

This change seeks to help those who may not otherwise be able to attend the convention (many institutions require authorship in order to access travel funds).

For the **SIG Student Poster Award**, we are seeking to expand the field of posters eligible for the award. To that end, posters focused broadly on addiction with a SIG student member as the 1st author being presented during the ABCT Convention regular poster sessions are eligible for the award in addition to those accepted for the Expo and Coffee Hour sessions. Just submit your accepted poster abstract through the same google forms link that is used for the SIG Expo Poster Session and SIG Coffee Hour Poster! The link is found on page 5.

Also, at our SIG meeting in San Diego will be giving out two awards. The first is the **Lifetime Achievement Award** and the second is the **G. Alan Marlatt Mid-Career Mentorship Award**. Please see the information provided below about criteria, deadlines, and how to nominate your worthy colleagues!

In closing, I am excited to see how we can foster connections within our SIG and to ABCT. I have a few ideas and am also open to suggestions. So please contact me if you have an idea (jweinsto@slu.edu) or need clarification about SIG events and poster submission procedures. I would love to hear from you.

Best wishes,
Jeremiah Weinstock, PhD

NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: EMMA BRETT

Hello SIG-AB members,

My name is Emma Brett and I am excited to serve as one of the student representatives for our SIG this year. I first joined the SIG as a first-year graduate student in 2014 and am currently a third-year graduate student in the clinical psychology program at Oklahoma State University. My current research involves brief interventions for college student alcohol use, though I have been involved with projects examining gambling, tobacco use, and HIV medication adherence. My interest in addictive behaviors began as an undergraduate when working with Dr. Jeremiah Weinstock at Saint Louis University and has continued to grow under the mentorship of Dr. Thad Leffingwell at Oklahoma State University. I am excited to continue to develop my research on mechanisms of change and brief interventions for addictive and other health risk behaviors.



As one of your student representatives, I want to help facilitate communication and collaboration year-round in any way possible. I am excited for this opportunity to become more involved with the SIG and am happy to hear any concerns or ideas for our group. Feel free to contact me at any time at emma.brett@okstate.edu.

Best wishes,
Emma Brett

NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: NATHAN KEARNS

Hi fellow SIG-AB members,

My name is Nathan Kearns and I am one of the new student representatives for the Addictive Behaviors Special Interest Group. As a brief background, I joined the AB-SIG in my first semester of graduate school in 2015 and am currently wrapping up my second year in the Behavioral Science Ph.D. program at the University of North Texas (UNT). My research focuses on the etiology and complex interplay between trauma exposure, posttraumatic stress, and substance use (e.g., alcohol, marijuana, prescription medication) within a variety of high-risk, understudied populations. As a graduate student, under the mentorship of Dr. Heidemarie Blumenthal, my research utilizes laboratory-based designs to examine the influence of stress and anxiety on decision-making and substance use behaviors in adolescents and emerging adults. I also serve as a clinical research assistant at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, where our work is aimed at identifying preventative and mediating characteristics of intensive care patients (and their caregivers) that may influence recovery following traumatic injury, including problematic substance use.



As a student representative, my goal is to improve outside-of-conference involvement and communication for both student and professional members. Further, I hope to generate more addiction-comorbidity programming and to use our AB-SIG network to promote training opportunities for all student, both clinical and non-clinical. I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve as a representative on this ABCT SIG group and encourage our membership to contact us with any ideas to may have to make our SIG community a better place. Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, and/or improvements at NathanKearns@my.unt.edu.

Best,
Nathan Kearns

ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS SOCIAL MEDIA

In addition to new Student Representatives, we are happy to welcome a new member to our Communications Committee, Ioan Tiberiu Mahu. Below is a brief bio:

I am a clinical psychology graduate student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada. I study personality-targeted treatments and how personality influences the development and maintenance of addictive disorders. As part of the SIG-AB communications committee, I am responsible for maintaining and updating our social media accounts.

Consistent with our goals of increasing communication and promoting activity within the Addictive Behaviors SIG, we are expanding our presence on Twitter and Facebook (@AddictiveBeh). We are planning on using these platforms to highlight recent work in addiction science, promote work done by our members, interact with our members, and update members on conference proceedings.



Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/AddictiveBeh/>

Twitter link: <https://twitter.com/AddictiveBeh>

We would like to extend a “Call for Ideas” for picking a profile and cover picture to represent these accounts! Please send in any contributions or ideas to ioan.tiberiu.mahu@dal.ca.

ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS SIG DUES AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not already done so, please renew your SIG-AB membership by paying your 2016 dues. Your dues enable us to present awards to promising addiction researchers, give a Student SIG Poster Award, recognize researchers during the Lifetime Achievement Award and the G. Alan Marlatt Memorial Research Award, and pay for the aforementioned coffee hour. Many of you paid your dues at the October 2016 meeting in New York City. However, if you did not, please take a moment now to drop a check in the mail.

As a reminder, students do not pay dues, but we are asking that post-docs pay \$10 and members pay \$20. Since your dues are a donation, we welcome your donating any amount over the requested membership fee!

Are you unsure whether you paid your dues already? Just send an email to Dr. Jeremiah Weinstock (jweinsto@slu.edu) and I will check our records.

To pay your dues simply make out a check to “ABCT SIG-AB” and send it to:

Bruce S. Liese, PhD, ABPP
Department of Family Medicine – Mailstop 4010
University of Kansas Medical Center
Kansas City, KS 66160

If you have recently moved, please send Dr. Weinstock your new email address. We will promptly put this information in our database. If you would like to discontinue your membership please let Dr. Weinstock know and we will remove your name from the membership list.

CALL FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AND MARLATT AWARD NOMINATIONS

Lifetime Achievement Award **Deadline: Thursday, August 31, 2017**

The SIG-AB Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an ABCT SIG-AB member who has made major contributions to the field of addictive behaviors over the course of a lifetime. This award is given every other (odd) year to an individual who has substantially impacted our field as a researcher, educator, clinician, and/or scholar. Now it is time to honor another senior member of our SIG for their contribution to our field.

G. Alan Marlatt Mid-Career Mentorship Award **Deadline: Thursday, August 31, 2017**

The Alan Marlatt Mid-Career Award is generously sponsored by Drs. Mark and Linda Sobell. It celebrates the tradition established by Dr. G. Alan Marlatt in his distinguished career as a pioneer and innovator in cognitive-behavioral therapy and research on addictive behaviors. It is given to deserving SIG-AB members who have received a doctoral degree between 4 and 12 years prior to receiving the award. The nominee’s research must demonstrate scientific rigor and constitute a program of research. This research can focus on understanding mechanisms of addiction or advancing evidence-based clinical practice in the addictions. Research that addresses harm reduction or treatment innovations would be particularly consistent with Dr. Marlatt’s research emphasis, but such a focus is not a requirement for the award

Please consider deserving ABCT SIG-AB members for these prestigious awards and send your nomination(s) and letter(s) of support to jweinsto@slu.edu by Thursday, August 31, 2017.

Nominations will be reviewed and voted on by the AB-SIG executive committee. The recipients will be announced in the fall newsletter and the award will be given at the SIG meeting in San Diego.

CALL FOR ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS SIG EXPO AND COFFEE HOUR POSTERS

Important Notes

Abstracts may be no longer than **250 words**. Please include current contact information (including current e-mail address and phone number) so we can let you know whether our review committee has accepted your poster. The first author of the poster must be a SIG-AB member or, if a student, the faculty mentor must be a SIG-AB member.

Submit poster abstracts for the SIG Expo or Coffee Hour Poster Session using the submission form link below:

[Poster Submission Link](#)

SIG-AB Expo Poster Submissions

Friday, August 11, 2017 deadline

The *SIG Expo Poster Session* and *Cocktail Party* allows all SIGs to display their research throughout this great networking opportunity. To have your poster considered for the Expo, please submit an abstract using the poster [submission link in the green textbox](#).

SIG-AB Coffee Hour Poster Session (Students Only)

Friday, August 11, 2017 deadline

Along with the SIG Poster Expo, we also offer an opportunity for students to present their work during the SIG-AB Coffee Hour. This is the perfect opportunity for students to present their work in an informal, supportive setting. Please use the poster [submission link in the green textbox](#). Slight preference will be given to 1st authors who are not already presenting during a general session at the convention. Details about poster size and format will be available closer to the date of the convention.

REMINDER: All SIG members must also be member of ABCT. If you need to pay your dues, please do so by visiting www.abct.org. If you need to renew your SIG-AB membership status, please contact our SIG leader, Dr. Jeremiah Weinstock, at jweinsto@slu.edu.

Membership dues for SIG-AB are \$20 for full membership and \$10 for post-doctoral fellows. Student members of ABCT may join SIG-AB for free, but only if they are already ABCT members and have faculty mentors that are paid members of SIG-AB. SIG dues payments are sent to Dr. Bruce Liese, SIG Treasurer.

CALL FOR DISSERTATION/THESIS PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Do you or one of your students have a recently completed dissertation or thesis project that you would like to recognize? The SIG-AB would like to highlight completed projects to showcase all of the wonderful research projects that are ongoing in the labs of our members. If you are interested in having your work highlighted on the website, please submit a project title, brief study description (4-5 sentences), and name of the author and committee chair to emma.brett@okstate.edu.

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1. Researchers from the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies of Brown University. RI March; 2. Nancy Piotrowski, PhD. CA March; 3. (Left to Right) Elizabeth Casserly, PhD and Laura Holt, PhD from Trinity College. Pictured with budding scientists at the CT March; 4. Laura Berkowitz, MS from the Department of Psychology at the University of New Mexico. NM March; 5. (Left to Right) Elly Leavens, MS and Ashley Helle, MS from Oklahoma State University; 6. (Left to Right) David Guzman; Anne Guzman, MS from the Department of Psychology at the University of New Mexico; A.J. O'Sickey, BA from the Center on Alcoholism, Substance abuse, and Addiction. NM March; 7. Witkiewitz lab: (Left to Right) Corey Roos, Megan Kirouac, Katie Witkiewitz, and Elena Stein. NM March; 8. (Left to Right) Sonia Shah and Kaylee Burnham. Clinical psychology interns at the Charlie Norwood VA/Medical College of Georgia. GA March.