

New Awards!

Since the last issue of the *RIA Report*, four projects involving RIA scientists have been awarded NIH funding. The first, awarded to **Dr. Rina Eiden**, is supporting the Growing Up Healthy Study, an investigation of prenatal and environmental smoke exposure and its effects on child regulation. The second award was received by **Dr. Alexis Thompson**, who will be investigating neuropeptide Y as a target for cocaine dependence treatment. The third award was received by **Dr. Amy Hequembourg**, who will be studying the role of gender minorities and sexual identity in alcohol use and victimization. The fourth award, made to **Dr. Craig Colder**, associate professor in UB's Department of Psychology, will be used to study appetitive motivation in the context of risk for early substance use. Dr. Eiden is a co-investigator on this project. A fuller description of each is provided below.

Prenatal and ETS Exposure: Effects on Child Regulation

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) awarded Dr. Rina Eiden a five-year, \$2.8 million grant to investigate the impact of prenatal exposure to cigarettes on the development of self-regulation over the first two years of life. Because women who smoke often have partners or family members who also smoke, the children's exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is also being examined.

"The study is guided by a developmental psychopathology framework and transactional models of child development emphasizing multiple pathways to risk," according to Dr. Eiden. "It is anticipated that results will enrich understanding of pathways to self-regulatory problems for children exposed to cigarette smoke and reasons for heterogeneity in outcomes among these toddlers." Dr. Eiden's co-investigators include **Drs. Gerard Connors** and **Kenneth Leonard** of RIA, **Dr. Craig Colder** from UB's Department of Psychology, and **Dr. Pamela Schuetze** from Buffalo State College.

Evaluation of Neuropeptide Y as a Target for Cocaine Dependence Treatment

NIDA has awarded \$1.5 million over five years to Dr. Alexis Thompson to investigate whether enhancing NPY (a neurotransmitter) activity in the central nervous system will reduce heightened anxiety and cocaine-craving associated with short and long periods of abstinence from cocaine in an animal model of cocaine dependence. The study will examine the ability of NPY agonists to reduce cue- and stress-induced cocaine seeking.

"Cocaine use and dependence exact a toll on the individual user and the community at large and currently, there are no recommended drug therapies for cocaine dependence," Dr. Thompson explained. "The results of this study will add to our understanding of the neurobiological substrates that underlie cocaine dependence and determine if the pursuit of medicinal compounds for cocaine treatment is warranted." Dr. Thompson's co-investigator on the study is **Dr. Jean DiPirro** of Buffalo State College.

The Role of Gender and Sexual Identity

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) has awarded a \$579,000 grant to Dr. Amy Hequembourg to study the role of gender and sexual identity in alcohol use and victimization. This Mentored Research Scientist Development Award will support five years of training, data collection, and further coursework for Dr. Hequembourg, who is a recent graduate

Director's Message



RIA scientists have collaborated on four recently-funded research initiatives. In the first, **Dr. Rina Eiden** will be investigating the impact of prenatal exposure to cigarettes and postnatal environmental tobacco smoke on the development of

self-regulation over the first two years of life. In the second project, **Dr. Alexis Thompson** will study whether enhancing neuropeptide Y in the central nervous system will reduce the anxiety and craving often associated with abstinence from cocaine in an animal model of cocaine dependence. In the third project, **Dr. Amy Hequembourg** will use a Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to evaluate the role of gender and sexual identity in alcohol use and victimization. Finally, in the fourth study, Dr. Eiden is serving as co-investigator of **Dr. Craig Colder's** project evaluating how shifts in appetitive motivation converge with community and peer contexts to influence beliefs regarding substance use. Dr. Colder is a faculty member in the University at Buffalo's Department of Psychology.

Our Spring and Fall Seminar Series included a total of six presentations. In the spring, **Dr. Sandra Brown** discussed the adult outcomes for youth treated for alcohol problems and **Dr. Victor Hesselbrock** presented findings from the Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism (COGA) project. The Fall Seminar Series featured presentations by **Dr. Helene Raskin White** on changes in substance use during the transition to adulthood, **Dr. Marc Potenza** on pathological gambling and co-occurring disorders, **Dr. Paul Gruenewald** on the spatial ecology of alcohol problems, and RIA's **Dr. Samir Haj-Dahmane** on the endocannabinoid system and the regulation of stress-related mood disorders. We were very pleased to have hosted these distinguished speakers. Information on our Spring 2007 Seminar Series is available later in this

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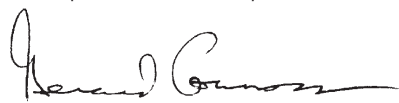
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Report and at our website (www.ria.buffalo.edu).

We recently held our annual Employee Recognition Gathering, where we honored employees who have reached milestone points of service at RIA. Their names are listed elsewhere in the Report. Congratulations to them all. In addition, congratulations are due to **Dr. Kenneth Leonard**, who recently received the Research and Scholarship Award from the SUNY Research Foundation.

We recently bid a fond farewell to **Barb Haller**, who retired following 12 years of dedicated service at RIA. We wish her all the best.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome **Drs. Amy Brown, Cathy Lau-Barraco, and Monica Skewes** into our NIAAA-funded postdoctoral research training program on alcohol etiology and treatment. Information on their research interests is provided in this Report.



New Awards (cont'd from p. 1, col. 2)

of RIA's NIAAA-funded Postdoctoral Associate Program.

"This study is the first to examine gender and sexual identity differences in alcohol use and victimization from a sexual minority – stress perspective," Dr. Hequembourg stated. Alcohol use, victimization (i.e., childhood sexual and physical abuse, adult sexual assault, intimate partner violence), and stress will be examined among 400 individuals who identify as gay and bisexual. Dr. Hequembourg's mentors on the project include RIA Research Scientists **Drs. Kathleen Parks, R. Lorraine Collins, and Michael Frone**.

Motivation in Context: Risk for Early Substance Use

Dr. Rina Eiden is serving as co-investigator on Dr. Craig Colder's five-year, NIDA-funded study examining how shifts in appetitive motivation converge with community and peer contexts to influence both implicit and explicit beliefs supportive of substance use. A sample of 10- to 12-year-old children will be assessed across three waves with the potential to provide important direction about substance use preventive interventions tailored for specific populations. Dr. Colder's other co-investigators include **Dr. Liliana Lengua**, University of Washington; **Drs. Larry Hawk and Jennifer Read**, UB's Department of Psychology; and **Dr. William Wiczorek**, Buffalo State College. *

RIA Scientist Honored in Albany



Kenneth Leonard, Ph.D., research scientist at RIA since 1986, received the Research and Scholarship Award from the SUNY Research Foundation on May 3, 2006 in Albany. Dr. Leonard's research focuses on marital/family processes, parenting and infant development, interpersonal aggression, bar violence and domestic violence. In addition to his addictions research, Dr. Leon-

ard is a research professor in UB's Department of Psychiatry.

Dr. Leonard's current research is examining drinking patterns and alcohol-related problems in young couples from the time of application for a first marriage license, up to and including celebration of their seventh anniversaries. In addition, he and **Dr. Rina Eiden** are studying the influence of parental characteristics such as stress, depression and alcohol problems on the family and on the social and emotional development of children. Both studies are funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. *

KIDS DAY at RIA Celebrated April 19!

RIA staff took a page from the national program, "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," and celebrated "Kids Day at RIA" on April 19, 2006. Fifteen children, ranging in age from five to 13 years, were welcomed at a reception hosted by Dr. Connors. They were then given the option of attending a presentation entitled "Learning About the Brain" with **Dr. Rebecca Houston** or "How to Conduct a Research Interview" led by **Audrey Kubiak** and **Dr. Neil McGillicuddy**.

Dr. Houston's session included a slide presentation with colorful brain scans and a discussion about what the parts of the brain do and how to protect your brain by wearing a seat belt in the car, a helmet when riding a bike, and avoiding illegal drugs. There was also an interactive segment of "Simon Says" with one of the identified body parts being the brain stem.

In the interview session, the children learned about how and why interviews are conducted at

RIA, generated a list of questions themselves, and interviewed staff about whether they smoke, drink beer, like their job, keep their desk clean, help people on their job, etc.

In a lab session with **Dr. Roh-Yu Shen** the children learned a little about what happens in a science lab, made "neuron crowns" with paper and pipe cleaners, and observed the lab rats. After lunch a tour of the building provided the opportunity to speak with the security guard, a counselor, the receiving clerk, the business office staff, the cleaning staff, the computer staff, the graphic artist, and researchers about what they do at work every day.

A wrap-up session had the children providing feedback on their day to assembled staff, and awards were distributed acknowledging the young people's participation. Organizers of the event this year were **Audrey Kubiak** and **Carol Nottingham**. *



Research In Review

Relapse to Alcohol and Drug Use & Co-occurring Mental Health Disorders

Rates of substance abuse among individuals dually-diagnosed with a substance use disorder and a mental health disorder are high and highlight the problems faced by these individuals as well as by treatment providers. In a review of the literature investigating relapse to alcohol and drug use in this population, several mental health disorders were discussed including mood, anxiety, personality, and schizophrenia-spectrum disorders.

The article, by **Drs. Clara Bradizza and Paul Stasiewicz**, was published in *Clinical Psychology Review* and identified several diagnostic issues and suggestions for future research.

Substance abuse relapse among dually diagnosed individuals involves diverse mental health disorders. Despite the differences in onset or course of the mental health disorder the authors identified common issues and conclusions with respect to substance use relapse.

Drs. Bradizza and Stasiewicz state that drawing conclusions across studies is sometimes difficult due to the varying definitions of alcohol or drug relapse. For example, among the studies reviewed for the paper, definitions of relapse varied and included: time to first use of alcohol or drugs, time to first heavy drinking day, seven or more days of heavy drinking during the follow-up period, and positive toxicology screens for alcohol and/or drugs, to name a few. The authors suggest that different definitions of relapse may significantly influence the interpretation of the study findings. The importance of developing

common definitions of alcohol and drug relapse for dually-diagnosed populations is stressed by the authors and suggestions are made for points to be addressed in future research.

Secondly, the authors suggest that studies should determine the presence of a diagnosis using a structured clinical interview (e.g., Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV) and assess the number and type of symptoms. Both diagnosis and symptomatology have shown promise in predicting substance abuse relapse; however, there is inconsistency in the use of these predictors of relapse across studies.

Third, studies should consider delaying the assessment and diagnosis of a mental health disorder until approximately three to four weeks following the onset of abstinence from drugs and/or alcohol in order to identify those individuals who may have substance-induced mental health disorders.

Fourth, the issue of multiple psychiatric diagnoses should be given greater attention. Studies involving dually diagnosed individuals may involve diagnostic overlap for different mental health disorders.

Fifth, studies that assess individuals with both alcohol and drug problems should separate individuals with only an alcohol use disorder from those who have alcohol and drug disorders. Relapse to alcohol and drug use should also be examined separately.

Lastly, this area could benefit from studies that focus on isolating predictors of relapse to alcohol and drug use and predictors of abstinence in these populations, in order to improve treatment

for individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

For more on this article, see:

Bradizza, C. M., Stasiewicz, P. R., & Paas, N. D. (2006). Relapse to alcohol and drug use among individuals diagnosed with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders: A review. *Clinical Psychology Review*, 26, 163-178.

8th Annual Employee Recognition

RIA employees came together on October 12, 2006 to applaud 21 co-workers who were recognized for long term service to the Institute. Those honored this year include:

Celebrating Five Years of Service

Eric Anson	Paul Reinhardt
Dennis Dickman	Jane Rotterman
Kathleen Miller	Alexis Thompson
Alexis O'Brien	Sandy Wilson
Toni Orrange	

Celebrating 10 Years of Service

Clara Bradizza	Brian Quigley
Loretta Gmeinder	Paul Stasiewicz
Kerry Grohman	Marie Tidwell
Julianne Pawlik	

Celebrating 15 Years of Service

Kimberly Walitzer

Celebrating 20 Years of Service

Beverly Artis	Mark Rusek
Kenneth Leonard	

Celebrating 30 Years of Service

John Welte

RIA at Buffalo's Corporate Challenge

RIA staff rose to the challenge and, for the sixth year, participated in the 26th annual JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge as part of the University at Buffalo's team. The June 8, 2006 event was held in the Frederick Olmsted designed Delaware Park in North Buffalo.

A record number of 237 area companies and organizations set up tents this year – the tent

aspect started in Buffalo and caught on with other Corporate Challenges across the U.S. Runners and walkers surpassed 10,000 participants for the 3.5 mile course.

The beneficiaries of this year's Challenge were two local charities, the BISON Scholarship Fund and Studio Arena Theatre School. *



Kudos to the RIA Team which, this year, included (L-R) Florence Leong, Mira Venkataraman, Tara Chiaravalle, Heather Bashaw, Cindy Warthling, RIA Team Captain Dawn Keough, Julie Pawlik, and Gerard Connors. Thank you to Dawn Keough & Heather Bashaw for providing the photo.

Barb Haller Retires After 12 Years



Barbara Haller retired in June after 12 years with RIA's Computer Services Department (CSD). Local Area Network (LAN) Manager at the time of her retirement, Barb started at RIA as the Help Desk Manager. "I have enjoyed

being at the Institute and have learned more than I could have anticipated about the ever-changing field of computers. The CSD has been like a second family to me and I expect to be back from time to time to see my RIA friends." Barb will be spending more time with her children and grandchildren and traveling to Charleston, South Carolina to visit some of them who have moved south. *

Select Conference Presentations

June

College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Scottsdale, AZ

Homish, G. G., Leonard, K. E., & Cornelius, J. R. Predictors of marijuana use among married couples: The influence of one's spouse.

Research Society on Alcoholism, Baltimore, MD

Barnes, G. M., Welte, J. W., Hoffman, J. H., & Tidwell, M. C. O. Problem gambling and alcohol misuse among youth in the U. S.

Barrick, C., Dearing, R. L., & Walitzer, K. S. Relationships of physical health characteristics to problem severity and psychological health among individuals entering outpatient alcohol treatment.

Bauer, L., Hesselbrock, V., Houston, R. J., & Ceballos, N. Electrophysiological correlates of externalizing disorders in adolescents.

Edwards, E. P., Leonard, K. E., & Homish, G. G. Predictors of parental stress among heavy drinking couples.

Eiden, R. D., Edwards, E. P., & Leonard, K. E. A conceptual model for the development of externalizing behavior problems among kindergarten children of alcoholic families: Role of parenting and children's self-regulation.

Finlay, C. G., & Stasiewicz, P. R. The moderating effects of extinction context on alcohol craving in alcoholic drinkers: A preliminary report.

Gonzalez, V. M., Bradizza, C. M., Vincent, P. C., Paas, N. D., & Stasiewicz, P. R. Relationship of mental status, negative consequences of substance use, and motivation for change among severely mentally ill individuals.

Homish, G. G., Leonard, K. E., & Edwards, E. P. The impact of childbirth on husband and wife drinking behaviors.

Kearns-Bodkin, J. N., Leonard, K. E., Winters, J. J., Homish, G. G., & Kubiak, A. J. Relationship functioning among adult children of alcoholics.

RIA Scientists Present at RSA and ABCT Conferences

The 2006 annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism took place June 23 through 29 in Baltimore, Maryland and RIA was well represented. In addition to the number of scientists who presented their research findings (see Select Conference Presentations column above), a member of RIA's Postdoctoral Associate Training Program (funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism) saw one of its own honored. **Jamie Winters, Ph.D.** received a RSA Junior Investigator Award.

The annual conference of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) was held in Chicago November 16-19, 2006 and RIA scientists again had a strong presence. A list of the ABCT presentations is also provided above. *

Nochajski, T. H., & Stasiewicz, P. R. Drinking-driving recidivism: Brief and longer-term harm reduction vs. abstinence oriented interventions.

Parks, K. A., Hequembourg, A., & Dearing, R. L. Women's social behavior during an interaction with a male stranger after consuming alcohol: The influence of childhood sexual abuse history.

Parks, K. A., & Pardi, A. M. Women's transition to university: Changes in alcohol use and related victimization. In D. J. Neal (Chair), *Alcohol use and risk behaviors across the transition from high school to college*.

Quigley, B. M., & Leonard, K. E. Cognitive associations between alcohol and aggression predict experience with alcohol-related aggression.

Stasiewicz, P. R., Vincent, P. C., Bradizza, C. M., Connors, G. J., Maisto, S. A., & Paas, N. D. Factors affecting agreement between severely mentally ill alcohol abusers and collateral reports of alcohol and other substance use.

Testa, M. *Invited discussant*, Alcohol and HIV/STI risk behavior: Predictors of co-occurrence and findings from combined interventions.

Testa, M., VanZile-Tamsen, C., & Livingston, J. A. Women's sexual victimization, PTSD symptoms, and subsequent alcohol use and abuse.

Welte, J. W., Barnes, G. M., Tidwell, M. C. O., & Hoffman, J. H. Predicting alcohol consumption of teens and young adults with a Heckman Selection Model.

Winters, J. J., & Murphy, C. M. An examination of a clinical sample of partner violent men with alcohol problems. In S. Lipsky (Chair), *Intimate partner violence and drinking in diverse populations*.

July

International Society for Research on Aggression, Minneapolis, MN

Houston, R. J., & Conner, K. R. Characterization of aggressive behavior in substance users: Preliminary findings.

Parks, K. A., Pardi, A., & Hsieh, Y. Do women know when they have experienced sexual aggression?

Winters, J. Common couples violence versus gender-specific violence: Understanding dyadic patterns of intimate partner violence in early marriage.

August

American Psychological Association Conference, New Orleans, LA

Grohman, K. Addressing cognitive impairments in substance abuse treatment. In M. Bates (Chair), *Promoting integrated treatment – The intersection of addiction, neuropsychology, and rehabilitation*.

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Hequembourg, A. Workplace stress and alcohol use among gays, lesbians and bisexuals: A review of the literature and directions for future research.

Miller, K. E., Sabo, D. F., Melnick, M. J., Farrell, M. P., & Barnes, G. B. Jocks and athletes: College students' reflections on identity, gender and high school sports.

October

New Methods for Analysis of Family and Dyadic Processes, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Homish, G. G., & Leonard, K. E. Predicting marital dissolution: An event-history analysis.



Name: Ronda Dearing, Ph.D.

Education: Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Professional Experience: Research Scientist, RIA, University at Buffalo

NIAAA Postdoctoral Research Fellow, RIA

Psychology Intern, Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System, Perry Point, MD

Mental Health Therapist, Arlington Mental Health Services, Arlington, VA

Research Interests: Help-seeking and access to substance abuse treatment; shame and guilt; addiction treatment outcome; relations between views about substance abuse treatment and subsequent treatment entry.

Current Research: Principal Investigator, Help-Seeking for Alcohol Problems: A Prospective Study (funded by NIAAA).

Publications: Dr. Dearing has authored scientific publications that appeared in *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, *The Journal of Social Behavior and Personality*, and *Addictive Behaviors*.

Selected Journal/Editorial Reviewing: *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*; *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*; *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*; *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*; *Psychiatry Research*; *Journal of Traumatic Stress, Self and Identity*

Honors and Awards:

Research Society on Alcoholism, Junior Investigator Award, 2002 & 2003

Research Society on Alcoholism, Enoch Gordis Research Recognition Award, 2002

Professional Affiliations:

American Psychological Association, Division 50: Addictions; American Psychological Society; Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies; Research Society on Alcoholism

In her spare time, Dr. Dearing can be found engaging in a variety of craft activities, including scrapbooking and rubber stamping, or lounging with her two adorable cats (Bo and JoJo).

Webpage: <http://www.ria.buffalo.edu/profiles/dearing.html>. *



Seminar Series Review

RIA's Spring Seminar Series included a presentation about the adult outcomes of youth treated for alcohol and drug problems by **Sandra A. Brown, Ph.D.** (not pictured), of the University of California, San Diego, on April 21, 2006. **Victor M. Hesselbrock, Ph.D.** from the University of Connecticut presented research findings from the Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism (COGA) Project on April 27.

The Fall Seminar Series included a presentation about changes in substance use during the transition to adulthood by **Helene Raskin White, Ph.D.** of Rutgers University, on September

29. Continuing on October 20, **Marc Potenza, Ph.D.** of Yale University presented on pathological gambling and co-occurring disorders. On November 3, **Paul Gruenewald, Ph.D.** of the Prevention Research Center at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation presented on the spatial ecology of alcohol problems, including niche theory and assortative drinking. The seminar series closed December 15 with a presentation on the endocannabinoid system and the regulation of stress-related mood disorders by RIA's own **Samir Haj-Dahmane, Ph.D.** (not pictured). *



Postdoc Program Update

Three new postdoctoral associates joined RIA's Research Training on Alcohol Etiology and Treatment Program in August. They are **Drs. Amy Brown, Cathy Lau-Barraco, and Monica Skewes**, who joined postdoctoral associates **Drs. Carlos Finlay, Vivian Gonzalez, and Jamie Winters**. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism-funded program, initiated in 2000 and renewed in 2005, to date has launched the careers of eight individuals who have accepted positions locally and nationally.

Dr. Brown's research interests encompass alcohol use in relation to sexual victimization; the role of social influences on sexual aggression and perceptions of rape victims; risk perception, especially in relation to sexual victimization and problem drinking; and social dilemmas. She came to Buffalo from Miami University

in Ohio where she completed her doctorate in social psychology.

Dr. Lau-Barraco's primary research interests include cognitive factors that contribute to alcohol use and abuse; development and evaluation of brief interventions for college student drinkers; and alcohol expectancies. She earned her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and completed her clinical internship at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.

Dr. Monica Skewes' primary research interests are smoking cessation and substance abuse treatment; minority health disparities; and psychological measurement. She received her doctorate in health psychology from the University of Texas at El Paso. *



Pictured left to right are: **Drs. Cathy Lau-Barraco, Monica Skewes, Amy Brown, Carlos Finlay, Vivian Gonzalez, Jamie Winters, and Amy Hequembourg**. Dr. Hequembourg's move to a principal investigator position at RIA is detailed under "New Awards" on page 1 of this Report.

Spring 2007 Seminar Series

March 9

Jocks, Gender, Binge Drinking, and Adolescent Violence: Exploring the "Toxic Jock"
Kathleen E. Miller, Ph.D., RIA

April 20

Roots of Alcoholism: Very Early Exposure to Ethanol?

Norman E. Spear, Ph.D., Binghamton University, The State University of New York

May 4

Pharmacogenetics of Alcoholism

Henry R. Kranzler, M.D., University of Connecticut Health Center

May 18

Intimate Partner Violence and Drinking Among White, Black, and Hispanic Couples in the U.S.

Raul Caetano, M.D., Ph.D., University of Texas

RIA Newsmakers

RIA scientists continue to make local and national news. For instance:

Dr. Ronda Dearing was quoted in the *Chicago Tribune* about her research into help-seeking for addiction problems, shame and guilt. The January 2007 article, entitled "Here comes the past, just when glory beckons," covered baseball great's **Mark McGuire**, his steroid use and subsequent ineligibility for the Hall of Fame.

Dr. Robert Rychtarik contributed an article to the Erie County Bar Associations' newsletter, *the Bulletin*. "Lawyers may be first to observe gambling problems: New treatment resource now available" appeared in the January 2007 issue and presented information about the ramifications of gambling problems for the pathological gamblers, their partners, family, and public policy.

Dr. Michael Frone's NIAAA-funded study of workplace alcohol use and impairment was added to the U.S. Department of Labor's website in August 2006 under the headline Working Partners for an Alcohol- and Drug-free Workplace, <http://www.dol.gov/asp/programs/drugs/said/default.asp>. Dr. Frone's research results were originally published in a *Journal of Substance Abuse* article entitled "Prevalence and Distribution of Alcohol Use and Impairment in the Workplace: A U. S. National Survey".

Dr. Kenneth Leonard was quoted in *USA TODAY* discussing his research on alcohol, marriage and parenting. The July 2006 article was entitled "In Tim Ryan's family, he is the addict." *

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Society for Psychophysiological Research Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Houston, R. J., & Stanford, M. S. Effects of impulsive aggression and substance dependence on cognitive set-shifting: A P3 study.

Houston, R. J., Ostrov, J. M., & Schlien, N. J. Functions of aggression and P3 amplitude in college students.

Society for Neuroscience Conference, Atlanta, GA
Bernosky, K. A., San George, M., Hausknecht, K. A., Gancarz, A., Ashrafioun, L, de Wit, H, Thompson, A. C., & Richards, J. B. Effects of methamphetamine self-administration on the value and timing of delayed rewards.

Kastanenka, K. V., DiPirro, J. M., Kristal, M. B., & Thompson, A. C. Effect of neuropeptide Y on defensive behaviors and the persistent anxiety consequent to predator scent exposure.

Neumann, A., Kastanenka, K. V., Thompson, A. C., DiPirro, J. M., & Kristal, M. B. Placenta ingestion by rats enhances both central d1-and central d2-opioid-mediated antinociception.

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November

American Public Health Association, Boston, MA

Dearing, R. L., Barrick, C., & Beattie, M. C. Physical and psychological health characteristics of individuals with potential alcohol problems based on AUDIT screening.

Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Bashaw, H., Barrick, C., De Leon-Casasola, O. A., & Zevon, M. A. Gender and response to cancer related versus non-cancer pain.

Beach, S. R. H., Fincham, F. D., & Leonard, K. E. Nuances in the connection between marriage and depression.

Bradizza, C. M., Vincent, P. C., Stasiewicz, P. R., Mercer, N. D., Connors, G. J., & Maisto, S. A. Predictors of six-month alcohol and drug abstinence outcomes among severely mentally ill individuals entering dual-diagnosis treatment.

Parks, K. A., King, L. P., Hsieh, Y., Collins, R. L. Predictors of risky sexual behavior with new and regular partners in a sample of women bar drinkers.

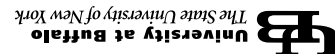
Skewes, M. C. Development of a web-based smoking cessation intervention targeted to Hispanic female college students.

Vincent, P. C., Bradizza, C. M., Carey K. B., Maisto, S. A., Connors, G. J., Stasiewicz, P. R., & Mercer, N. D. Cross-validation of the Problems Assessment for Substance Using Psychiatric Patients (PASUPP) with a independent sample of severely mentally ill individuals.

Winters, J. J., Lynch, L. A., & Murphy, C. M. Relationship problems in partner violent men.

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