wendy Slutske (behavioral genetics of alcoholism, externalizing behavior disorders, pathological gambling), Tom Piasecki (tobacco dependence and withdrawal, alcohol X tobacco interaction, hangover, ecological momentary assessment), Denis McCarthy (alcohol expectancies, underage use, drinking and driving, behavioral pharmacogenetics of alcohol), Bruce Bartholow (alcohol and social cognition, social neuroscience), 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. The position is on an NIAAA Research Training Grant (T32), and the applicant must be a United States permanent resident or citizen. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or other doctoral degree relevant to the study of the psychology of addiction. The position is for up to two years and start date is negotiable but the start date must begin on or after July 1, 2008.

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 Isabel Rife, 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.

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