Message from the Chair . . .

Dear Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Section Members:

Greetings from North Dakota, during an uncommonly mild summer. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to take part in our section day at the ASA meetings in San Francisco, on Tuesday, August 11. As encouragement to attend, let me share our good news. First of all, our section day will feature two excellent paper sessions: (1) on Social Status and Relations and the Problem of Substance Use and Abuse, at 10:30 AM; and (2) on The Social Context of Drug Use and Distribution, at 12:30 PM. We’ll also have five roundtables during the first hour of our business meeting at 8:30 AM. The detailed program is summarized later in this newsletter. With that nonstop schedule you may want to get a good night’s sleep Monday night. To help you do that, and also to promote mingling with the Drinking and Drugs Division of SSSP, our joint reception will be held Sunday night (August 9), at the Institute for Scientific Analysis, at 390 4th Street in San Francisco (beginning at 7 PM). For all these arrangements, special thanks go to Henry Brownstein, our incoming section chair, who has organized the program; and Geoff Hunt, who has organized the reception at the Institute for Scientific Analysis.

At the reception and the roundtables/business-meeting, we will honor several of our section members and presenters for outstanding achievement. Our senior scholar award this year will be given to Dale Chitwood, Professor Emeritus in the Social Epidemiology Research Group at the University of Miami. Our junior scholar award will be given to Carrie Oser, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Kentucky. And the student paper award will be given to Emily Tanner-Smith of Vanderbilt University for her paper on “Pubertal Development and Adolescent Girls’ Substance Use: Race, Ethnicity, and Neighborhood Contexts of Vulnerability,” to be presented at our 10:30 AM session. Congratulations to our awardees, and our
thanks to the selection committees and their chairs (student papers, Barbara Kail; junior scholar, Paul Steele; and senior scholar, Carrie Oser).

The additional good news is that our section now has newly elected officers for 2009-2010. Henry Brownstein will be assuming the duties of chairing the section, assisted by Claire Sterk as our new chair-elect, and Amie Nielsen as our new section representative to the ASA Council. Steve Lankenau will continue to serve as our secretary-treasurer. Again, congratulations to our new officers, and thanks to Henry and Steve for their assistance this year, and to Yonette Thomas as our outgoing Council representative.

That’s the good news. The not so good news is that as of late June our section had 230 members. If we cannot increase that over 300 by the end of September, we will be eligible for only one paper session at the 2010 meetings, and we will be technically in jeopardy of being disbanded as a section by ASA, which has the authority to do this for sections with too few members. One strategy that we have used as a stopgap in the past is to offer to pay for student memberships from a special fund that we have created, separate from our ASA funding (which cannot be used in this way). However, this is a band-aid, not a cure for our membership problem. Another strategy, which we tried last year, is to individually e-mail former section members in ASA and try to persuade them to rejoin the section. This was only partially successful (i.e. gaining us a few dozens of members, at least temporarily), and it is time intensive; I thought I would have the time to it again this year and I was wrong (so far). I will make some such attempt again during this next month, but we really need some active recruiting, at least of new student members, by all of you that are in a position to do so. We also need some new practical ideas about how to reach out to young alcohol, drug, and tobacco researchers; the suggestion box is open.

Thanks to all of you for loyalty and support, and special thanks to Carrie Oser for continuing to serve as editor and publisher of our section newsletter. I hope to greet as many of you as possible early on August 11, caffeinated or not. And please encourage your colleagues and students to attend our sessions and roundtables, and to join our section.
Dear Members of ASA’s Section on Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco:

The ASA has turned down our request to have the Journal of Drug Issues (JDI) become the official journal of our section, and the conditions that would have to be met to have such a journal approved by the ASA seem insurmountable. Dale Chitwood, who has chaired the committee that has worked so hard to obtain approval of a section journal, has summarized the bad news briefly and eloquently, as follows:

"We are very sorry to report that the ASA Publications Committee has rejected our proposal to adopt the Journal of Drug Issues [JDI] as our section journal. A subsequent discussion with the chair of the committee has confirmed that a resubmission would not be successful.

The Committee agreed that we identified an important niche for sociological publishing and expressed support for the goal of developing a first-rate sociological outlet for research on drugs.

There were, however, two primary reasons why the proposal was unsuccessful. The Committee decided that the Section is much too small to support a journal, and this alone appeared to be sufficient to reject our application. The ranking of JDI likewise was viewed to be insufficient for further consideration at this time. We were informed that ASA is willing to accept an existing journal only in those instances when the Committee determines that the current reputation of the journal is sufficient to assure that the journal will enhance the status of ASA.

The Committee would entertain a ‘multi-section’ proposal for the establishment of a new journal that we developed jointly with other sections, but our current initiative is denied."

I am sorry that we could not achieve what Dale and Duane McBride worked so hard for, and all of us had hoped for.

Richard W. Wilsnack, Chair
ASA Section on Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

Current Members:

Please remember to renew your membership in ASA and the Alcohol, Drugs, & Tobacco section by the end of 2009!
While major research and funding agencies have invested considerable resources in documenting and disseminating the medical basis of addiction as a brain disease, public sentiment toward the disease concept of alcoholism remains mixed. Public opinion surveys conducted in the U.S. over the past three decades have shown a slow diffusion of the disease concept of alcoholism and continued endorsement of alcoholism as a moral weakness or impulse control problem. Moreover, diffusion of the disease concept has for the most part not been accompanied by public willingness to interact with alcoholics or to allocate public funds to their treatment. Sociologists have established a substantial body of research on public reactions to mental illness and related disorders, with a predominant focus on the stigmatization of persons with these conditions and its consequences. In the context of this literature, relatively little attention has been paid to the public perception of persons with alcohol use disorders, either in an absolute sense or relative to other mental and behavioral health disorders.

Using vignette data from a nationally representative sample of full-time employed adults in the US (N=2,972), we examined the extent to which respondents’ preferences for social distance from problem drinkers (e.g., willingness to make friends with, move next door to, or marry the vignette problem drinker) are shaped by respondents’ personal drinking status, endorsement of the disease concept of alcoholism, and prior social contact with problem drinkers. The results of the study indicated that respondents were reluctant to interact with problem drinkers, especially compared to persons with major depression. When considering potential interactions with a vignette subject described as being a problem drinker, respondents trended negatively on all measures for problem drinkers, expressing the strongest negative reaction for the possibility of working with (as coworker, supervisor, or supervisee) or marrying the vignette subject.

OLS regression models predicting respondents’ preferred social distance from problem drinkers revealed that personal drinking status, endorsement of the disease concept, and the social contact variables were significantly associated with preferences for social distance. Compared with problem drinkers (reference category), abstainers and normative drinkers were significantly more likely to report a greater desire for social distance from the vignette problem drinker. Respondents who endorsed the view of alcoholism as a disease were significantly less likely to desire social distance from problem drinkers. Turning to the social contact variables, respondents who had a relationship with a problem drinking relative were significantly more likely to desire social distance from the vignette problem drinker than respondents with a problem drinking friend or co-worker. Respondents experiencing negative changes in their relationship with the problem drinker were also more likely to desire social distance from the vignette problem drinker.

Our results suggested that recent efforts to medicalize addiction have not yet translated into public willingness to interact with problem drinkers. While existing research shows that social contact with the mentally ill is associated with decreased desire for social distance from mentally ill persons, our data showed that social contact with a problem drinker increased desire for social distance. This study represents the first step in gaining a more comprehensive understanding of public perceptions of and willingness to interact with problem drinkers. Our future research will examine public attitudes towards the treatment of alcohol use disorders, including attitudes toward the use of medications in the treatment of alcohol dependence.

Based on ethnographic research conducted with drug users who identify as the “club kids,” this book discusses the emergence of the club culture, clubbing experience, and the (excessive and controlled) use of drugs among a group of well-connected, 22-33 year olds. Part I provides an analysis of the clubbing experience using theories of consumption, commercialization, and globalization to provide social and cultural meanings of club culture and drug use. Part II describes the club kids' strategies in mitigating harms associated with their use, and how they alter and desist from their drug use patterns. Their social networks, possession of capital, responsibilities, transitions through the life course, and their embeddedness act as protective factors of harm, and allow these users to maintain conventional lives. Current US drug policy ignores the possibility of controlled drug use, and how the drug and the user's set, setting, timing, and capital mediate drug-related harms. As a result, US policy continues to pathologize drug users. This book seeks to breakdown the stereotype of the drug user, enlighten our understanding of drug harms and drug addiction and, ultimately, inform drug policy.


The research in this book on the geographical context of drug addiction contributes to better understanding the etiology of addiction, its diffusion, its interaction with geographically variable environmental, social, and economic factors, and the strategies for its treatment and prevention. This book explores links between geography and drug abuse and identifies research ideas, connections, and research pathways which point to some promising avenues for future work in this area.

The topics explored in Geography and Drug Addiction include: (1) Spatial patterns of drug use and addiction. (2) Linking spatial models with drug abuse research. (3) Interaction of social and environmental factors with biochemical processes of addiction. (4) Locational analyses of drug addiction treatment and service delivery facilities. (5) Neighborhood scale studies of geographic factors (including the built environment) and their interaction with drug addiction, treatment, or prevention. (6) Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to better understanding and respond to drug addiction. (7) Spatial diffusion modeling of addictive drug usage and its changing characteristics, including also predictive modeling. (8) Social epidemiology and GIS.

This book is an outcome of the jointly sponsored AAG/NIDA Geography and Drug Symposium. It will serve as an excellent resource to geographers and drug abuse researchers, including sociologists, epidemiologists, social scientists in general and public health researchers, both in policy and academia.
Paper Session 1
Title: Social Status and Relations and the Problem of Substance Use and Abuse
Scheduled Time: Tues, August 11, 10:30am—12:10
Building: Parc 55 Hotel
Session Organizer: Henry Brownstein (University of Chicago)
Presider: Duane McBride (Andrews University)
1. Framing of Parents for “Folk Crimes”: Content Analysis of How “Parents” became “the Problem”
   Duane Neff (Brandeis University)
2. Friendship Networks and Trajectories of Adolescent Tobacco Use
   Michael S. Pollard, Joan Tucker, Harold D Green, David Kennedy, Myong-Hyun Go (RAND Corporation)
3. Minority Sexual Orientation and Substance Use among Adolescents and Young Adults
   Karin L. Brewster, Kathryn Harker Tillman (Florida State University)
4. Parental Monitoring and Increases in Pre-adolescent Substance Use: Comparing Latino and Non-Latino Youth
   Scott Thomas Yabiku, Flavio Marsiglia, Stephen S. Kulis, Monica Bermudez Parsai, (Arizona State University),
   David Becerra (Colorado State University), Melissa Del Colle (Arizona State University)
5. Sexual Minority Status and Substance Abuse: A Longitudinal Analysis
   Bethany Everett (University of Colorado at Boulder)

Paper Session 2
Title: The Social Context of Drug Use and Distribution
Scheduled Time: Tues, Aug 11, 12:30-2:10pm
Building: Parc 55 Hotel
Session Organizer & Presider: Henry H. Brownstein (University of Chicago)
1. Changing Heroin Use Patterns as Disrupted by Hurricane Katrina
   Bruce D. Johnson, Eloise Dunlap, Nelson Tiburcio (National Development Research Institute),
   Liliane Windsor (Rutgers University), Robert Twiggs (Fordham University).
2. Pubertal Development and Adolescent Girls' Substance Use: Race, Ethnicity, and Neighborhood Contexts of Vulnerability
   Emily Tanner-Smith (Vanderbilt University)
3. Religious Involvement and Adolescent Substance Use
   Terrence D. Hill (University of Miami), Amy Burdette (Mississippi State University),
   Michael Weiss, Dale Chitwood (University of Miami)
4. The Organization and Operation of Illicit Retail Methamphetamine Markets
   Henry Brownstein, Timothy Mulcahy (University of Chicago), Bruce Taylor, Bruce Kubu (Police Executive Research Forum)
5. Women in Drug Markets: Importance of Social Location in Role and Identity Construction and Management
   Paloma Sales (University of California-San Francisco), Sheigla Murphy (Institute for Scientific Analysis)

Regular Paper Session 3
Title: Contexts of Substance Use, Abuse, and Treatment
Scheduled Time: Tues, Aug 11, 2:30pm - 4:10pm
Building: Parc 55 Hotel
Session Organizer: Ellen Benoit (NDRI)
1. Neighborhood Disadvantage and Drug Use: A Multilevel Approach to Detecting Contextual Effects on Substance Use
   Adam Lippert, Jason Houle (Pennsylvania State University)
2. The First Injection Event: Differences among Heroin, Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Ketamine Initiates
   Stephen Lankenau, Karla Wagner (University of Southern California), Jennifer Bloom (Children Hospital of Los Angeles),
   Bill Sanders (California State University, Los Angeles), Dodi Hathazi, Charles Shin (Children Hospital of Los Angeles)
3. Psychosocial Correlates of Alcohol Use among Southern Lesbians
   Erika Austin, Jay Irwin (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
4. Gender Differences in Provider’s Screening for Prenatal Substance Use
   Carrie Oser, Elizabeth Biebel, Melissa Harris, Elisa Klein, Carl Leukefeld (University of Kentucky)
5. Addiction Medicine and Addiction Psychiatry: Medical Knowledge and Occupational Interests
   Christopher Freed (University of South Alabama)
### ADT Roundtable Sessions

**Scheduled Time:** Tue, Aug 11 - 8:30am - 9:30am  
**Building:** Parc 55 Hotel  
**Session Organizer:** Henry H. Brownstein (University of Chicago)

#### Table 1

1. **The Lived Experiences of Tobacco Use, Dependence, and Cessation: Insights and Perspectives of Mental Health Consumers**  
   Erica Solway (University of California-San Francisco)  
2. **Transitions to Injecting Drug Use among Mexican American Noninjecting Heroin Users**  
   Alice Cepeda (University of Houston), Avelardo Valdez (University of Houston)  
3. **Why They Juice: Performance Enhancing Drug use in Major League Baseball, 1985-2006**  
   Joshua Murray (State University of New York-Stony Brook)  
4. **Self-Regulation, Desire and Excess: The Case of Alcoholism**  
   Ariane Hanemaayer (University of Waterloo)

#### Table 2

1. **The Implementation of Tobacco-related Intake Procedures in Substance Abuse Treatment: A National Study of Counselors**  
   Hannah Knudsen, Jamie Studts (University of Kentucky)  
2. **Alcohol Use and Abuse in Economic Hard Times: The Case of Rural Zimbabwean Adults**  
   Lisa Cubbins (Battelle Seattle Research Center), Danuta Kasprzyk (Battelle Memorial Institute), Daniel Montano (Battelle Memorial Institute), Godfrey Woelk (RTI International)  
3. **Accounting for Drinking and Driving: Media Coverage of Female Celebrity Statements Following a DUI Arrest**  
   Katherine Clegg Smith (Johns Hopkins University)  
4. **Relationships between State Methamphetamine Precursor Policies and Trends in Small Toxic Lab Seizures**  
   Duane McBride (Andrews University), Yvonne Terry-McElrath (University of Michigan)

#### Table 3

1. **Marriage and Heavy Drinking among Young Adults**  
   Muh-Chung Lin (University of Chicago)  
2. **Perceived Mattering to Family and Marijuana Use among Adolescents**  
   Gregory Clark Elliott (Brown University), Susan Cunningham (Holy Cross College), Richard Gelles (University of Pennsylvania)  
3. **Underage Alcohol Possession and Future Criminal Behavior: An Empirical Analysis Using Age-period Cohort Characteristics Models**  
   Christopher Barnum (St. Ambrose University), Robert Louis Perfetti (St. Ambrose University), Nick Richardson (St. Ambrose University)  
4. **Young Adult "New Lad" Masculinity as a Product of Consumption**  
   Daniel Cortese, Pamela Ling (University of California - San Francisco)

#### Table 4

1. **Challenging The Perception Of Alcohol Misuse On College Campuses: An Evaluation of Social Norm Campaigns**  
   Robert Granfield, Philip Todd Veliz (State University of New York-Buffalo)  
2. **If You Test College Students More, Will They Drink Less?**  
   William Lugo (Eastern Connecticut State University)  
3. **Community Organizing Goes to College: Impact of a Randomized Trial to Prevent High Risk Drinking**  
   Mark Wolfson (Wake Forest University)

#### Table 5

1. **Drug Use for Weight Control: Instrumental Substance Use Among College Women**  
   Katherine Ann Sirles (University of Colorado-Boulder)  
2. **Women’s Empowerment as Seen from the Perspective of Alcoholics Anonymous and Second-wave Feminism**  
   Jolene Sanders (Hood College)  
3. **The Specter of Post-Communism: Tobacco Use Among Women in the Former Soviet Union**  
   Brian Philip Hinote (Middle Tennessee State University), William Cockerham (University of Alabama-Birmingham), Pamela Abbott (Glasgow Caledonian University)
ADT Announcements

Postdoctoral Position

Rutgers University is seeking applications to fill an immediate opening for an NIAAA-sponsored longitudinal study on alcohol use and crime. Applicants should have (or anticipate having) a Ph.D. by September 2009. Strong quantitative analytic skills (e.g., structural equation models, mixed models, mixture models) are necessary as this post doc will participate in analyzing longitudinal data and contribute to manuscript writing. We encourage applications from candidates with research training in quantitative psychology, developmental psychology, developmental psychopathology, sociology, criminology, or a related area. The position is available for one year, and renewable for a second year. Interested applicants should send a letter describing their graduate training and research interests and a curriculum vitae, and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to: Prof. Helene White, Center of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers University, 607 Allison Rd., Piscataway, 08854; hewhite@rci.rutgers.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately. Rutgers University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Call for Submissions

If you have anything that you would like to submit to the AD&T newsletter, please email the items to cboser0@uky.edu. We are looking for any items that relate to Alcohol, Drugs, and/or Tobacco including, but not limited to, the following:

* Extended Abstracts of papers/presentations (approximately 400-500 words)
* Descriptions of funded research projects (approximately 400-500 words)
* Information about research centers
* Reviews of Books
* Newly published books
* Calls for submissions for journals
* Kudos Announcements (Promotions, Grants, Publications, etc.)
* Job Announcements (including pre-doc and post-doc positions)
* Conference Announcements
* Relevant websites

ASA and SSSP Joint
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When: Sunday, August 9, 2009
Where: Institute for Scientific Analysis at 390 4th Street
Time: 7:00pm