

28 DIVISION PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

From the President's Desk

David S. Festinger, Ph.D.

Happy spring everyone! I want to begin my first column by expressing my sincere gratitude and pride for being elected the Division's 48th President. After last year's 50th anniversary and reviewing the long list of esteemed Division 28 Presidents, I was incredibly humbled and struck by what enormous shoes I am expected to fill. The most recent pair belongs to Stacey Sigmon. She was an outstanding President who led many innovative initiatives, inspired and motivated our executive committee and entire membership, and kept us financially strong through the charitable donations of a wide variety of sponsors. I must also congratulate Mollie Miller for organizing a highly successful 2016 convention in Denver. I also want to congratulate Micky Koffarnus for his stellar contributions as Newsletter Editor during his 3-year term. Finally, I want to thank Kelly Dunn, for her outstanding role as Division Secretary. Along with the dawning of spring, many executive committee positions have now changed hands.

Mark Smith is our new President-elect, Micky Koffarnus is our Division Secretary, Kelly Dunn is our new Convention Chair, Erin McClure is our new Newsletter Editor, Dustin Stairs will continue as our Membership Chair for an addition 3-year term, and Will Aklin as our new Treasurer.

I would also like to congratulate this year's esteemed award winners including Dorothy Hatsukami, Ph.D., winner of MED Associates Brady-Schuster Award; James Mahoney, Ph.D., winner of our Young Psychopharmacologist Award; and Elizabeth Holly, Ph.D., winner of our Outstanding Dissertation Award. I hope that everyone can make it to this year's annual convention to hear their outstanding presentations.

Although this year's APA convention is still months away, it is never too early to start planning your attendance. This year our convention will be held in Washington, D.C. That's correct, right in our Nation's capital, and Division 28 has a full schedule of timely and informative programming. In total, we will have 21 Posters, 14 Sessions (of which 6 are symposiums), 5 collaborative sessions, and a very novel data blitz spearheaded by Kelly Dunn in collaboration with Division 50 that will highlight student and early career research.

The location of this year's convention is particularly significant given the many critical empirical, clinical, and ethical issues facing our field and our Division's focus on Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse. The opioid epidemic, support for research, health care funding, and criminal justice reform are just a few of the many critical topics on deck for major policy decisions. The APA and Divisions such as ours in particular, have the great responsibility of ensuring that these decisions are informed by empirical evidence. As such, we must make our voices heard by disseminating our findings and advocating for research and treatment not only through peer-reviewed publications and presentations at scientific conferences, but also by connecting with our city, state, and National representatives. This means contacting our school



I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS PRODIGIOUS DIVISION, CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU FOR ITS HISTORICAL SUCCESS, AND CHALLENGE US ALL TO CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON OUR STRONG FOUNDATION AND MAKE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT ON SOCIETY.

- David Festinger

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board representatives, commissioners, members of congress, and senators to share our current research findings, describe what we are seeing in the field, and convey the devastating effects of drugs and alcohol that we witness and seek answers for on a daily basis. We should be bolstered by the significant progress that we have made over the past few decades, but not become complacent and forget how quickly and easily effective policies and positive reforms can be reversed. On a related note, the APA has signed on as an official partner of the upcoming March for Science, calling it “a demonstration of the importance of science for improving people’s lives and benefiting society”. The March, which will take place on Saturday, April 22, in Washington, D.C. and in many other cities around the nation, will provide us with another avenue to advocate for the importance of empirical research.

The ubiquity of our Division’s mission places us in the forefront of efforts to improve public health and public safety. I am proud to be part of this prodigious Division, congratulate all of you for its historical success, and challenge us all to continue to build upon our strong foundation and make an even greater impact on society. Here’s to a wonderful spring and a great new year. Let’s all “spring” to action!

Division 28 Presidential Candidate Statement



Matthew Johnson, Ph.D.

It is an honor to be considered for Division 28 president, and I appreciate the opportunity. I am an experimental psychologist who studies the behavioral mechanisms of addiction and also the effects of psychoactive drugs in the human laboratory. In the field of behavioral economics, my research has applied microeconomic concepts to understand drug consumption, addiction, and sexual risk decisions associated with certain drugs. I have conducted human studies with numerous drugs including cocaine, methamphetamine, tobacco/nicotine, caffeine, GHB, alcohol, triazolam, and ramelteon, psilocybin, dextromethorphan, and salvinorin A. Division 28 of APA has served as an academic and professional home base for me for a long time. I have attended and presented research at the annual convention for 15 of the past 16 years. I have served the division in a number of ways over the years. I was the 2010 convention

program chair for our division, I have served as member-at-large (2012 - 2014), I represented the division at the 2013 APA Education Leadership Conference, and currently serve as the fellows chair for the division. In 2011, I received the Division 28 Wyeth Young Psychopharmacologist Award, and in 2016 was awarded fellow status in the division. I am committed to advancing the field of psychology and its role in society, especially in the realm of psychopharmacology and substance abuse. I also support the important role that APA should play in delineating ethical guidelines for our profession. I would be honored to serve as president of the division if elected. Regardless, I look forward to working with Division 28 for years to come.

Statements from Candidates for Division 28 Member at Large

Candidate statements are presented in alphabetical order



Chana Akins, Ph.D.

Thanks for nominating me for the position of Member-at-Large (MAL) of Division 28. My term of MAL for Division 6 just ended and I am looking for an opportunity to stay involved in APA service at the division level. Prior to serving as MAL for Division 6, I served as co-Chair of the Membership Committee and prior to that as President and Secretary-Treasurer. I received the Distinguished Service Award for Division 6 one year before being elected President. Other APA committee work includes co-Chair of Committee on Division and APA Relations (CODAPAR) and Chair of Committee on Animal Research and Ethics (CARE). Within Division 28, I was Awards Committee Chair as a replacement for someone who had to step down. I am a Fellow of Divisions 6 and 28. I am enthusiastic to work within Division 28 again as my

research has become increasingly more closely aligned with the research of the division membership.

The major focus of my research is on studying the effect of drugs of abuse on sexual behavior. We have demonstrated that various drugs of abuse, including cocaine and methamphetamine

facilitate sex-seeking behavior, albeit in different ways. Further, we found that this drug-induced facilitation results in resistance to (or delayed) extinction of sex-seeking behavior. We are currently adding an element of risk-taking to these studies. Most recently, we are developing a voluntary drinking model in birds. Birds are known for naturally drinking alcohol (i.e., in the form of fermented berries) and they will consume it in excess and show signs of 'drunkenness'. We are currently investigating a modified two-bottle drinking model in which quail are given a choice between water and alcohol. Our preliminary assessment is that the model looks promising.

Aside from APA/APA division experiences and overlapping research interests, I have also had many leadership opportunities including membership of the inaugural class of Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology of APA, Academic Leadership Academy of the Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium, and recently the Women's Executive Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. Collectively, I believe that my prior experiences make me uniquely positioned to serve as MAL for Division 28 and I am happy to do so if elected. Cheers!



Kelly Dunn, Ph.D.

I appreciate the opportunity to run for the Member-at-Large position for Division 28 of the APA. To those who do not know me, I am trained as a behavioral pharmacologist and am currently an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University. My research has spanned both preclinical as well as clinical human laboratory and randomized trial research, and has focused primarily on aspects related to opioid abuse (though I have also conducted research in contingency management, smoking abstinence, alcohol treatment, and outcomes development/assessment). More importantly for this position, I also have a long history of serving in leadership positions for both APA and Division 28. As a graduate student, I served as the Behavioral Neuroscience representative for the Science Student Council of the Board of Scientific Affairs for three years. In this role I attended the bi-annual consolidated meetings and helped develop convention programming as well as other methods to increase the representation of science and opportunities for science-oriented students within APA. In 2010, I was appointed to the Division 28 Executive Committee as one of two inaugural Early Career Psychologist representatives. I then assumed the role of Newsletter Editor for three years, before being appointed as the Division Secretary for an additional three years. I completed my tenure as the Division Secretary in December 2016 and am currently serving a 1-year term as your Convention Program Chair. At the end of this term, I will have been a member of the Division 28 Executive Committee for the past 8 years. During my time on the committee, I have participated in countless conversations and Division efforts to increase company sponsorship, engage our junior members, educate our membership about advocacy (through an Advocacy column I created in the Newsletter), and now to develop a diverse and engaging convention program that includes an innovative Data Blitz that I believe will highlight our junior researchers, stimulate conversations between Division 28 and 50 (Addiction), and increase engagement in our poster session. If elected Member-at-Large, I will be able to offer a rich institutional memory to the Executive Committee that will help us to continue advancing the goals set by the Division and you- as its valuable members- and I will continue to work hard on behalf of Division 28 to promote the value of science in APA more broadly. I appreciate your consideration.

Statements from Candidates for Council Representative

Candidate statements are presented in alphabetical order



Douglas Marlowe, J.D., Ph.D.

I am honored to be nominated as Council Representative for APA Division 28. As a lawyer and clinical psychologist, I have a good deal of experience with parliamentary procedures and rules of order, and am highly familiar with APA policies and procedures. I am currently the Chief of Science, Law & Policy for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), and a Senior Science & Policy Advisor for Alcohol Monitoring Systems. Previously, I was the Director of Law & Ethics Research at the Treatment Research Institute (TRI), and Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. I received a B.A. in psychology from Brandeis University, a law degree from Villanova University School of Law, and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Hahnemann University. I completed an internship in clinical psychology and a fellowship in neuropsychology at the

Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center. My research focuses on the impact of coercion in substance use disorder treatment, the effects of drug courts and other rehabilitation programs for persons with substance use disorders involved in the justice system, and behavioral treatments for persons with substance use disorders and criminal involvement. I am a Fellow of APA and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and received proficiency certification in the treatment of psychoactive substance use disorders from the APA College of Professional Psychology. I have published over 175 journal articles, monographs, books, and book chapters on topics of correctional rehabilitation, forensic psychology, and treatment of substance use disorders.



William Stoops, Ph.D.

I am honored by the nomination to serve as Council Representative of Division 28. Division 28 has been my “home” division in APA since joining as a student in 2000. Subsequently, I have risen from member to fellow and served on the Executive Committee as both Newsletter Editor and Secretary. Most recently, I served as Division 28 President in 2015. In addition to my work within the division, I have had the opportunity to work within governance at the broader APA level. I currently chair the Board of Convention Affairs (BCA) and serve on the Council of Editors in my role as Incoming Editor of Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology. I feel that my strong ties to Division 28, along with my knowledge of its workings, as well as my documented leadership experience in APA make me a good candidate to

represent the division, its membership and interests at the Council of Representatives. I recently attended the February 2017 Council meeting in my BCA role—it appears that changes are afoot in how council functions, how it directs the organization and how it delegates its authority. I am excited by the opportunity to be a part of this process and to advocate for a more responsive and inclusive Council of Representatives. I will also strive to ensure that scientific interests remain at the forefront of issues considered by Council if elected. Thank you for your consideration.

2017 APA Convention Update

Kelly Dunn, Ph.D.

The 2017 APA Convention is in Washington, D.C. on August 3 to 6

Please plan to join us this year in sunny Washington, D.C. for the 125th annual APA convention! This year's Division programming includes a diverse array of talks and posters that showcases the large breadth of research our members are conducting in the area of psychopharmacology and substance use. In addition to our standard poster session, we are sponsoring several symposia that highlight a range of preclinical and clinical research, and are participating in several collaborative programming sessions in order to disseminate Division 28 research to other relevant divisions.

Symposia:

- Alcohol and Drug Use in Adolescents and Emerging Adults
- Keeping the Bar High- Maintaining Scientific Integrity in a World of Big Business and Mass Media
- Nicotine and Tobacco Use and Assessment among Pregnant and Nonpregnant Women of Reproductive Age
- Novel Methods to Treat Opioid Misuse
- Trends and Technological Approaches to Addressing HIV in Substance Users

Collaborative Programming:

- Pot, Psychedelics, and Speed- Exploring Therapeutic Potential of Abused Drugs
- Carrots Taste Better Than Sticks - Positive Reinforcement for Behavior Change
- Past, Present, and Future of HIV/AIDS Science and Practice in Psychology
- Talking Talks: The Use of Emerging Technologies for Effective Oral Communication
- Interdisciplinary Team Research
- Complex Comorbidities of Pain and Disability: Innovative Advances in Research and Treatment

In addition, we are continuing to highlight our Early Career Psychologist (ECP) and Student members. Together with Division 50 (Addiction) we are co-sponsoring the Early Career Poster Session and Social Hour that is supported annually by NIDA and NIAAA. This year we will also host a 1-hour **Addiction and Behavioral Science Data Blitz**. The data blitz will be a fun and engaging session wherein students and ECPs from Divisions 28 and 50 will have 2 slides and 2 minutes to present the data from their posters. We encourage you to attend and cheer on the presenters as they work against their 2-minute deadline. The data blitz will precede the poster session, and is designed to facilitate interactions between Divisions 28 and 50, provide valuable exposure for our junior members, and stimulate conversations at the poster session. More information about this session will be forthcoming.

Finally, we are sponsoring several prestigious talks that highlight our Award Winners, elected Fellows, and a Presidential Address by Division 28 President David Festinger. The dates/times of each session are forthcoming; however registration is open so you can begin making your travel arrangements now: <http://www.apa.org/convention/>

Early Career Psychologist Column

Andrea Robinson, Ph.D.

Using Informational Interviews to Explore Career Options

Finding a job is tough! One of the best ways to explore career options and plan your job search is to talk directly with people who work in fields that interest you. Informational interviews are a great way to do just that. So what is an informational interview? Informational interviews are informal meetings where you can ask professionals about their job, their background, their career trajectory, and solicit career advice. Not only do informational interviews help you learn about different professions, they are good ways to network with individuals outside of academia, and they allow you to make a great impression to a potential future employer.

Set up your interview. The first step to conducting an informational interview is to find people with jobs that look intriguing. Once you've identified individuals to interview, you need to contact them. E-mail is the most popular first point of contact. While many of us are intimidated by the process of asking a stranger for a meeting, I think most professionals believe there is value in making connections and "paying it forward" to those of us just starting out. In fact, many employers encourage their employees to conduct informational interviews as a way to identify new talent and promote their company. In your email, make it clear that you are not interested in a job interview, but simply in gathering information. It is also a good idea to let them know how much time you are requesting (e.g. 30 minutes to ask five or six questions). If possible, arrange to meet at the interviewee's workplace. If getting together in person is not possible, you might arrange a phone or Skype interview.

Conduct your interview. Before your interview, prepare a list of questions to be sure you get the information you need. Remember the goal of your interview is to understand that person's job responsibilities, how they found the position, the career trajectory for someone in their position, and information about the future of their industry. Don't ask generic questions that can be answered through a web search. Prepare about five to six open-ended questions to get you started; other questions will naturally arise in your conversation.

The following are sample interview questions:

1. *On a typical day in this position, what do you do?*
2. *What part of this job do you find most satisfying? Most challenging?*
3. *What types of skills and experiences are necessary to succeed in your position?*
4. *How did you navigate the job search to get this position?*
5. *What opportunities for career advancement are there for someone in your position?*
6. *From my research, I've found these companies/agencies in your field; can you tell me anything about them?*
7. *Can you recommend anyone else for me to talk to in order to learn more?*

Say thank you! After your informational interview, don't forget to send a thank you email or thank you card within 24 - 48 hours to the person you interviewed. This will let them know that you value their time.

Want to learn more about informational interviews? The following websites have additional information on how to get started, tips for conducting your interview, and general interview questions. Good luck in your job search!

- 1) https://www.training.nih.gov/assets/Informational_Interviews.pdf
- 2) <http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2009/03/informational-interview>
- 3) <http://blog.addgene.org/scientist-networking-what-is-an-informational-interview>
- 4) <https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker/informational-interview>
- 5) <http://money.usnews.com/money/careers/articles/2012/07/26/what-is-an-informational-interview-anyway>

Student Representative Column

Justin Strickland

Participating in the Peer Review Process

NAVIGATING PEER REVIEW FOR THE FIRST TIME

The peer review process may seem unclear or daunting as a graduate student navigating it for the first time. This is unfortunate because peer review does not have to be an intimidating experience. In fact, with the appropriate mindset, it ultimately makes for better science and better researchers. Below is a brief set of tips and tricks for your first foray into peer review.

1. Go the Extra Mile Before You Begin. A successful review experience begins before you even submit a paper. Make sure that the journal fits the scope of your research and that your content is targeted to that journal's audience. Inappropriate journal selection can result in rejection of an otherwise good research project. A manuscript filled with typos also decreases the attention reviewers can allocate to research content and increases the likelihood of misinterpretation. Careful consideration of this journal selection and manuscript preparation step is essential.

2. Don't Take It Personally. Peer reviews are critical by nature. Sometimes this criticism may make you mad, upset, or confused, and that is okay. However, do not let those feelings paralyze you from making forward progress or stop you from submitting in the first place. And, if your article is rejected, do not take it personally. Remember that the acceptance of an article depends on several factors beyond the value of the research and sometimes that includes just dumb luck. As [Guyatt and Haynes \(2006\)](#)¹ put it, the only solution to bad fortune is to "choose a coauthor known to have extraordinary and unwarranted good luck."

3. Be Responsive and Respectful. Polite and efficient responses make for happier and more helpful reviewers. This is accomplished with clear response letters that: 1) copy each concern point-by-point, 2) provide detailed replies, and 3) include direct text from the revised manuscript that addresses those recommendations. Such an approach reduces the burden placed on editors and reviewers. Remember too that reviewers make mistakes. If a reviewer asks for information that is already included in the manuscript, there is no need to criticize them. Something that was unclear to a reviewer is likely to be unclear to a future reader, so you will want to address these misconceptions or misunderstandings directly in your manuscript.

4. Walk a Mile in a Reviewer's Shoes. Seek out opportunities to participate in the peer review process as a reviewer. For example, ask your advisor if you can collaborate on a review. This is a great opportunity to get individualized mentorship about the process and see one example of the many ways that reviews are written. Alternatively, a growing number of journals are including graduate students as peer reviewers (e.g., APA's *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*; you can sign up [here](#))². Reviewing manuscripts is not only an opportunity to learn about peer review and hone your own writing skills, but is also a great way to give back to psychological science and build your CV.

¹ Guyatt, G.H., Haynes, R.B. (2006). Preparing reports for publication and responding to reviewers' comments. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*, 59, 900-906.

² <http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/tps/call-for-reviewers.aspx>

2017 Division 28 Award Winners

Catherine Stanger, Ph.D.

Please join me in congratulating our 2017 Division 28 Award Winners! We had many excellent candidates nominated in all three categories, and I would like to thank all the nominees and those who nominated them for their participation this year. Division 28 has an outstanding roster of early career and senior scientists doing excellent work.



MED Associates Brady-Schuster Award

Dorothy Hatsukami, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychiatry
University of Minnesota

This award honors a mid-career or senior scientist (at least 15 years after doctoral degree) who conducts outstanding research underscoring the fundamental importance of behavioral science to psychopharmacology or substance abuse.

This year's winner is **Dorothy Hatsukami, Ph.D.** Dr. Hatsukami is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota. Minnesota takes it 2 years in a row! Go Golden Gophers! Dr. Hatsukami currently conducts research in the area of tobacco regulatory science, focusing on the impact of product standards that reduce a tobacco product's appeal, abuse liability and toxicity.

Young Psychopharmacologist Award

James Mahoney, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Medicine
and Psychiatry
West Virginia University

This award honors a young scientist conducting original, meritorious work in psychopharmacology and encourages excellence in research at the interface between the disciplines of pharmacology and psychology.

Dr. Mahoney's current research focus involves investigating the neuropsychological sequelae associated with opioid use disorder including those neurocognitive deficits produced and/or exacerbated by chronic use. In addition, he is investigating potential moderating factors impacting continued opioid use and treatment outcomes.





Outstanding Dissertation Award

Elizabeth Holly, Ph.D.

Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology at Tufts University
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Neuroscience at the
University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

This award honors the best doctoral dissertation in
psychopharmacology and substance abuse.

The title of Dr. Holly's dissertation was "Corticotropin releasing factor and dopamine interactions in a heterogeneous ventral segmental area: How can aversive experiences heighten cocaine self-administration?" Dr. Holly's research as a postdoctoral fellow is now focused on how striatal GABAergic interneurons are involved in goal-directed behaviors for both sweet and social rewards.

The award ceremony for the 2017 winners will be held at the 2017 APA convention in Washington, D.C. this August. Congratulations to all, and we look forward to your presentations in Washington!

New Fellows Nominations

Matthew W. Johnson, Ph.D.

Division 28 is seeking nominations for new Fellows. As described by APA, "Fellow status is an honor bestowed upon APA members who have shown evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions or performance in the field of psychology. Fellow status requires that a person's work has had a national impact on the field of psychology beyond a local, state, or regional level. A high level of competence or steady and continuing contributions are not sufficient to warrant fellow status. National impact must be demonstrated."

In Division 28 a successful nominee will typically be 10-15 years post-doctorate, have a minimum of 30 publications and a track record of external funding, and can document national impact of her or his research.

If you would like to nominate a colleague for consideration for Fellow status, please send her or his CV and contact information to the address below. You may also nominate somebody who is already an APA Fellow (with relevance to our Division), but who is not yet a Fellow of Division 28. Self-nominations are also welcomed.

Contact Information for Fellow Nominations:

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Division 28 Membership Information

Dustin Stairs, Ph.D.

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, Young Psychopharmacologist, Med Associates Brady/Schuster Award).

Please contact our membership chair Dustin Stairs (dustinstairs@creighton.edu) or visit our membership page at <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-28/membership/index.aspx> for more information!

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- Recognition of corporate support at annual APA membership meeting
- Liaison(s) eligible to subscribe to Division members-only listserv
- Liaison(s) participation in active and growing Division 28 social media presence
- Receive overview of relevant programming at APA convention

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OR

Dr. Will Aklin (Division 28 Treasurer) at aklinwm@nida.nih.gov

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Updates on *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*

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As you may know, I had the honor of beginning my service as Incoming Editor for *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology* in January 2017. I have been handling new submissions since that date, but the journal remains under the watchful eye of the current Editor, my friend and esteemed colleague, Suzette M. Evans, Ph.D., until the end of the year. Suzette has thoughtfully shepherded and ardently advocated for the journal over these past years, implementing innovations in the journal like increasing the focus on sex differences. This was an early adoption of an important trend that is now being seen in all of our NIH grant applications. Thank you, Suzette, for your service to the field and your support of my nascent editorship!

My goals for the journal are to maintain and increase its stature in the field, as well as to enhance the inclusiveness of the journal's audience, authors, reviewers and consulting editors. I'm only just starting down this road, but I'm excited to say that we have added more submission types for the journal, including brief reports, brief reviews and case reports, as a way to better engage a diverse audience. I'm also thrilled to have an outstanding group of consulting editors supporting the journal's efforts. It is an engaged and influential group of early career and more seasoned investigators who will help to steer us towards success. The scope of the journal remains largely unchanged, but we have expanded the focus on sex differences started by Dr. Evans to include other relevant biological variables, given NIH's recent guidelines on these important factors. The scope was also edited to more strongly encourage submissions about experimental and clinical psychopharmacology research of all types (e.g., studies on the effects of antidepressants or anxiolytics), in addition to our already robust base of substance abuse related publications.

Information about the journal's scope, instructions for authors and consulting editors can be found here: <http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/pha/>.

I encourage you to become involved with the journal—submit a paper, sign up to be a reviewer or contact me about your interest in serving as a consulting editor at william.stoops@uky.edu. *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology* closely aligns with the interests of Division 28 and its members; it will be made stronger by your participation!

Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse News Editorial Policy

Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse News is a thrice-yearly publication of Division 28. It is devoted to keeping its members informed about the activities of Division 28 and to news and comments concerning all aspects of psychopharmacology and substance abuse. Articles, comments, announcements, and advertisements should be sent to the editor, Erin McClure.

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Training and Employment Announcements

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT'S CENTER ON BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The University of Vermont's Center on Behavior and Health (VCBH) announces NIH postdoctoral research fellowship opportunities in our internationally recognized center of excellence for the study of substance abuse.

Eligibility: Applicants must have completed their training in psychology, behavior analysis, or a related discipline and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Trainees are selected on the basis of scholastic record and commitment to a career in substance abuse research. Individuals must be highly motivated, possess initiative and a desire to learn and expand their interests and expertise.

Appointment: 2-3 years.

Benefits: Stipend, medical insurance coverage, and travel funds supported by NIH Institutional Training Awards.

To apply: Send application form ([downloaded from VCBH website](#)), a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and 3 letters of reference to: Dr. Stephen Higgins c/o Ms. Marissa Wells (mwells2@uvm.edu).

About us: The VCBH was established in 2013, sponsored in part by a Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) Award from the National Institute on General Medical Sciences and a Centers of Tobacco Regulatory Science (TCORS) Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The VCBH resides within the College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, with the director and administrative offices being located within the Department of Psychiatry, and participating investigators, collaborators, and advisors across 15 academic departments in the College of Medicine and 7 colleges within the University of Vermont and 5 other universities. The VCBH is further strengthened by interdisciplinary collaborations with key community healthcare leaders and distinguished scientific advisory panels. The focus of the VCBH is on investigating relationships between personal behaviors and risk for chronic disease and premature death, with a specific focus on understanding mechanisms underpinning risk, and developing effective interventions and policies to promote healthy behavior.

For more information: Contact Ms. Marissa Wells at mwells2@uvm.edu or see our [website](#).

Burlington, Vermont is located in the beautiful Lake Champlain region, surrounded by the Green and Adirondack Mountains. It is a great place for families, boasting excellent schools and year-round recreational opportunities. It is home to the University of Vermont and many other colleges that provide an academically stimulating and culturally rich environment. Montreal and Boston are within easy driving distances.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY HUMAN RESEARCH TRAINING

Postdoctoral research fellowships available in a stimulating, productive program with excellent resources. Prepare to be an independent investigator.

HUMAN LABORATORY -- behavioral & clinical pharmacology of abused drugs (abuse liability, self-administration, cognitive/ memory function, impulsivity, neuroimaging); anti-drug abuse medication development; behavioral research related to addiction: delay discounting, behavioral economics, and sexual risk behavior. Opioids, cocaine, anxiolytics, alcohol, caffeine, nicotine, hallucinogens, psilocybin, salvinorin A, MDMA, methamphetamine.

CLINICAL TRIALS - testing medications, behavioral therapies (especially incentive/contingency-based), and combinations; psychiatric comorbidity research; addiction & pregnancy/women; therapeutic applications for psilocybin (cancer anxiety & smoking cessation). Opioid, cocaine, tobacco, mixed/other dependencies

Eligibility: U.S. citizen, permanent resident. Many backgrounds are appropriate, including experimental or clinical psychology, pharmacology, psychiatry, neuroscience, public health, and social work. Background in human or nonhuman research is appropriate

NIH stipend levels: \$37,000 to \$51,000

Start Date: Flexible.

Faculty: George Bigelow, Roland Griffiths, Maxine Stitzer, Eric Strain, Kenneth Silverman, Robert Brooner, Miriam Mintzer, Una McCann, Ryan Vandrey, Matthew Johnson, Kelly Dunn, David Thompkins, Denis Antoine, Fred Barrett

To apply: Contact George Bigelow; BPRU, Behavioral Biology Research Center; 5510 Nathan Shock Drive; Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus; Baltimore, Maryland 21224-6823. (410) 550-003, bigelow@jhmi.edu. For more information see www.bpru.org.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO (UCSF) POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEESHIP IN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND SERVICES RESEARCH

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS: Positions as Postdoctoral Scholars in drug abuse treatment and services research available immediately in the Department of Psychiatry at UCSF. Postdoctoral Scholars work with a preceptor to design and implement studies on the treatment of drug dependence. Scholars have the opportunity to select specific area of focus for independent research projects, while working with core faculty members with strong histories of mentorship, obtaining extramural funding, and ongoing research productivity. Current faculty research interests include: trials of efficacy and effectiveness of psychosocial and pharmacologic treatments of drug abuse; research on treatments tailored for persons living with HIV, persons who use drugs, and with psychiatric and

medical disorders; research on provision of services to drug-abusing populations; innovative methodology, and treatment of complex patients in innovative settings. Traineeships are usually for two years, with a possible third year with stipends funded by NIH/NIDA. Prioritizes the training of psychiatrists, women, and minorities for academic research careers.

To be considered for a traineeship, please email your letter of interest, CV, research statement, and samples of representative work to rebecca.cook@ucsf.edu. Two letters of recommendation can be emailed as signed PDF documents, or sent by mail to:

Postdoctoral Training Program in Drug Abuse Treatment/Services Research
University of California, San Francisco
1001 Potrero Avenue, Bldg 20, Box 0852
San Francisco, CA 94110-3518;

For more information please visit <http://addiction.ucsf.edu/education/postdoctoral-training> or contact rebecca.cook@ucsf.edu or 415-206-3051.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESEARCH POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

One position is available in Dr. Mary Abood's laboratory to characterize the structure and function of the CB1 cannabinoid receptors as well as the candidate cannabinoid receptors GPR55 and GPR18. Current techniques in the laboratory include multiple in vitro signaling assays, site-directed mutagenesis, mammalian expression systems, receptor binding, primary culture, immunocytochemistry, and rodent behavioral testing. A second position is available in Dr. Lynn Kirby's laboratory

to investigate the role of the serotonin system in the affective components of substance abuse and stress-induced reinstatement using a combination of behavioral models (self-administration, conditioned placepreference) and ex vivo patch-clamp electrophysiology. Other ongoing projects include investigation of cannabinoid and candidate cannabinoid receptor-mediated effects on cognitive function and hippocampal synaptic plasticity as well as the neuroprotective effects of cannabinoids in a model of ischemic stroke. A third position is open in Dr. Lee-Yuan Liu-Chen's lab to characterize differential effects of kappa opioid agonists on behaviors (analgesia, anti-scratch, conditioned place aversion, hypolocomotion and motor incoordination) and to investigate the biochemical mechanisms underlying the differential effects using techniques such as receptor pharmacology, phosphoproteomics and signaling. In addition, Dr. Liu-Chen's lab will characterize a recently generated knockin mouse strain expressing a kappa opioid receptor conjugated with a fluorescent protein, in terms of agonist-promoted internalization and involvement of the kappa opioid receptor in itch and reward pathways.

Eligibility: Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applicants should have a Ph.D. completed within the last 1-2 years in Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Cell Biology, Psychology or related fields. A background in the

above techniques, good written and oral communication skills, and the ability to work independently in a supportive and interactive environment is strongly desirable.

Appointment: The initial appointment will be for one year with the possibility of renewal for 2 more yrs.

Benefits: Stipend and travel funds supported by NIH Institutional Training Awards.

To apply: Send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and 3 letters of reference to Dr. Mary Abood, mabood@temple.edu CSAR, Lewis Katz School of Medicine, 3500 N. Broad St, Philadelphia, PA, 19140.

VIRGINIA TECH CARILION RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ADDICTION RECOVERY RESEARCH CENTER POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Addiction Recovery Research Center of the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute has NIH-funded postdoctoral research associate opportunities in a state-of-the-art research facility. The postdoctoral associate will contribute to NIDA, NIAAA, NCI, and NIDDK funded research studies employing behavioral economics and neuro-economic approaches to address addiction, obesity, and other health behaviors using both human laboratory and clinical trial methodologies. These positions will participate in studies using our International Quit & Recovery Registry and studies employing neuro-modulatory transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and fMRI technologies. Research duties will involve authoring and co-authoring manuscripts, assisting with grant writing, and collaborating with investigators. The Addiction Recovery Research Center has an exceptional track record of helping postdoctoral associates further their careers as investigators.

Appointment: 2-3 years.

Eligibility: Applicants should be interested in pursuing a career in addiction, obesity, and health behaviors research. Applicants should also be effective and productive writers and have research training in clinical, experimental, or cognitive psychology or related disciplines. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. in psychology, behavior analysis, or a related field. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Benefits: Full-time annual salary, medical insurance coverage, and travel funds supported by NIH grants. Translational research training and career development opportunities are provided as part of this position.

For more information: Contact Ms. Patsy Marshall (patsym@vtc.vt.edu).

To apply: Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and 3 letters of reference to: Dr. Warren K. Bickel c/o Ms. Patsy

Marshall (patsym@vtc.vt.edu). Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

About us: The Addiction Recovery Research Center (ARRC) was established in 2011 as part of the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute, an innovative partnership of Virginia Tech and Carilion Clinic. The facilities and research teams are world-class and focus on transdisciplinary research on the scientific underpinnings of health and a range of diseases and disorders. Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute represents a new model for biomedical and behavioral science in which creative scientists can approach major problems with breadth and depth in a nurturing and intellectually challenging environment.

About Roanoke, Virginia: Roanoke, Virginia is located in Southwest Virginia in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and accessible by the Blue Ridge Parkway. Roanoke is a vibrant community with an active downtown full of restaurants, theaters, museums, and a new amphitheater that is home to many seasonal festivals and music events. Roanoke also offers great opportunities for an active outdoor lifestyle with 30 miles of greenway connecting charming neighborhoods and beautiful parks along the Roanoke River.

MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER (MSKCC), DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
FACULTY POSITION IN TOBACCO TREATMENT

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) welcomes applications from behavioral scientists and/or clinical health psychologists with interests in tobacco treatment to join the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Academic rank is open and outstanding new clinician-scientists will be considered. The ideal candidate is a clinician-scientist with a demonstrated strong track record of scholarly achievement, success in securing extramural funding for independent research and a keen dedication to making discoveries that address tobacco treatment disparities and promote tobacco-related cancer prevention and control outcomes via patient, provider and systems-level interventions. Specific area of tobacco treatment is open, though candidates with interests in dissemination and implementation of clinical practice guidelines for treating tobacco dependence, tobacco treatment among cancer patients/survivors, low income smokers and other vulnerable subpopulations, alternate tobacco products (ENDS) and mobile and other e-health treatment interventions would be especially attractive.

MSKCC provides unusually rich opportunities for conducting tobacco dependence treatment research. Our Tobacco Treatment Program offers behavioral counseling and pharmacologic management of acute nicotine withdrawal and tobacco dependence with particular focus

on cancer patients and their families. There are extensive collaborative opportunities for community-based dissemination and implementation research among diverse populations with observed disparities in tobacco cessation outcomes. The department currently has 36 full-time faculty members with broad psycho-oncology research interests in cancer prevention and control including immigrant and other health disparities, cancer survivorship, health behavior change interventions, doctor-patient communication, neuro-cognitive research, behavioral genomics, quality of life measurement, psychotherapy, symptom control, and palliative care. The current tobacco research portfolio conducted by a collaborative team of investigators with expertise in tobacco epidemiology, communication science and clinical health psychology focuses on special populations of smokers (cancer survivors, HIV+ smokers, low income smokers, older smokers seeking lung cancer screening), evaluation of novel cessation interventions (risk communication, virtual reality) and dissemination and implementation of clinical practice guidelines in various health care settings (cancer care, community health centers, dental clinics, lung cancer screening sites). We are also interested in training oncology providers to integrate tobacco treatment in routine cancer care. All faculty hold academic appointments at the Weill Cornell Medical College. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. MSKCC provides excellent benefits including options for faculty housing. MSKCC is an Equal Opportunity /Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Send cover letter and *curriculum vitae* to:

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