



Society for Psychopharmacology and Substance Use

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A Letter from the Editor

Robert LeComte, Ph.D. – APA Division 28 Newsletter Editor

Dear Division 28 Colleagues,

As summer comes to a close, we look ahead to what can be accomplished in the remainder of the year. For many, summer's end brings another semester full of new classes, projects, theses, and dissertations. For others, the end of summer means looming grant deadlines, new study startups, and finishing manuscripts.

Along with routine challenges faced in making progress, the past year has brought additional pressures and constraints on the scientific community in funding, public perception, and institutional independence. During these times, leadership becomes an important part of navigating uncertainty.

In a 2011 presentation at the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) conference, Dr. Travis Thompson reflected on lessons in leadership taken from Dr. Joseph Brady. These included (1) surrounding oneself with the brightest, most talented researchers in the field, (2) promoting interdisciplinary problem solving, and (3) prioritizing scientific principles over disciplinary boundaries.

As an organization, Division 28 embodies these lessons. Division 28's members are some of the best and brightest in addiction science, encourage interdisciplinary approaches to research, and demonstrate a commitment to scientific principles in ways that foster diverse collaborations.

As challenges and uncertainties persist, we can be grateful to have Joe Brady's lessons in leadership as we continue to work together toward advancing addiction research and treatment.

Travis Thompson's 2011 ABAI Abstract: <https://tinyurl.com/247xfrn>



Travis Thompson, Ph.D.



Joseph V. Brady, Ph.D.

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2026 APA Convention – Scenes from D.C.

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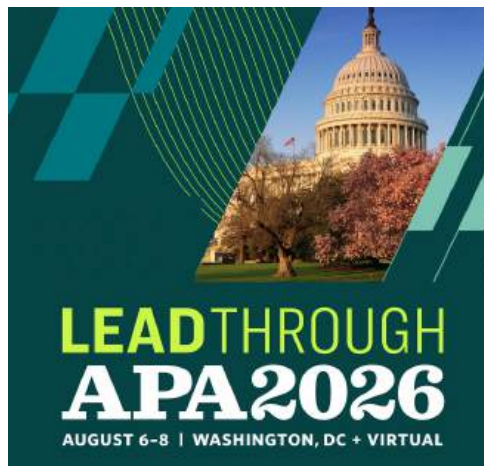
The theme of this year's APA convention in Washington, D.C. was "Lead Through". As evidenced by contributions to the annual meeting, Division 28 led through their recognized accomplishments and commitments to impactful research, education, and advocacy.

Division 28 Early Career Travel Awards

Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Meredith Berry, Division 28 was able to sponsor three competitive travel awards to help defray costs of attending the annual convention.

This year's recipients are:

(Left to right) **Tanya Pareek, Ph.D., Lakshmi Kumar, Ph.D., & Hew Yeh, Ph.D.**



Tanya Pareek, Ph.D.**Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit (BPRU)****Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**

Dr. Tanya Pareek is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She received her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where her training focused on behavioral pharmacology and the neurobiology of substance use disorders using rodent and nonhuman primate models. Her preclinical work examined the abuse-related effects of multiple substances, including opioids and alcohol. Building on this, her dissertation incorporated a cross-species approach to examine hippocampal molecular targets, including the role of L-type calcium channels, in alcohol use disorder. Collectively, these experiences led to an interest in translational research and a shift toward clinical research in opioid and other substance use disorders. She is currently involved in clinical trials examining sleep and circadian rhythm disturbances, including insomnia, and their relationship to treatment outcomes in individuals with opioid use disorder. Her long-term research interests include understanding biological and behavioral mechanisms underlying substance and polysubstance use disorders to inform the development of improved treatment strategies.

Dr. Pareek presented, *"Sleep Apnea Severity Moderates Associations Between Affect"* at APA 2026.

Lakshmi Kumar, Ph.D.**Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit (BPRU)****Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**

Dr. Lakshmi Kumar is a postdoctoral fellow at the Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit (BPRU) at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she works under the mentorship of Drs. Ryan Vandrey and Tory Spindle. Her research focuses on the behavioral pharmacology of alcohol, cannabis, and nicotine, with a particular interest in drug co-use, product formulation effects on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, and the social factors that influence substance use. She received her Ph.D. in Social and Health Psychology from Carnegie Mellon University, where she examined the role of socio-cognitive factors (e.g., empathy, theory of mind, and emotion recognition) as risk factors for problematic alcohol use. Since joining the BPRU, Dr. Kumar has expanded her expertise in human drug administration research and has contributed to several peer-reviewed publications on cannabis and nicotine pharmacology. Her long-term goal is to establish an independent research program dedicated to understanding how and why people use drugs alone and in combination, with the aim of informing evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies.



Dr. Kumar presented, *"Alcohol and Vaporized Δ 9-THC Co-Use on Simulated Driving Ability"* at APA 2026.

Hew Yeh, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

University of California, San Diego

Hew Yeh earned an Associate of Science at Palomar College in 2023 before transferring to the University of California San Diego, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Science and will begin his PhD in Experimental Psychology in the fall of 2026.

His research applies rigorous quantitative methods and experiments to investigate well-being through the lenses of physical/social contexts, beliefs, and health-promoting behaviors. His current research in the Dynamic Research on Addiction and Momentary Assessment Lab, led by Dr. Jack T. Waddell at Arizona State University, investigates how the physical contexts people use cannabis in can provide fruitful predictions for who is at risk for experiencing cannabis-use consequences and explores simultaneous alcohol/cannabis use as a potential explanatory mechanism.

Dr. Yeh presented, *"Relations Between Typical Cannabis Context, Simultaneous Use with Alcohol, and Negative Cannabis Consequences"* at APA 2026.

Please join us in thanking Dr. Berry and congratulating this year's travel awardees!

Division 28 Awards Presentation

The presidential address and awards ceremony featured recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of three Division 28 members:

Ryan Vandrey, Ph.D.

Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit (BPRU)

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Dr. Vandrey is an experimental psychologist and Professor at the Johns Hopkins University Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit (BPRU) and helps lead the Johns Hopkins Cannabis Science Lab.

Dr. Vandrey accepted this year's *Med-Associates Brady-Schuster Award*, which recognizes outstanding research on the fundamental importance of behavioral science to psychopharmacology or substance use.



Kathleen (Katie) McNealy, Ph.D.
Department of Pharmacology & Nutrition Sciences
University of Kentucky

Dr. McNealy is currently a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt in the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Kentucky, where she is developing community-informed translational models of opioid–stimulant polysubstance use and drug adulteration.

Dr. McNealy accepted this year's *Outstanding Dissertation Award*, which recognizes the best doctoral dissertations in psychopharmacology and substance use research.



Roberto Cofresí, Ph.D.
Department of Psychological Sciences
University of Missouri

Dr. Cofresí is an assistant professor at the University of Missouri, where he is leveraging his cross-species addiction neuroscience training to develop human laboratory models of conditioned drug reward cue reactivity in which to test theorized neural mechanisms of addiction, such as incentive sensitization, and examine the extent to which behavioral and brain activity (EEG, fMRI) measures from these new models can forecast changes in addictive substance use behavior over time.



Dr. Cofresí accepted this year's *Early Career Pharmacologist Award*, which recognizes an early career scientist conducting original, meritorious work in psychopharmacology and encourages excellence in research at the interface between the disciplines of pharmacology and psychology.

Please join us again in congratulating this year's Division 28 award winners!



Passing the Gavel

The presidential address and awards ceremony concluded with Division 28 President, Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, welcoming President-Elect, Dr. Matthew Kirkpatrick. Dr. Kirkpatrick is an Associate Professor of Research in the Department of Population and Public Health Sciences in the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.



Division 28 is privileged to have had Dr. Gipson-Reichardt's leadership this year, and we look forward to Dr. Kirkpatrick's term!



Division 28 Poster Session

The poster sessions at this year's convention featured presentations of the field's latest research from some of Division 28's outstanding members:

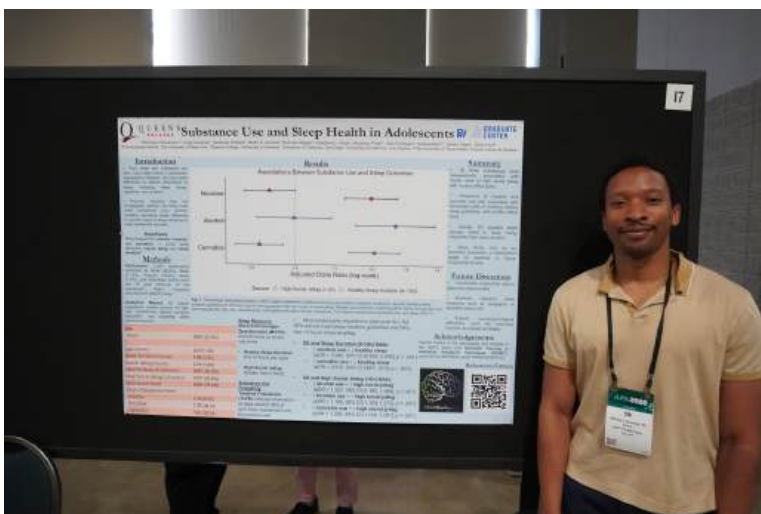
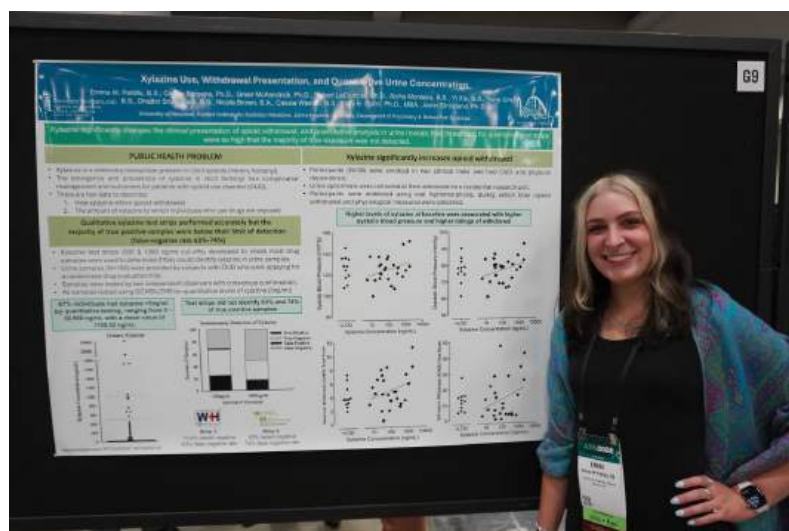


William Middleton, Ph.D.
University of Kentucky

"Nicotine pouch demand by mood disorders, co-use, and self-reported product switching status"

Emma Pattillo, B.S.
University of Maryland

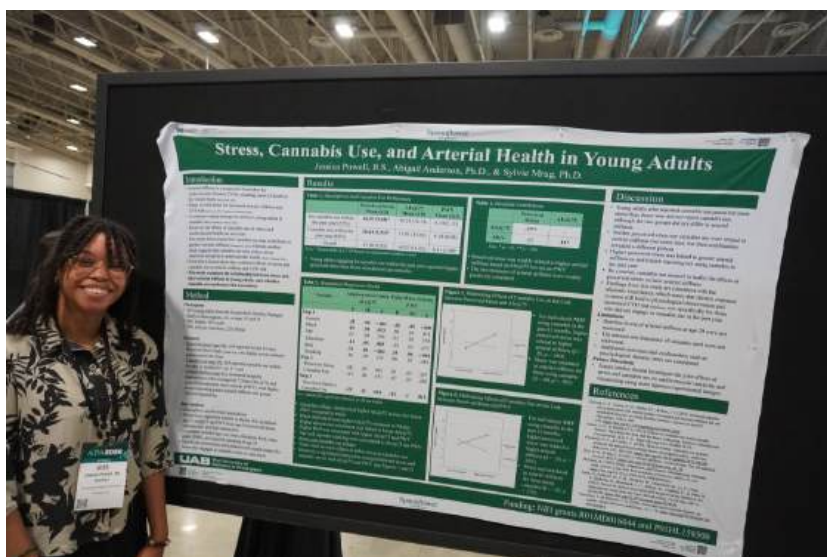
"Xylazine use, withdrawal presentation, and quantitative urine concentration"



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CUNY Graduate Center

"Substance use and sleep health in adolescents"



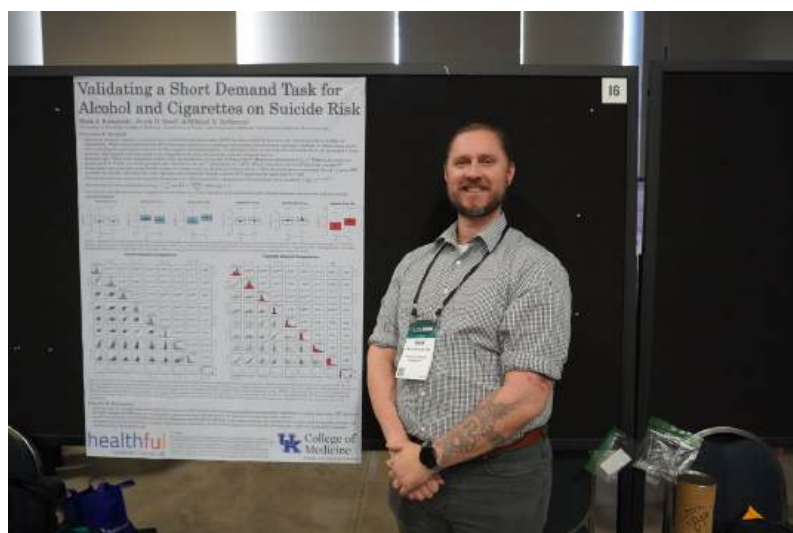
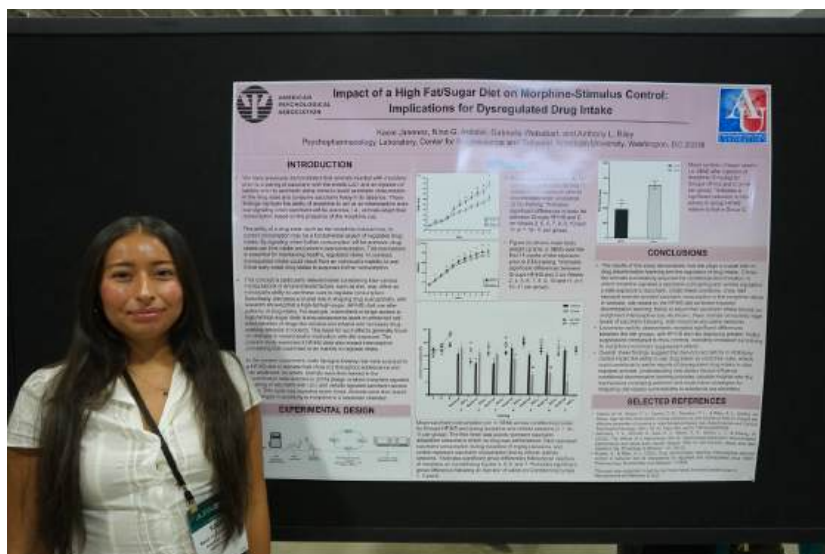


Jessica Powell, B.S.
University of Alabama

"Stress, cannabis use, and arterial health in young adults"

Kacie Jimenez
American University

"Impact of a high fat/sugar diet on morphine-stimulus control: Implications for dysregulated drug intake"



Mark Rzeszutec, Ph.D.
University of Kentucky

"Validating a short demand task for alcohol and cigarettes on suicide risk"



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Annie Kleykamp, Ph.D. – APA Division 28 Membership Chair



Individual Memberships

Division 28 is committed to:

- Basic and Applied Research
- Undergraduate, Graduate, and Postdoctoral training
- Evidenced-based Clinical Practice
- Public Service and Advocacy

We accept APA members and non-members, and have different membership levels available for students, early career psychologists (terminal degree within the past 7 years), and regular members. Members receive a thrice-yearly newsletter, and are eligible for 1 of 3 annual awards (Outstanding Dissertation, Early Career Psychopharmacologist, Med Associates Brady/Schuster Award). See the previous award winners at our Division 28 awards page!

Please consider joining or renewing your membership! Contact our membership chair, Annie Kleykamp (bkleykamp@som.umaryland.edu) or visit our Division 28 membership page on our website for information.

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Corporate contributions support efforts in research, practice, and education. A membership contribution of \$1000 is tax deductible. This is the recommended level of support. Any corporate contributions are tax exempt, and our tax number will be supplied upon request. Other levels of support are available and appreciated.

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- Recognition of corporate support at annual APA membership meeting
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- Receive overview of relevant programming at APA convention

Please refer to the website for questions regarding Division 28 Corporate Affiliate Membership or contact: Dr. Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt (Division 28 President) at Cassandra.Gipson-Reichardt@uky.edu or Dr. Mikail Koffarnus (Division 28 Treasurer) at koffarnus@uky.edu



Psychopharmacology and Substance Use News Editorial Policy

Robert S. LeComte, Ph.D.

Psychopharmacology and Substance Use News is a thrice-yearly publication of Division 28. It is devoted to keeping members informed about the activities of Division 28 and to news and comments concerning all aspects of psychopharmacology and substance use.

Articles, comments, announcements, and advertisements should be sent to the editor, Robert S. LeComte rlecomt1@jh.edu. Explore content from archived Division 28 newsletters [here!](#)

Training & Career Announcements

Postdoctoral Fellowship Wake Forest University

An exciting postdoctoral fellowship opportunity in clinical neuroimaging is available at Wake Forest University School of Medicine within the Department of Translational Neuroscience. The interdisciplinary research team, directed by Dr. Christina Meade, seeks to understand how drug addiction and HIV infection together impact the brain, and in turn affect neurocognitive functioning. Several currently funded projects utilize multimodal neuroimaging (resting-state fMRI, diffusion-weighted imaging, magnetic resonance spectroscopy) to examine brain structure and function over time. This fellowship will provide advanced multidisciplinary training, including mentored research, manuscript and grant-writing, and conference presentation experiences in a collaborative research environment. This position is ideal for individuals interested in pursuing an independent research career in an academic setting, and the fellow will be supported in the pursuit of independent funding (e.g., NRSA fellowship, K Award).

Duties: Responsibilities will include: processing and analysis of multi-modal MRI data, including the programming and implementation of automated scripts; manuscript writing; and some administrative tasks, such as assisting with preparing NIH progress reports. The position entails planning, executing, and troubleshooting analyses. First-author and other publication opportunities will be encouraged.

Education & Experience: Doctoral degree with a background in cognitive neuroscience and MRI data analysis is required. Strong programming and quantitative analysis skills are essential. Interest in HIV and/or drug addiction is ideal. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The initial appointment will be for 1 year, with additional funding conditional upon satisfactory performance. Salary is commensurate with NIH guidelines and applicant experience.

LEARN MORE: Please send a CV and statement of interest to christina.meade@wfusm.edu.

Postdoctoral Research Assistant East Tennessee State University

The Department of Biomedical Sciences in the College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Postdoctoral Research Assistant for a Temporary Professional Full-Time position. In this vital role, you will work closely with the Supervisor/Principal Investigator, Dr. Brooke Schmeichel, contributing to groundbreaking preclinical research experiments investigating the neurobiological mechanisms underlying addiction.

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Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Reed College

The Reed College Psychology Department seeks applicants for a tenure-track assistant professor position in HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY to begin August 2027. We welcome applications from candidates who study the psychological science of health and well-being, including but not limited to biological bases of behavior (e.g., psychophysiology), affective science, stress and resilience, and health disparities. The selected individual will teach four courses per year, two each semester. These courses will include a team-taught introductory psychology course with lab, health psychology with lab, and courses in the candidate's area of expertise. The individual will also join our statistics teaching rotation, supervise multiple year-long senior thesis projects in psychology and neuroscience, and serve as an academic advisor.

LEARN MORE: To ensure full consideration, please submit a cover letter, CV, statements of research interests and teaching philosophy and experience, and contact information for three individuals at <https://apply.interfolio.com/190449> by October 1, 2026.

Postdoctoral Research Associate The University of Rochester

The University of Rochester School of Nursing seeks a full-time Postdoctoral Research Associate to serve as Project Director for an NIH-funded study developing and pilot-testing a novel couples-based addiction treatment intervention for heterosexual couples in which both partners have drug use disorders. The study combines mixed-methods research, intervention mapping, and stakeholder co-creation to build a relationship-centered treatment.

Working with Dr. James McMahon and Dr. Janie Simmons, the successful candidate will help design and implement the study, have opportunities to develop first-author publications, collaborate on interdisciplinary research, and strengthen an independent program of research in substance use treatment and behavioral intervention development.

LEARN MORE: To apply, email a brief cover letter describing research interests and goals, CV and

3 references to james_mcmahon@urmc.rochester.edu.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow BUILD-UP

Building an interprofessional and adept workforce in Substance Use and Pain (BUILD-UP) is a NIDA-funded postdoctoral training program. The Program Directors are Erin Winstanley, PhD at the University of Pittsburgh (elw194@pitt.edu) and Jessica Merlin, MD, PhD, MBA at The Ohio State University (Jessica.Merlin@osumc.edu).

Substance use—including misuse and use disorders—and chronic pain are common, highly interrelated public health problems in the United States, and few interventions exist to improve outcomes for both conditions together. Cross-sectional and cohort studies estimate that roughly 40% of individuals with chronic pain also meet criteria for a substance use disorder (SUD), and pain interferes with recovery for millions of adults with a past-year substance use disorder.

BUILD-UP is a NIDA-funded T32 postdoctoral training program that prepares fellows for independent, interdisciplinary clinical research careers at the intersection of chronic pain and substance use/SUD. Fellows receive personalized mentorship, rigorous methodological training, and protected research time to develop the skills and publication record needed to launch an NIH-funded research career.

LEARN MORE: <https://www.icre.pitt.edu/BUILD-UP/index.html>.

Assistant Professor University of Kentucky

We are seeking applicants for a tenure track, Regular Title Series, full time (12 month) Assistant Professor position in the Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky. We seek individuals with a dynamic, productive research agenda that focuses on behavioral health, including but not limited to mental health and substance use disorder, using



rigorous, cutting-edge behavioral research methods.

The ideal candidate will have a record of NIH-funded research or a strong promise of such funding; maintain a focus on behavioral health; aspire to engage in research mentorship; and contribute to a vibrant environment of scholars across campus. The Department of Behavioral Science is a highly productive, collegial, and collaborative basic science research and training department in the College of Medicine.

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Open-Rank Faculty Position University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy

The University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, invites applications for a tenure-eligible faculty position at the rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor. We are seeking scholars with a developing or established research program in health services research, dissemination and implementation science, team science, community-engaged scholarship, and/or pharmacoepidemiology.

Why this Position: Successful candidates gain direct access to strong existing infrastructure, including the Institute for Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (an NIH CTSA-funded hub) and the Center for Health, Engagement and Transformation. This support gives new faculty immediate collaborators, existing datasets and grant-writing support. The College of Pharmacy has a track record of supporting extramural funding acquisition at every rank and start-up packages are negotiable based on research trajectory.

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<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/638120>.

Professor in Addiction Psychiatry University of Pennsylvania

The Department of Psychiatry at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of

Pennsylvania seeks candidates for an Associate or Full Professor position in the tenure track. Expertise is required in the specific area of mechanisms underpinning substance use and the treatment of substance use and misuse. Applicants with experience in novel therapeutics (e.g., psychedelics, incretin mimetics) in the treatment of substance use disorders are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must have an M.D. or Ph.D. degree. Board certification in Psychiatry is required for MD candidates.

Teaching responsibilities may include teaching medical students, psychiatry residents, and postdoctoral fellows, as well as lecture opportunities within the department.

Clinical responsibilities may include clinical evaluation and provision of treatment for adults with substance use disorders.

Research or scholarship responsibilities may include developing collaborative and independent research programs related to the understanding and treatment of substance use disorders. Scholarship includes developing and maintaining a program of federally funded research.

LEARN MORE:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/191953>

Associate Director for Research NIAAA, NIH, HHS

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is seeking an accomplished and visionary scientific leader to serve as **Associate Director for Research (ADR)**.

The ADR serves as NIAAA's senior scientific executive, providing enterprise-wide leadership, strategic direction, and oversight of the Institute's research enterprise. Reporting directly to the NIAAA Director, the ADR is a key member of the Executive Leadership Team and principal advisor on scientific strategy, research investments, portfolio stewardship, and organizational performance for one of the Nation's leading biomedical research portfolios addressing alcohol



use disorder (AUD) and alcohol-associated health outcomes.

Position Overview: The ADR leads the development and execution of NIAAA's long-range scientific vision, ensuring research investments anticipate emerging scientific opportunities, address evolving public health challenges, and maximize the impact of Federal resources. The incumbent leads strategic planning across NIAAA's four extramural scientific divisions and Intramural Research Program and provides executive oversight of the Office of Extramural Affairs and the Epidemiology and Biometry Branch. The ADR integrates scientific priorities, operational excellence, and organizational effectiveness while fostering innovation, scientific excellence, organizational agility, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. Through strategic leadership and coordination of complex scientific initiatives, the ADR helps ensure that research advances improve prevention, treatment, and health outcomes for individuals and communities affected by alcohol-related conditions.

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<https://hr.nih.gov/careers/open-positions/job-6413d5b2-32b5-48c0-8a75-8a46734452d2>

Assistant Professor
University of Kentucky College of Medicine

We are seeking an Assistant Professor for a tenure track, Regular Title Series, full time (12 months) position in the Center on Drug & Alcohol Research (CDAR) and Department of Behavioral Science (BSC) in the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky. We seek researchers with a dynamic, productive research agenda that will advance CDAR's mission and maximize our impact on the lives of individuals, families, and communities affected by substance use. The Center on Drug & Alcohol Research is a transdisciplinary research center focused on developing the most innovative and impactful research and training portfolio. The Department of Behavioral Science is a highly productive, collegial, and collaborative basic science research and training department in the College of Medicine.

The ideal candidate will have NIH-funded research or a strong promise of such funding; maintain a

focus on substance use; aspire to engage in research mentorship; and contribute to a vibrant environment of scholars from the behavioral sciences, public health, social sciences, communication, health services research, biomedical informatics, health sciences (nursing, medicine, nutrition, etc.) and/or others. Special emphasis is placed on substance use intervention/clinical trials, treatment development, recovery science, community-engaged research, policy, big data, and dissemination and implementation science.

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<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/644660>. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2026 and continue until the position is filled.

Manager, Policy, Research & Analysis
Substance Use Prevention and Treatment
Initiative (SUPTI)

Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Initiative (SUPTI): The substance use prevention and treatment initiative works to develop and support policies that increase initiation of medications for opioid use disorder. The project provides direct, in-depth technical assistance by invitation of states interested in improving access to evidence-based, high-quality treatment for people with opioid use disorder. The project also conducts advocacy in Washington, D.C., to achieve its programmatic objectives. To inform this work, the project conducts and publishes research and other information on evidence-based and emerging practices and maintains relationships with external experts and other stakeholders. The team comes from a wide variety of professional backgrounds with policy, advocacy, and research experience.

Position Overview: The Manager, Policy, Research & Analysis, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Initiative, will inform and influence public policy and health quality by conducting research and analysis and providing technical expertise to achieve the goals of the substance use prevention and treatment initiative. The responsibilities for this position include managing direct reports, executing project objectives and deliverables, developing and executing detailed



research projects, leading the development of Pew-branded and peer-reviewed publications, and generating analyses and resources to support state and federal policy efforts. The Manager works closely with other SUPTI team members, as well as Pew colleagues in Communications, Research Quality and Support, Government Relations, Human Resources, and other operations areas.

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MORE: https://pewtrusts.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/TrustsExternal/details/Manager-Policy-Research-and-Analysis_R003268

Director of Research StartCare

The Director of Research will work collaboratively with colleagues across StartCare departments and with external partners/stakeholders to oversee the execution of the Organization's research, including data collection and extraction from electronic health records, data cleaning and processing, and management plans to ensure the integrity of study/trial data and that they meet goals of data analysis plans. The Director will ensure all procedures are conducted in compliance with internal and external IRB requirements for the ethical conduct of research, as well as with HIPAA and CFR standards for research. This role will serve a crucial role in supporting the dissemination of reports, presentations, and publications that highlight StartCare's research to position our work at the forefront of innovative and significant scientific inquiry that is relevant to and embraced by the communities we serve.

Reporting to the Vice President of Research and Evaluation, the Director of Research leads a team in advancing StartCare's mission through a dynamic research agenda focused on substance use and mental health. This role drives the translation of research from concept to real-world application, ensuring scientific integrity and compliance with ethical and regulatory standards. Collaborating across StartCare departments (e.g., Medicine, Programs, Information Technology) and with external partners, the Director oversees study design, data management, and analysis, while championing the dissemination of impactful findings that elevate StartCare's role as a leader in community-centered, innovative research.

Qualifications:

- Doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, ScD, or equivalent) in public health, behavioral science, psychology, epidemiology, health services research, or a related field.
- Track record of securing funding, managing research protocols with expertise in participant enrollment, interviews and structured assessments, and experience in supervising research staff.
- 7+ years of progressively responsible experience in health research, with at least 3 years in a leadership or management role.
- Demonstrated experience designing and executing mixed methods research in clinical or community health settings.
- Strong knowledge of IRB processes, HIPAA, and relevant CFR regulations for research involving human subjects.
- Experience with data analysis and interpretation, including working knowledge of statistical software (e.g., SPSS, SAS, R, and qualitative research platforms such as NVivo, Dedoose or similar).
- Experience with research trials preferred
- Experience in both qualitative and quantitative methodology preferred
- Demonstrated ability to mentor and supervise research staff and to manage multiple, concurrent projects.

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https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=c58607d4-2b95-4715-834d-b3deab740f49&cclid=19000101_000001&lang=en_US&selectedMenuKey=CareerCenter&jobId=569449

T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship NIMH – Mental Health Research Network

Henry Ford Health (HFH, Detroit, MI), in partnership with the Mental Health Research Network (MHRN), is recruiting 1 post-doctoral fellow for a two-year, NIMH-supported T32 fellowship to commence in the summer/fall of 2027. Aspiring independent researchers will be trained broadly in health systems/health services research with a focus on mental health conditions and services, including suicide prevention. Areas of particular interest and training will be in clinical



interventions, healthcare service delivery, big data, implementation science, comorbidities, health equity, and health policy. The overall goal of the program is to support fellows in the transition to becoming independent mental health services researchers able to pursue NIMH-funding to support research within health system settings.

Fellows will work locally alongside a primary mentor at HFH or the MHRN. They will also receive high-quality secondary mentorship and training from other scientists within multiple formats across the entire MHRN. MHRN is a consortium of 21 health systems, serving over 30 million patients using a common data system, which facilitates rigorous and reproducible multi-site studies. Our MHRN network currently leads dozens of NIH, FDA, CDC, and/or philanthropically funded grants in the areas of suicide prevention, the full spectrum of mental health conditions, and medical and substance use comorbidities, using a wide range of methods and analytic approaches. The participating MHRN health systems also have strong relationships with universities and other academic institutions.

In addition to one-on-one mentoring in the fellows' areas of interest, they will also receive training in grant writing, manuscript development, health systems research methods (e.g., case-control designs, big data science, multi-site trials, dissemination and implementation), quantitative and qualitative methods, ethics, professional/career development, and conducting clinical trials. Teaching opportunities may also be available, as well as clinical experiences for those seeking licensure.

Competitive applicants will have extensive research backgrounds; previous grant writing is not required, but highly attractive, while excellent writing skills are imperative. Experience in health care settings and quantitative methods are preferred. The fellow will have opportunities to conduct their own research, as well as attend scientific meetings and other professional development opportunities.

Interested candidates should send a CV, writing sample, one letter of recommendation, and cover letter/personal statement stating their research

interests and career goals to the Training Program Coordinator, Biaohua Yu (byu1@hfhs.org). Materials are due by November 2, 2026.

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Assistant/Associate Professor The Mind Research Network (MRN)

The Mind Research Network (MRN), in partnership with Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute (LBRI), invites applications for a faculty position in translational neuroscience. The successful candidate will join a team of outstanding investigators who are eager to shape the future of translational neuroscience through collaborative, high-impact research that advances the understanding, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of brain and behavioral disorders. Recruitment is focused on exceptional investigators at the advanced assistant professor or associate professor level, although appointment and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

This recruitment coincides with the installation of a new MEGIN TRIUX™ neo magnetoencephalography (MEG) system, further expanding MRN's world-class neuroimaging capabilities. The TRIUX™ neo complements MRN's research-dedicated Siemens Prisma 3T MRI, research-dedicated mobile MRI program, and advanced neuro-informatics resources, creating an exceptional environment for innovative, multimodal translational neuroscience research. We seek an innovative, collaborative investigator with an established or emerging independent research program who will leverage MRN's advanced neuroimaging infrastructure, multidisciplinary research community, and strategic partnerships to build a nationally recognized translational neuroscience program.

The successful candidate will join a highly collaborative scientific community where research spans advanced neuroimaging, computational neuroscience, biomarker discovery, mechanistic neuroscience, clinical investigation, and nonclinical model systems. Close collaborations across MRN, Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute, and the University of New Mexico create unique



opportunities to integrate human neuroimaging with mechanistic studies, biomarker discovery, and clinical research while developing innovative, high-impact collaborative programs.

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NIAAA T-32 Postdoctoral Fellowship University of Michigan Addiction Center

The University of Michigan Addiction Center is seeking applicants for its NIAAA-funded T32 Postdoctoral Research Training Fellowship. We offer a strong methodological infrastructure and collaborative research environment. Our core emphasis is on alcohol, while adapting with the changing landscape of other drug use, particularly poly-substance use as well as scientific advances in areas such as neuroscience, digital technology, adaptive interventions, and computational psychiatry. We focus holistically on understanding risk/protective factors across social-ecology, with community-engaged partnerships to enhance relevance and impact, including a focus on comorbid health conditions. Trainees benefit from cross-disciplinary mentorship and collaborations.

UM is one of the nation's leading public research universities; our Psychiatry department ranks among the nation's top for NIH funding. Support for licensure for psychologists is typically available. Located in Ann Arbor, UM offers an exceptional quality of life, combining the resources of a world-class research institution with a welcoming community and convenient access to Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3kLHxCUD5jT69bUCoordinator-I—Psychiatry—Addiction-Sciences-Division_R-0000060985

Assistant Professor – Behavioral Neuroscience Tufts University

The Department of Psychology at Tufts University invites applications for a full-time faculty position in behavioral neuroscience at the Assistant Professor (tenure-track) level to begin September 1, 2027. We seek a scientist whose research program focuses on mechanistic explanations of

brain-behavior relationships relevant to mental and brain health. Area of specialization is open, with preference for researchers working on systems- and circuit-based approaches, developmental or experience-dependent plasticity, and/or translationally relevant models of psychopathology (e.g., anxiety, stress-related disorders, addiction, or other mental health conditions). Research programs that complement and bridge directly to existing departmental strengths are especially encouraged. Expertise in advanced neurobiological and quantitative methods—such as electrophysiology, in vivo optogenetics and single-cell imaging, neuropharmacology, genomics or epigenomics, or computational and AI-based modeling of neural-behavioral data—is welcome.

Qualifications:

The successful applicant will have (1) a Ph.D. in psychology, neuroscience, or a closely related discipline, (2) an active research program capable of attracting extramural funding; applicants with a K99/R00 award or equivalent are particularly competitive, and (3) will be expected to contribute to our introductory level courses in the area of specialization, statistics, and/or research methods. Typical teaching load is four courses per year in our undergraduate and graduate programs, with opportunities for reductions related to grant support, department service, graduate training, and undergraduate advising.

Posting Expiration Date: October 15, 2026

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Assistant or Associate Professor Texas Christian University

The Department of Psychology at Texas Christian University (TCU) is hiring an Assistant or Associate Professor of Psychology beginning August 2027, and the deadline for applications is October 1. This position is part of a broader strategic initiative to build a nationally recognized research program focused on health and well-being. Primary consideration will be given to candidates who have completed a Ph.D. in any area of psychology. We are particularly interested in health psychology



research focused on addiction science, digital technologies and artificial intelligence (AI), intervention/implementation science, aging, behavioral science/medicine, or biomedical approaches, but we welcome applications from all areas of psychology. Applicants are expected to complement and extend the existing strengths of the department and institutes, collaborate across the department and university, and help shape the future of health psychology at TCU.

LEARN MORE: <https://jobs.tcu.edu/jobs/assistant-or-associate-professor-of-psychology-tcu-main-campus-texas-united-states>



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