Message from the Chair . . .

Dear Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Section Members:

It is amazing how fast a year goes by and soon my time as Chair for our section will be over. Sheigla Murphy will become our next chair and we are fortunate to have her as our leader. Much continues to happen since the last newsletter. For example, conversations about merging the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) seem to be getting more serious. Public attention is growing and blogs are popping up. Seems like we were ahead of the curve by already having alcohol and drugs linked in the name of the section as well as in the work we do.

Prescription drugs are on the radar screen. The latest results of the Monitoring the Future study show that prescription drugs are becoming at least, if not more, popular among young people as illicit drugs. This abuse poses interesting challenges for researchers, service providers, and policy makers. What to do when controlled substances that are viewed as medical advances also emerge in illicit circuits? At the June meeting of the Community Epidemiology Working Group (NIDA) in Seattle, the abuse of prescription drugs also received much attention.

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Again, as a section, we seem to already have understood that a rigid distinction between illegal and legal drugs, especially the illicit use of legal drugs, are connected.

Menthol cigarettes, often heavily marketed to African American and other minority populations, once again have been shown to be as harmful as all other cigarettes. This seems like a repeat of past discussions regarding light cigarettes. As a society, we seem to have fully shifted from smoking as a status symbol to it being stigmatized, though not (yet) perceived as criminal. At the same time, we do not emphasize the fact that one in five U.S. adults continue to smoke and that sociological insights might advance our understanding of what this means and how this might be addressed.

Ongoing shifts in health care coverage, including access to care and the utilization of care, impact all of us. Those of use who link substance use to health challenges, including HIV/AIDS, are gaining a new understanding of the importance of health services to the well-being of all. Of course, we already know that a multi-level approach is needed if we really want to make a difference.

At our annual meeting, presentations on many of these topics will be made. I look forward to the interesting discussions as well as the opportunity to enjoy our personal connections. As has become practice, we will hold our reception with the SSSP alcohol and drug folks on Saturday at 6:30 pm (see details on page 3 in this newsletter) after we have our business meeting and celebrate our prize winners, new members, and much more. Stay tuned for more details.

Claire E. Sterk
ADT Chair
Section Awards

**Senior Scholar Award:** Sheigla Murphy  
**Junior Scholar Award:** Dina Perrone

Kudos

Rachel L. Rayburn received a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and had a paper accepted for publication. (Rayburn, Rachel L., Heili Pals and James D. Wright. “Death, Drugs and Disaster: Mortality among New Orleans’ Homeless,” forthcoming in *The Journal of Long Term Home Health Care*).

Grant Opportunity

**Peter F. McManus Charitable Trust,** Wayne, Pennsylvania  
The Peter F. McManus Charitable Trust offers research grants to non-profit ((501)(c)(3)) organizations, for research into the causes of alcoholism or substance abuse. Basic, clinical and social-environmental proposals will all be considered.

The trust expects to grant approximately $150,000 this year and will consider requests for up to $50,000. Please send a brief summary proposal (2-3 pages) and a proposed budget along with a copy of institution’s (501)(c)(3) letter and investigator’s bio-sketch. No more than 10% of amount granted may be used for indirect costs.

Application must be postmarked on or before August 31, 2011. Additional information may be requested after initial review. Before any grant may be renewed, the grant recipient must submit a report to the Trust. Please send application materials to Katharine G. Lidz, 31 Independence Court, Wayne, PA  19087. (Telephone (610) 647-4974, facsimile (610) 647-8316).
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th**

**Regular Session**

**Title:** Substance Use, Abuse, and Treatment  
**Scheduled Time:** 4:30 pm  
**Building:** Caesars Palace Las Vegas  
**Session Organizer:** Geoffrey Hunt, Institute for Scientific Analysis  
**Presider:** Bill Sanders, CSU, Los Angeles

1. **Drug Market Reconstitution after Hurricane Katrina: Lessons for Local Drug Abuse Control Initiatives.**  
   Alex S. Bennett, National Development & Research Institute, Inc; Andrew Golub, NDRI; Eloise Dunlap, National Development & Research Institute

2. **Harm Reduction as Anarchist Practice: A Users' Guide to Capitalism and Addiction.**  
   Christopher B.R. Smith, University of Pennsylvania

3. **Music and Drugs: Evidence from Three Analytical Levels.**  
   Michael Vuolo, University of Minnesota; Christopher Uggen, University of Minnesota; Sarah Esther Lageson, University of Minnesota

4. **On the Rise of the Illicit Use of Legal Substances among Youth.**  
   Bill Sanders, CSU, Los Angeles

5. **Young Women and Substance Use during Pregnancy: The Role of Social Support.**  
   Heather Gatny, University of Michigan; Jennifer S. Barber, University of Michigan; Yasamin Kusunoki, University of Michigan

**Workshop Opportunity**

**Scheduled Time:** 6:30 - 8:15 pm  
**Building:** Caesar’s Palace, Forum 6 (pool level)  
The Integrated Health Interview Series (IHIS at www.ihis.us) is a free, online, consistently-coded version of the U.S. National Health Interview from the 1960s to the present, created by researchers at the University of Minnesota with funding from NIH. IHIS makes available thousands of variables on health status, health care, and health behaviors, including tobacco and alcohol use, which can be analyzed online or through creating a customized data extract and using a statistical package. A free workshop describing IHIS, demonstrating the website and online tabulator, and answering questions is scheduled at the ASA meetings for Saturday, August 20th.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st**

**ADT Roundtable Session**

**Scheduled Time:** 8:30 - 9:30 am  
**Building:** Caesars Palace Las Vegas  
**Session Organizer:** Sheigla B. Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis

**Table 1. Substance Use and Dependence**

**Table Presider:** Sheigla B. Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis

1. **Brain on Steroids: Illicit Prescription Stimulant Use for Performance Enhancement.**  
   Paloma Sales, University of California-San Francisco; Amie Eng, Institute for Scientific Analysis; Sheigla B. Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis

2. **Changing Addiction from a "Sin Problem": Canadian Perceptions of Addiction.**  
   Moira E. O'Neil, FrameWorks Institute

3. **Perceptions of the State Policy Environment and Adoption of Medications in Substance Use Disorder Treatment.**  
   Hannah K. Knudsen, University of Kentucky; Amanda Abraham, University of Georgia

**Table 2. Smoking and Drinking and Risk**

**Table Presider:** Michael S. Garr, Wilkes University

1. **Smoking, Drinking and Self-Rated Health.**  
   Michael S. Garr, Wilkes University

2. **A Contextual Analysis of Multi-Racial Patterns of Alcohol and Drug Problems.**  
   Casey A. Borch, University of Alabama-Birmingham; William C. Cockerham, University of Alabama-Birmingham; Henna Budhwani, University of Alabama-Birmingham

3. **Driving under the Influence of Cannabis or Alcohol among High Frequency Cannabis-using University Students.**  
   Fraser Paul McGuire, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; Meghan Dawe, University of Toronto

4. **DRD2 Gene, Peer Influences and Health-related Behaviors.**  
   Yilan Fu, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Guang Guo, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Yi Li, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
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Table 3. Substance Use and Social Relationships
Table Presider: Alice Cepeda, University of Houston
1. Drug Use Health Consequences for Mexican American Former Gang Members.
   Kathryn Marie Nowotny, University of Houston; Avelardo Valdez, University of Houston; Alice Cepeda, University of Houston
   Andrew R. Payton, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
3. Discrimination's Role in Minority Groups' Rates of Substance-Use Disorder.
   Celia C. Lo, University of Alabama; Tyrone Chiwai Cheng, University of Alabama
   Aukje K. Lamonica, University of Scranton; Kirk W. Elifson, Georgia State University; Claire E. Sterk, Emory University

Table 4. Youth and Substance Abuse
Table Presider: Andrew J. Hoffman, Boston University
1. Peer Influences, Own Predispositions, and Health and Social Behaviors: A Study of Randomly-Assigned College Roommates.
   Guang Guo, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Yi Li, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Craig W. Owen, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Greg J. Duncan, University of California-Irvine; Tianji Cai, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Hongyu Wang, University of Macau
2. Religion and Marijuana Use from Adolescence to Early Adulthood: Exploring Reciprocal Effects.
   John P. Hoffmann, Brigham Young University
   Kayo Fujimoto, University of Southern California; Thomas W. Valente, University of Southern California
   Thor Whalen, Kennesaw State University; Miriam W. Boeri, Kennesaw State University
   Peter Meylakhs, Yale University; Samuel R. Friedman, National Development and Research Institute; Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, National Development and Research Institute.; Milagros Sandoval, National Development and Research Institute; Nastia Meylakhs, International Center for AIDS Research and Training
   Alice Cepeda, University of Houston; Avelardo Valdez, University of Houston; Kathryn Marie Nowotny, University of Houston; Charles Kaplan, University of Houston

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Business Meeting
Time: 9:30 am
Building: Caesars Palace Las Vegas

ADT Paper Session
Title: Substance Use and Misuse
Scheduled Time: 10:30 am
Building: Caesars Palace Las Vegas
Session Organizer: Sheigla B. Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis
Presider: Sheigla B. Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis

1. Drugs Researchers as Autoethnographers: "Doing Reflexivity" with Women Drug Users.
   Elizabeth Ettorre, University of Liverpool
2. Gender as Cover: Risk Perceptions and Risk Management Of Women Drug Sellers.
   Micheline Duterte, Institute for Scientific Analysis; Paloma Sales, University of California-San Francisco; Sheigla B. Murphy, Institute for Scientific Analysis
   Thor Whalen, Kennesaw State University; Miriam W. Boeri, Kennesaw State University
   Peter Meylakhs, Yale University; Samuel R. Friedman, National Development and Research Institute; Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, National Development and Research Institute.; Milagros Sandoval, National Development and Research Institute; Nastia Meylakhs, International Center for AIDS Research and Training
   Alice Cepeda, University of Houston; Avelardo Valdez, University of Houston; Kathryn Marie Nowotny, University of Houston; Charles Kaplan, University of Houston

This new book by leading sociologists describes overlooked, hidden epidemic in adverse drug reactions. *The Risks of Prescription Drugs*, from Columbia University Press, explains how prescription drugs have become the 4th leading cause of death. Women, vulnerable elders, and people with disabilities are most affected. Yet it is not yet addressed in courses on health and society, gender, aging, disability, health care or epidemiology. An estimated 46 million Americans suffer from the side effects of prescription drugs, and 1.5 million are hospitalized.

*The Risks of Prescription Drugs* (Donald Light, editor) describes how most new drugs provide few if any advantages over existing drugs to offset their risks of side effects. The book identifies the Risk Proliferation Syndrome, a set of institutional and professional practices that maximizes the number of people exposed to drugs of little benefit but substantial risks.

Health policy experts Howard Brody, Peter Conrad, Allan Horwitz, and Cheryl Stults describe the proliferation of new "diseases" and health conditions that greatly increase the number of people exposed to adverse side effects. A concluding chapter on health policy recommends how rules and incentives can be changed to make drugs safer.


*Addiction Treatment* (AT) is an ethnography that compares two residential drug-free treatment programs: a religious, faith-based program and a science-based, secular program. Although these programs originate from significantly different ideological bases, in examining the day-to-day operations of each, AT demonstrates that they are far more alike than they are different.

Through extensive participatory observations, intimate life history interviews, and informal conversations with residents and staff, AT shows how both programs use equivalent techniques of ideological persuasion (*mutual witnessing* in therapy groups and prayer groups), impose the same method of social control (*discourse deprivation*), and propose parallel lifestyles of abstinence and zero tolerance (*Christian living* or *Right living*) as they endeavor to transform clients from addicts to citizens or from sinners to disciples.


*Redemption and Redemption* (R&R) continues the “thick description” of faith-based and science-based drug programs begun in *Addiction Treatment*. Using extensive interviews and the author’s participation in daily rounds of treatment, R&R provides a vivid comparison of resident experience at these two supposedly different institutions.

R&R tells the stories of two houses in the Bronx, NY that serve people with drug problems: “Redemption House” and “Recovery House.” These stories include direct accounts of residents’ “druggin’” lives before treatment and their search for normalcy after recovery or redemption. Other chapters critically analyze the religion of Recovery House and assess the success claims of religion and science as addiction treatment. *Addiction Treatment* previously detailed analogous processes of personal conversion central to both programs. This sequel uses the “contextualized demographics” of residents to uncover further parallels between the two self-styled unique programs and their theories of addiction and treatment.
Forthcoming Publications

Substance Use Changes and Social Role Transitions: Proximal Developmental Effects on Ongoing Trajectories from Late Adolescence through Early Adulthood

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Abstract:
Substance use changes rapidly during late adolescence and early adulthood. Not coincidentally, this time in the life course is also dense with social role changes, as role changes provide dynamic context for individual developmental change. Using nationally representative, multi-wave longitudinal data from age 18 to 28, we examine proximal links between changes in social roles and changes in substance use during the transition to adulthood. We find that changes in family roles, such as marriage, divorce, and parenthood, have clear and consistent associations with changes in substance use. With some notable exceptions, changes in school and work roles have weaker effects on changes in substance use compared to family roles. Changes in socializing (i.e., nights out for fun and recreation) and in religiosity were found to mediate the relationship of social role transitions to substance use. Two time-invariant covariates, socioeconomic background and heavy adolescent substance use, predicted social role status, but did not moderate associations, as within-person links between social roles and substance use were largely equivalent across groups. This paper adds to the cascading effects literature by considering how, within individuals, more proximal variations in school, work, and family roles relate to variations in substance use; and which roles appear to be most influential in precipitating changes in substance use during the transition to adulthood.

Full Citation:

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Indiana University-Bloomington’s Department of Criminal Justice invites applications for one tenure-track position at the assistant professor level. The successful candidate is expected to have developed an innovative research agenda, a dedication to excellence in undergraduate and graduate/professional education consistent with the expectations of a Research I University, and a multidisciplinary approach to the study of law, crime, and justice. IU Bloomington ranks nationally among top research institutions. Salary, fringe benefits, research and teaching opportunities are consistent with our peer Research I institutions. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, teaching dossier, and three letters of reference to: Roger J.R. Levesque, J.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, 1033 East 3rd Street, Sycamore Hall 302, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. Send inquiries to rlevesqu@indiana.edu. Applications completed before October 7th, 2011 will be assured full consideration. Indiana University is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer committed to excellence through diversity.

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Interested candidates should contact the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Nancy Smyth, at sw-dean@buffalo.edu or 716-645-1267 with questions. We request application materials that include: 1) a curriculum vitae; and 2) a cover letter describing the applicant’s interest in the position and academic and/or professional leadership experience. To apply visit www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu and search for Director, Research Institute on Addictions. Complete a digital application and attach electronic versions of the cover letter and curriculum vitae. Review of applications will commence in August 2011 and continue until a Director of RIA is appointed. The appointment date is open, but to ensure full consideration, materials should be received as soon as possible. All candidate information will be held in strict confidence until the final stage of the search.