

## From the President's Desk

Ellen Walker, Ph.D.

I would like to start my last Presidential newsletter column with a question for our membership – where do we see ourselves in the next five years? Where do we want to go and what would we like to see as a contingent of researchers, academicians, teachers, and practitioners interested in psychopharmacology and substance abuse? As Margaret Mead stated, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Can we change the progress, focus, or direction of our Division? Of course we can; there are frequent opportunities for change, we just need to act. Each year, we have the usual changes of the elected officers and every three years we have the reappointments of other officers, councilors, liaisons, and representatives. Each group of motivated people brings new ideas and a different outlook to the Division. Amazingly, we have a number of outstanding individuals that fulfill multiple, sequential roles within the Division or have contributed year after year in their position. These folks provide tremendous service to Division and their colleagues and bring their perspective or sense of history from their previous roles to their current responsibilities. Personally, I thank these colleagues and actually the whole Executive Committee for their support this year; it really does take a village to keep on top of all the small and large tasks to keep Division 28 together.



So what has recently changed in the Division? In the past few years, Division 28 has seen some interesting transformations and some new initiatives. From a procedural point of view, Division 28 has adopted the use of Division Services to handle our membership process for a fee. While there were some growing pains initially, and we are still ironing out some details, this practice has smoothed out the process for joining the Division and we are tracking a small increase in membership. This is probably due to our ability to more easily convert student members to regular members as they graduate and the convergence of online membership portals feeding into our membership pool. The governance of APA at large is going through some major changes to streamline functions for the Board of Directors and the Council of Representatives. Although these modifications are proceeding at a snail's pace due resistance from a vocal minority, the proposed structure will eventually better serve the smaller, science-focused Divisions and will hopefully provide us with slightly more influence. Another new change in 2014 was the switch to collaborative programming across the Divisions of APA which theoretically would provide us an opportunity to increase our programming hours at the annual meeting. There were a number of challenges to implementing this collaborative programming initiative this year including a different submission and review process, only a few collaborative submissions this first time around, and the actual scheduling of the hours in concert with our own program. Nevertheless, our Program Chair Richard Allen, Ph.D., did a great job of pulling everything together, so I really thank him for all his efforts. The ground is broken for

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## Congratulations to New Fellows

Stephen J. Heishman, Ph.D.

I am pleased to announce that the APA Council of Representatives at the August APA Convention elected the following individuals to initial Fellow status in Division 28 effective September 2014:

Eric Donny, Ph.D.

Karen Ingersoll, Ph.D.

Mark LeSage, Ph.D.

Cecile Marczinski, Ph.D.

Catherine Stanger, Ph.D.

Also at the August Convention, the Division 28 Executive Committee elected to Fellow status the following individual who is a current APA Fellow of another division.

Ming Li, Ph.D.

Fellow status is awarded based on evidence of outstanding contribution in the field of psychology. Please join me in congratulating our newly elected Fellows!

If you would like to nominate a colleague for consideration for initial Fellow status or if you know someone who is already an APA Fellow, but not of Division 28, please email his or her CV and contact information to Dr. John Roll ([johnroll@wsu.edu](mailto:johnroll@wsu.edu)), the new Fellows Chair effective January 1, 2015. Self-nominations are also welcomed.

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collaborative programming, so I suspect we will have more of these hours in 2015. Finally, our Division co-sponsored a second mid-year meeting with Division 50 called Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction (CPA). The first CPA evolved from an Interdivisional Grant Program put together in 2013 by Anthony Liguori, Ph.D., and Sara Jo Nixon, Ph.D., Presidents of Divisions 28 and 50, respectively. In 2014, the second annual Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction meeting was successful, especially due to the herculean efforts by the Co-Chairs Katie Witkiewitz, Ph.D., and Jennifer Buckman, Ph.D. Nevertheless, as our Division is half the size of Division 50, the portion of Division 28 members in attendance along with consideration of the costs of both a midyear meeting and an annual meeting swayed the Executive Committee to decide that we should focus on the annual meeting at this particular point in our history and budget. Fortunately, Division 50 is continuing the CPA meetings and information on it can be found in this newsletter (see [page 11](#)).

One thing that has not changed much in the past years has been the demographics and the actual numbers of members in Division 28, which of course has an influence on our voice within APA and our budget. A reading through past President's columns reveals goals to diversify and increase membership. Each year we see a small increase in dues-paying members or affiliates which is critical to keep moving forward. However, our Division membership roster has some interesting characteristics. Currently, half of our regular membership roster is senior Dues-Exempt members or Fellows. These are our colleagues that have maintained their membership over the years, often serving in various roles within Division 28, and clearly are interested in staying in touch or participating in divisional activities. We appreciate their continued membership! Although they no longer pay dues to the Division, any of these members can donate to the Division by sending tax-deductible contributions to our Treasurer which would help us immensely to sponsor more awards and programming during the year. Our roster also includes a large number of student members that pay a reduced membership fee, but obviously ensure the future of Division 28. A recent trend is a growing number of people that join Division 28 as affiliate members without joining APA. These are people with a strong interest in Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse but not necessarily interested in APA or psychology at large. Finally, when I look through our membership roster, I am always impressed with the qualifications and accomplishments of our members. We have no problems each year finding outstanding candidates for Fellow status or excellent people for our awards. These individuals are the members or potential members that especially need to step forward and help us direct Division 28 on its future course or for our recent award winners, join our Division.

So where do I see Division 28 in the next five years? To continue to survive as a Division of APA, we need more members, of course. This will require continued vigilance and new membership ideas from the Executive Committee as in years past. I am turning over this Presidency in January to the exceptionally talented William Stoops, Ph.D., so I am confident 2015 will be an excellent year for Division 28. But I also see that our future will be a challenge between the necessary and literally required collaborations across Divisions of APA, while maintaining our own identity as Psychopharmacologists within those collaborations.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy transition to the New Year. I challenge all our members: help us steer the Division in a direction for a future that you envision. Cheers!

## Advocacy Update

Kelly Dunn, Ph.D.

### E-cigarette Regulation

Currently, e-cigarettes do not fall under the jurisdiction that was granted to the FDA by the [Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act](#)<sup>1</sup> (2009), which permitted the FDA to regulate the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco but did not broaden the FDA's purview to include all nicotine-based products. The [FDA has proposed an amendment](#)<sup>2</sup> that would expand the scope of the Tobacco Control Act to include all tobacco-based products, including cigars and electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and [has scheduled a public workshop](#)<sup>3</sup> titled "E-Cigarettes and the Public Health" on December 10-11<sup>th</sup> to collect information from scientific and medical experts, as well as other stakeholders, regarding the impact of regulating e-cigarettes under the Tobacco Control Act. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the APA joined 23 other groups to urge the FDA to officially regulate e-cigarettes as tobacco products. E-cigarettes are already under [similar regulation in Europe](#).<sup>4</sup>

### New Website To Search for Federally-Funded Grants

NIH is developing a website that will enable you to search for research grants that are supported by both NIH and other federal agencies (including the Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Veteran's Affairs, etc.). The website looks similar to the [NIH Reporter website](#)<sup>5</sup> that is currently used to search for NIH-funded projects. It is titled the [Federal RePORTER](#)<sup>6</sup> and though it is still being tested, it is available now online for early use. The website will add several new features beyond those available with NIH Reporter, including graphical visualizations of search results (such as plotting results on a map of the US) and the ability to download images and summaries into Powerpoint and Excel. These features support a major goal of the project, which is to provide a method for demonstrating the national and global value of federally-funded research.

### Proposal to Make Sex a New Biological Requirement in Research

The [NIH has been soliciting opinions](#)<sup>7</sup> from researchers and other stakeholders regarding a new potential requirement to consider sex as a biological variable in the design and analysis of NIH-funded research involving animals and cells. This was outlined in a [Nature commentary](#).<sup>8</sup> Requests for comments closed on October 24, 2014, so expect the results and a final decision to be forthcoming.

### Changes to IACUC Regulations

On August 26, 2014, the NIH issued significant changes regarding the use of animals in research, specifically related to Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC's) regulations. A summary of the changes are available [here](#).<sup>9</sup>

### NIH to Provide Grant Writing Webinars

NIH will be hosting free webinars to support grant development. The webinars will be presented by experts from the Center for Scientific Review and will cover 4 different kinds of grant mechanisms (Fellowship Awards, R01's, R15's, Small Business Grants). The webinars begin on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and more details and instructions for registration are available [here](#).<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/04/25/2014-09491/deeming-tobacco-products-to-be-subject-to-the-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic-act-as-amended-by-the-h-11>

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<sup>4</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/revision/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/revision/index_en.htm)

<sup>5</sup> <http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>

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<sup>7</sup> <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-128.html>

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## Early Career Psychologist Column

Adriana Falco, Ph.D. & Diann Gaalema, Ph.D.

### Mentorship Benefits for Early Career Psychologists

Feeling depressed, anxious, like you're not good enough? You're not alone. We all know that being an early career psychologist can be stressful. Likely you've been moving across the country to maintain your position in a field that probably has been producing many more candidates than there are decent slots. So feeling [isolated and overwhelmed](#)<sup>1</sup> you must also be grateful that you've landed your current position and don't forget you need to work yourself ragged to deserve to remain in that slot. Life may seem to be a choice between [productivity and a healthy lifestyle](#).<sup>2</sup> Is it any surprise that mental illness stalks our halls? And worse yet, the majority of those who are suffering from mental illness are unwilling to [tell colleagues](#)<sup>3</sup> about it, and this is even less likely to be admitted to a person in a position of power. Academics that do seek help from their supervisors garner responses that vary from "Superb and patient academic supervision," to "Get treatment or lose your job." Historically academia has been unkind to admissions of weakness and it seems as though that school of thought has [not yet left the building](#).<sup>4</sup> I, myself, have been in units that have downplayed, ignored or even promoted mental illness. While one supervisor may joke that "if you haven't developed a sleeping disorder you aren't doing your dissertation right" the joke is likely lost on the student. Overwork and ignoring signs of mental illness become normalized and perpetuated. I've heard many colleagues admit to struggles with depression after one too many drinks, struggles they would never admit to in the sober light of day, and I have lost at least one colleague to suicide. So, what can we do to change this atmosphere? First of all let's try to at least admit this is a problem. We should not be promoting working oneself to physical or mental illness and we should not be ashamed to talk about the problems we're having. Perhaps we can start by getting the conversation started. If you left up a sheet of paper asking people to anonymously report whether or not they've been suffering feelings of depression or anxiety what kind of a response would you get? This may be more common than we think and even such a small public example could get people talking. Could you talk to one or two of your colleagues to see how they're really doing and be honest about how you are doing? Something more than the usual "how's it going?" (which I have to admit I've been hearing quite a bit more "it's going" and less "fine" or "good" which is in itself disturbing). On another level, do you know what resources are available at your location for those seeking help? If you are a supervisor could you make sure your subordinates know that help is available and by extension that seeking help is something they should be doing? Whether these problems hit home for you we should all take steps to help ourselves and others.

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- Adriana Falco & Diann Gaalema

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/blog/2014/may/08/work-pressure-fuels-academic-mental-illness-guardian-study-health>

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## Student Representative Column

Alexa Lopez

### The Academic *Hunger Games*: Searching for Employment Post-PhD

For those of you unfamiliar with the *Hunger Games Trilogy* books and movies, the *Hunger Games* are set in the dystopian future of the United States where adolescent male and female participants from each of the 12 districts (states) must compete in a televised battle where they fight to the death. While this may sound very different from graduate school, there are some similarities that can be drawn and you may feel yourself as a competitor in a battle arena trying to find that perfect post-PhD employment opportunity. There is growing evidence that there are not enough tenure track positions for the number of doctorates being awarded, including those with degrees in psychology. According to [an article in The Atlantic](#),<sup>1</sup> less than 20% of those graduating with life sciences PhDs in 2011 had direct employment lined up. While the vast majority obtains postdoctoral training (44%), 37% do not have postdoctoral fellowships or employment positions and are essentially un/underemployed. For comparison, [the unemployment rate in 2013](#)<sup>2</sup> for those without a high school diploma was 29%. These “unemployed” PhD recipients may not in fact be unemployed, but rather “[underemployed](#)”<sup>3</sup> where they cannot find an adequate full-time position that reflects their educational training.

There is also [increasing evidence](#)<sup>4</sup> that the number of full-time tenure track positions have been steadily decreasing, with the majority of college faculty being part-time employees. At public four-year colleges in 2009, 46% of professors were employed part-time. Within private colleges the split between full- and part-time was closer to 50/50. With the increase in demand for professors since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century due to college enrollment increases, there has been an increase in adjunct faculty by 300%—without the same increase for tenure-track positions.

So what can you do as a graduate student in order to increase the odds in your favor? A recent gradPSYCH [blog post by Nabil El-Ghoroury](#)<sup>5</sup> paraphrased here offers four helpful tips that graduate students in all disciplines can benefit from: **1) Ally with your colleagues.** Build alliances during graduate school by developing collaborative projects with fellow students. Funding agencies prefer collaborative grants, and you may be able to generate more publications through these collaborations. **2) Learn helpful skills.** Think about what you need to land your academic dream job, and pursue opportunities to gain these skills. Departments are always looking for professors who can teach statistics or research methods, or you may want to gain experience with cutting-edge techniques such as fMRI to make you a more appealing job candidate. **3) Advocate for more resources.** Advocacy for increased funding for science research at the federal and state levels could lead to increases in research faculty positions. Instead of deleting those emails calling for advocacy to your representatives, take the time to respond. **4) Create an alternative path to victory.** You may discover in graduate school that academia isn’t for you. With a psychology PhD you have a skill set that can translate to many nontraditional careers. Take the time to search for alternative career opportunities and seek guidance and insight from someone currently in a nontraditional career.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2013/02/the-phd-bust-americas-awful-market-for-young-scientists-in-7-charts/273339/>

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.gradpsychblog.org/the-academic-hunger-games-are-the-odds-in-your-favor/#.VC2mUfmwINN>

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- Alexa Lopez

## 2015 Division 28 Awards

Sharon Walsh, Ph.D.

The call for Division 28 awards will be announced in the coming month. Nominations are requested for the 2015 MED Associates Brady-Schuster Award, Outstanding Dissertation Award, and the Young Psychopharmacologist Award. These awards will be given at the 2015 APA convention in Toronto. Last year's winners were **Dr. Alice Young**, MED Associates Brady-Schuster Award; **Dr. Cassandra Gipson**, Young Psychopharmacologist Award; and **Dr. Rebecca Sripada**, Outstanding Dissertation Award.

The **MED-Associates Brady Schuster 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. The award includes \$500, an engraved plaque, and travel support for the recipient to attend the meeting.

The **Young Psychopharmacologist 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. The award includes \$500, an engraved plaque, and travel support for the recipient to attend.

The **Outstanding Dissertation Award** honors the best doctoral dissertation in psychopharmacology and substance abuse. The award includes \$250, an engraved plaque, and travel support for the recipient to attend the meeting. All awardees are invited to give an address during a special Division 28 session at the conference.

Please take some time over the next weeks to identify qualified nominees and submit nomination materials. *Candidates must be nominated by a Member or Fellow of Division 28.* It is preferred, but not required, that nominees be a member of Division 28 and APA. Please also consider nomination a candidate who has been previously nominated but not chosen for one of the awards. Keep an eye out for the upcoming Call for Nominations.

## Thank You to our Donors

Division 28 is grateful to Suzette Evans, Ph.D., for her generous donation of \$500 to provide funds for the Young Psychopharmacologist Award.

Division 28 is also grateful to M. Marlyne Kilbey, Ph.D., John Dougherty, Ph.D., and Salvatore Cianci, Ph.D. for generous contributions to our Division 28 programming and awards.

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## Division 28 Membership Information

### 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](mailto:dustinstairs@creighton.edu)) or visit our membership page at <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-28/membership/index.aspx> for more information!

### Corporate Affiliate Memberships

Corporate contributions support efforts in research, practice, and education. A membership contribution of \$1000 is tax deductible \*

Division 28 is pleased to offer the following benefits to our corporate affiliate members:

- Access to thrice yearly newsletter
- Acknowledgement of support with corporate logo in newsletter
- Newsletter acknowledgement hyperlinked to corporate website, and available to all through newsletter posting on the Division 28 website
- 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

For questions regarding Division 28 and Corporate Affiliate Membership visit our website for more information at <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-28/membership/index.aspx> or contact:

Dr. Ellen Walker (Division 28 President) at [ellen.walker@temple.edu](mailto:ellen.walker@temple.edu)

OR

Dr. Jane Acri (Division 28 Treasurer) at [jacri@nih.gov](mailto:jacri@nih.gov)

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## Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction 2015



3rd Annual Meeting  
March 6-7, 2015  
Baltimore, MD

COLLABORATIVE  
PERSPECTIVES on  
ADDICTION



### The landscape of how people use drugs and recover from addiction is rapidly changing.

- Patterns of alcohol and other drug use are changing due to new paraphernalia, legalization and decriminalization, and shifts in drug popularity.
- New approaches for assessing substance use are now broadly available, allowing use behaviors to be tracked across longer times and for more substances.
- Addiction treatment is being incorporated into the US health care system as part of the Affordable Care Act.
- New research technologies and innovative treatment approaches are emerging every day.

### The landscape of how we study and treat addiction is struggling to keep pace.

- Assessing long-term substance use may raise ethical dilemmas for clinicians.
- Time-to-dissemination of new assessments and treatments is often slowed by the research-to-research, practice-to-research, and research-to-practice gaps.
- Many new developments take years to implement in the real world.

### Poster proposals due January 20, 2015

For more information, see <http://research.alcoholstudies.rutgers.edu/cpa> or contact Kate Witkiewitz ([katie@unm.edu](mailto:katie@unm.edu))

## Training and Employment Announcements

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

The University of Vermont's Center on Behavior and Health announces the availability of NIH postdoctoral research fellowships in an internationally recognized center of excellence for the study of substance abuse.

**Appointment:** 2-3 yrs.

**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.

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

**For more information:** See the Center's website ([www.uvm.edu/medicine/behaviorandhealth](http://www.uvm.edu/medicine/behaviorandhealth)) or contact Ms. Diana Cain ([Diana.Cain@uvm.edu](mailto:Diana.Cain@uvm.edu)). **To apply:** Forward curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and 3 letters of reference to: Attn: Drs. Stephen Higgins, Sarah Heil, and Stacey Sigmon c/o Ms. Diana Cain ([Diana.Cain@uvm.edu](mailto:Diana.Cain@uvm.edu)).

**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, Anthony DeFulio, Matthew Johnson

**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](mailto:bigelow@jhmi.edu). For more information see [www.bpru.org](http://www.bpru.org).

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

**Overview**

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) is offering this National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded postdoctoral program. Our program is one of the few that trains scientists in treatment and service research. Scholars work with a preceptor to design and implement studies on treatment of drug dependence, including nicotine dependence. Scholars also select a specific area of focus for independent research.

Current research interests of our faculty include

- trials of efficacy and effectiveness of psychosocial and pharmacologic treatment of drug abuse, including tobacco dependence;
- innovative methodology including internet based studies;
- treatment of complex patients in innovative settings;

- diagnostic techniques and research on treatment tailored for HIV positive drug abusers and drug abusers with psychiatric and medical disorders;
- research on provision of services to drug abusing populations; and
- instrument development in drug abuse.

A variety of university-affiliated and community substance abuse programs are available as research sites. These include inpatient and outpatient setting programs that treat a range of problems related to drugs of abuse, including dependence on cocaine, nicotine, alcohol, and opiates. The program encourages close research involvement with the preceptor, and involvement in selected classes, seminars, and grant preparation.

The training program is supported in part by a Center grant, the San Francisco Treatment Research Center, and a grant supporting the Western States Node of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network program. Intellectual resources from other significant extramural funding and R01-level grants are also routinely available to scholars.

**Philosophy**

Our program's unifying philosophy is:

1. Drug abuse treatment and services research must be methodologically excellent and clinically relevant;
2. Problems related to drug abuse are best attacked from a multidisciplinary perspective; and
3. Integration of knowledge of various intellectual domains is essential to the development of effective treatment.

Because our philosophy implies that the quality of the postdoctoral program depends on the quality of the scholars, faculty, and environment, rather than on any particular class or activity, we energetically recruit in order to bring high-quality applicants into a research environment where they will work under the guidance of research-sophisticated investigators.

**Program Faculty**

Our postdoctoral program is directed by a seven-member Executive Committee and has twenty core faculty, representing psychiatry, public health and policy, the behavioral sciences, medicine, and biostatistics. They represent a diverse, but overlapping, range of research interests.

**Postdoctoral Training Program**

Each year, scholars participate in a Core Research Seminar and the Writers' Task Force, a group that facilitates, supports, and encourages the publication of manuscripts.

As part of their research training, scholars interact daily with investigators who guide them in responsible conduct of research and in solving the special ethical dilemmas of treatment and clinical research. Most scholars also take one of the several advanced statistics courses offered by the UCSF Biostatistics Department. Scholars' research projects and those of their mentors are closely tied. As scholars move from Year 1 to Year 2, they progress from a project designed by their mentor to a more independently conceived project, which they lead.

**Goals for Postdoctoral Scholars**

At the end of our postdoctoral program, we expect scholars to have acquired the following competencies and completed the following tasks:

1. gained knowledge of drugs of abuse and their treatment;
2. advanced their knowledge of statistical and methodological techniques needed for clinical and services research;
3. understand drug abuse treatment systems and drug research projects;
4. conducted at least two research projects in a clinical setting: One designed by their preceptor; and one of their own design, for which they have primary responsibility;
5. made multiple internal presentations;
6. made at least two presentations of their work at national meetings;
7. published one to three journal articles;
8. submitted a small grant application to local funding sources;
9. published additional manuscripts from the work completed as a scholar during the two years following enrollment in our program.

#### Support for Postdoctoral Scholars

Scholars are funded by two sources. Stipend levels are set by NIH, based on years of related experience, and range from \$38,496 to \$53,112. Preceptors are often able to augment these stipends from non-NIH sources. Scholars are provided with other research support, including travel to at least one annual professional meeting and other support required for a useful training experience, including statistical consulting, some administrative support, and access to computers for writing and data analyses.

#### Background of Former Postdoctoral Scholars

Our postdoctoral scholars have come from a variety of fields, including clinical psychology, counseling psychology, developmental psychology, neuroscience, nursing, political science, psychiatry, pharmacology, and social psychology. Their studies have included vocational issues among methadone outpatients, social identities and treatment outcomes among alcohol and cocaine abusers in private treatment, the effects of acute nicotine use on cue-induced cocaine craving, mood management intervention for injection drug users, childhood trauma and PTSD in inpatient substance abusers, prevention and treatment of HIV in drug users, studies of effective educational method in drug abuse education, studies of the relationship of readiness to change and depression to nicotine dependence, studies of service utilization and outcome among elderly substance users, and studies of drug abuse treatment and services within health maintenance organizations.

#### Success of Our Postdoctoral Graduates

We admit two to four scholars every year. Graduates of our postdoctoral program have been placed at numerous high-caliber institutions where research is valued.

**To apply:** For consideration in the postdoctoral program, please send an application packet consisting of your curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and representative work. Two letters of reference should be sent directly from the recommenders to the address below.

Research statement should include the following items: 1) history of research projects, 2) current interests, 3) what you would like to learn and accomplish during your postdoctoral traineeship at UCSF, and 4) a list of program faculty with whom you would like to work. Representative work can include dissertation chapters if no publications are available. Electronic submission of materials (except reference letters) is strongly encouraged.

**All applicants must have completed the doctorate at the time of entry into the program and be a U.S. citizen or have Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card) at the time of appointment.**

Please direct information requests, application packets and letters of recommendation to: James L. Sorensen, Ph.D.; c/o. Barbara Paschke; Postdoctoral Program in Drug Abuse Treatment and Services Research; 2727 Mariposa Street, Suite 100; San Francisco, CA 94110; tel: (415) 437-3032; fax: (415) 437-3020; e-mail: [Barbara.paschke@ucsf.edu](mailto:Barbara.paschke@ucsf.edu); <http://addiction.ucsf.edu/education/postdoctoral-training>

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO RESEARCH SCIENTIST

The Division of Neurobehavioral Research (Department of Psychiatry, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio), is seeking a motivated individual to join our ongoing NIH studies of the behavioral and biological effects of human alcohol consumption. These studies bridge human laboratory assessment and interventions to reduce dangerous drinking patterns outside the lab. This is a "springboard" position designed to allow the candidate to grow into a faculty-level position. The division offers training in the areas of behavioral pharmacology (Dr. Donald Dougherty), psychiatry (Dr. Rene Olvera), psychophysiology (Dr. Charles Mathias), neuroimaging (Dr. Ashley Acheson), and molecular biology (Dr. Nathalie Hill-Kapturczak). This position has a significant administrative/supervisory focus with ample opportunities for publication. Responsibilities include study coordination and supervision of study personnel; participant recruitment, screening, and psychological testing; data management and statistical analyses; and manuscript/grant preparations. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in behavioral pharmacology, experimental psychology, or other relevant area. Previous postdoctoral experience preferred and preference given to those with a history or evidence of interests in developing an alcohol-related research program.

**To apply:** Submit curriculum vitae, a letter outlining interests and career goals, and representative publication reprints (pdf files) to: Dr. Donald M. Dougherty [DoughertyD@uthscsa.edu](mailto:DoughertyD@uthscsa.edu), Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, MC 7793, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229-3900. UTHSCSA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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