



**NADA RESEARCH UPDATE: 27 October 2009**

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**EVENTS**

► **NADA Research Symposium**, will be taking place before our Annual General Meeting on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009**.

*Presentations of interest include:*

- **Professor Amanda Baker** of the Centre for Brain and Mental Health Research at the University of Newcastle will be presenting on her research that looks at brief interventions for co-existing mental health and drug and alcohol problems. Amanda won the prestigious Excellence in Research Award at the National Drug and Alcohol Awards this year for her comorbidity research.
- **Dr Devon Indig** of the Centre for Health Research in Criminal Justice at Justice Health will be looking at trends in the latest Inmate Health Survey, with a focus on drug and alcohol and mental health issues within the prison population.
- **Associate Professor Jagdish Dua** from the Ted Noffs Foundation will be presenting on social and family factors as predictors of outcomes in adolescents with drug and alcohol and related mental health problems
- **Dr Rebecca McKetin**, Senior Research Fellow with National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at UNSW will be looking at the findings from the methamphetamine treatment evaluation study (mates).
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The research symposium is **free**, to access the flyer and registration form please click [here](#).

If you would like any further information on the research symposium please contact Robert Stirling on [Robert@nada.org.au](mailto:Robert@nada.org.au) or call 8113 1320.

► **Social Policy Research Network Seminar, Pathways to Prison**

**Eileen Baldry, University of NSW**

Around 40% of prisoners in NSW have mental health disorders and/or cognitive disability combined with alcohol or other drug problems. This is a massive overrepresentation of between 4 to 9 times the rate in the general population and is replicated across the world. Why are these persons in prison; what pathways have they taken there instead of into social care and support?

A study drawing data from criminal justice and human service agencies on over 2,700 persons who have been in prison using an innovative data merging and pathway analysis provides a life-course, pathway analysis for the first time to answer these questions. Results indicate that persons with complex needs, that is with cognitive impairment, mental health disorders and alcohol or other drug issues have significantly more contacts with police, court appearances and episodes in prison than those without a diagnosis or with only one diagnosis.

*The study suggests new ways to understand, account for and intervene to prevent persons with these disabilities ending up in prison. This seminar explains how the research has put together this picture from a range of administrative sources, and explores the challenges and benefits of assembling and analysing this very rich data.*

Dr Eileen Baldry is Associate Professor in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies and Associate Dean Education (ADE) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at UNSW. Her research focuses on social justice matters, including mental health and cognitive disability in the criminal justice system; homelessness and transitional services for those leaving prison; Indigenous social work; community development and social housing; and disability services.

**18 November, 3-5pm, Room 418, Education Building, University of Sydney**

**Afternoon tea will be served.**

**RSVP: [reception@edfac.usyd.edu.au](mailto:reception@edfac.usyd.edu.au) by 16 November (please include the name and date of the event in your note)**

► **Turning Point Symposium**

This year, the Symposium was held on 18th August at VicHealth, and aimed to provide the Victorian alcohol and drug sector with a forum to learn about a wide range of key projects that are undertaken at Turning Point. The Symposium also provided AOD workers with an opportunity to engage with colleagues from across the sector, and through the inclusion of practical workshops, to build on research and clinical skills to inform current practice.

To access abstracts and presentation materials please click [here](#)

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**PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES**

► **Practice Link**

Click [here](#) to download the September issue of Practice Link from turning point. Practice Link is part of the development of the Victorian Practice Research Network and is an opportunity to highlight current and developing research projects completed at Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, particularly those that are relevant to practitioners and their clients. This article covers consumer and stakeholder issues in research.

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*NADA compiles a list of Journal articles that may be of relevance or interest to you. If you do not have access these journals, please identify which article you are interested in and we can obtain it for you.*

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

► **ADDICTION, Vol. 104, No. 9, Sept 2009**

*[Commentary] Research assessments: instruments of bias and brief interventions of the future?*

J. McCambridge 1311-1312

*Socio-demographic risk factors for alcohol and drug dependence: the 10-year follow-up of the national comorbidity survey*

J. Swendsen, K.P. Conway, et al. 1346-1355

► **ADDICTION, Vol. 104, No. 8, Aug 2009**

*Anxiety and depression among abstainers and low-level alcohol consumers. The Nord-Trøndelag Health Study*

J.C. Skogen, S.B. Harvey, et al. 1519-1529

► **ADDICTION RESEARCH & THEORY, Vol. 17, No. 4, Aug 2009**

*Co-morbidity of drug addiction: an analysis of epidemiological data and possible etiological models*

Z. Demetrovics 420-431

► **ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS, Vol. 34, No. 10, Oct 2009**

*Reprint of "Understanding comorbidity between substance use, anxiety and affective disorders: broadening the research base"*

W. Hall, L. Degenhardt, M. Teesson 795-799

*The reliability and validity of the Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST) in first-episode psychosis*

L. Hides, S.M. Cotton, G. Berger, et al. 821-825

*Measuring principal substance of abuse in comorbid patients for clinical research*

M.L. Griffin, M.E. Kolodziej, R.D. Weiss 826-829

*Development and validation of a scale for assessing reasons for substance use in schizophrenia: the ReSUS scale*

L. Gregg, C. Barrowclough, G. Haddock 830-837

*Interventions for co-occurring addictive and other mental disorders (AMDs)*

D.J. Kavanagh, J.M. Connolly 838-845

*The long and the short of treatments for alcohol of Cannabis misuse among people with severe mental disorders*

A. Baker, A. Turner, et al. 852-858

*Evaluating integrated MI and CBT for people with psychosis and substance misuse: recruitment, retention and sample characteristics of the MIDAS trial*

C. Barrowclough, G. Haddock, et al. 859-866

*Client and service characteristics associated with addiction treatment completion of clients with co-occurring disorders*

L.F. Mangrum 898-904

► **DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE, Volume 104 Issue 3 2009**

*A "community-friendly" version of integrated group therapy for patients with bipolar disorder and substance dependence: A randomized controlled trial*

Weiss, R. D., Griffin, M. L. Jaffee, W. B. et. al., pp 212 - 219

► **AMERICAN JOURNAL OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE, Volume 35 Number 5, 2009**

*Associations between Impulsivity and High Risk Sexual Behaviors in Dually Diagnosed Outpatients*

Black, R., Serowik, K., Rosen, M., pp 325 - 328

*Mental Health Indicator Interaction in Predicting Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes in Nevada*

Greenfield, L., Wolf-Branigin, M., pp 350 - 357

*Methods of Recruiting Adolescents with Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders for a Clinical Trial*

Jaffee, W., Bailey, G., Lohman, M., et al. , pp 381 - 384

*Examination of the Inventory of Drug Use Consequences with Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness and Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders*

Bennett, M., Nidecker, M., et. al., pp 385 – 390

► **JOURNAL OF DRUG ISSUES [U.S.], Vol. 39, No. 2, Spring 2009**

*Development of the Smoking Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (S-KAP) instrument*

K.L. Delucchi, B. Tajima, J. Guydish 347-363

► **JOURNAL OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT [U.S.], Vol. 37, No. 2, Sept 2009**

*What could the program have done differently? A qualitative examination of reasons for leaving outpatient treatment*

A.B. Laudet, V. Stanick, B. Sands 182-190

*Agency context and tailored training in technology transfer: a pilot evaluation of motivational interviewing training for community counselors*

J.S. Baer, E.A. Wells, et al. 191-202

► **HEALTH PROMOTION JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA, Vol. 20, No. 2, Aug 2009**

*Building capacity for evidence-based practice in the health promotion workforce: evaluation of a train-the-trainer initiative in NSW*

B. Lloyd, L. Rychetnik, M. Maxwell, et al. 151-154

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► **The IDRS and EDRS quarterly Drug Trends bulletins for October are now available on the NDARC website.**

Topics and links are as follows:

[IDRS: An overview of the 2009 IDRS: The Regular Injecting Drug User Survey findings](#)

[EDRS: An overview of the 2009 EDRS: The Regular Ecstasy User Survey findings](#)

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