UMSARC Welcomes New Members

UMSARC welcomes our new members – Drs. Kristine Siefert and Richard Tolman. They are important additions to our Center and we look forward to future collaborations.

Richard Tolman, Ph.D., MSW is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work. Dr. Tolman is currently a co-Director of the Project for Research on Work, Welfare and Domestic Violence, which is co-sponsored by the Center of Poverty, Risk and Mental Health (University of Michigan) and the Center for Impact Research of Chicago. Dr. Tolman’s research focuses on men who use violence against women and children and on the effectiveness of interventions designed to change violent and abusive behavior. His current work includes a study of domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse and other barriers to work for low-income mothers.

Kristine Seifert, Ph.D., MPH is a Professor in the School of Social Work and is the Associate Director of the NIMH Poverty Research Center at the University of Michigan. Dr. Siefert’s research focuses on poverty, social and environmental risk factors related to mental health and illness. She has a sustained research interest in issues related to substance abuse and pregnancy outcomes. Her current research includes studies on welfare reform, poverty and mothers convicted of drug offenses.

Executive Committee Gains New Members

UMSARC members selected seven new Executive Committee members to serve terms from 2000-2002. We will hold our first meeting with these new members this fall. The Executive Committee for 2000-2001 includes Drs.:

- Kristen Barry/Psychiatry,
- Carol Boyd/Substance Abuse Research Center/Women’s Studies/Nursing,
- Gregory Dalack/Psychiatry,
- Kathleen Faller/School of Social Work,
- Anne Garcia/Division of Kinesiology,
- Sally Guthrie/Pharmacy,
- Andrea Hegedus/Alcohol Research Center,
- Peter Jacobson/Health Management & Policy,
- Joanna Pohl/Nursing,
- Cynthia Pomereau/Psychiatry,
- Terry Robinson/Psychology,
- Charles Schuster/Wayne State University/School of Medicine,
- Jerry Stitzel/Pharmacology,
- Fredrick Streff/Transportation Research Institute,
- James Woods/Pharmacology,
- Marc Zimmerman/Health Behavior & Health,
- Robert Zucker/Psychiatry.
UMSARC Welcomes NIDA Fellows

NEW POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:
Sean Esteban McCabe, MSW, Ph.D.
Department: Education
Mentors: Carol Boyd, Ph.D. (Nursing/Women’s Studies/Substance Abuse Research Center) and John Schulenberg, Ph.D. (Institute for Social Research/ Psychology)
Research:
• Alcohol and other drug use among college students.
• Screening to detect substance abuse among young adults.
• Risk and protective factors of alcohol abuse.
Daniel Rosen, MSW, Ph.D.
Departments: Sociology and Social Work (Affiliated with the Center for Research on Poverty, Risk and Mental Health)
Mentors: Beth Reed, Ph.D. (Social Work/Women’s Studies) and Richard Tolman, Ph.D. (Social Work)
Research:
• Co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance abuse) in low-income women.
• Service utilization for women who need substance abuse services.

CONTINUING POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:
Amy Young, Ph.D.
Departments: Psychology and Women’s Studies
Mentors: Carol Boyd, Ph.D. (Nursing/Women’s Studies) and Abby Stewart, Ph.D. (Psychology/Women’s Studies)
Research:
• Psychological predictors and risk factors of female substance abuse.
• Evaluation of substance abuse treatment for incarcerated populations.
• Policy implications of denying TANF benefits to drug offending women.

NEW PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:
Daniel Broom, Ph.C.
Department: Pharmacology
Mentors: Jim Woods, Ph.D. (Psychology/Pharmacology) and John Traynor, Ph.D. (Pharmacology/Biochemistry)
Dissertation Research:
• Delta opioid receptor agonists and their effects and actions (including analgesia, side effects and interactions with the possible effects of cocaine).
Zaje Harrell, Ph.C.
Departments: Psychology and Women’s Studies
Mentors: Susan Nolen-Hoeksema, Ph.D. (Psychology), Ovide Pomerleau, Ph.D. (Behavioral Medicine/ Psychology/Psychiatry) and Cindy Pomerleau, Ph.D. (Psychiatry).
Dissertation Research:
• Differences between smokers and non-smokers in their patterns of drug use, personality characteristics, social identities, mental health and coping.

CONTINUING PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:
Luke Bergman, Ph.C.
Department: Anthropology and Social Work
Mentors: Beth Reed, Ph.D. (Social Work) and Rosemary Sarri, Ph.D. (Social Work)
Dissertation Research:
• The ways that incarceration intersects with cultural identity formation among substance abusing adolescent men.
Kathy Chadman, Ph.C.
Department: Pharmacology
Mentors: James Woods, Ph.D. (Psychology/Pharmacology) and Margaret Neney, Ph.D. (Pharmacology)
Dissertation Research:
• Characterization of the blockade by chlorisondamine in pigeons using the nicotine-induced changes in blood pressure and discrimination of nicotine.

News Briefs . . .
Researchers affiliated with the University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center (UMSARC) continue to attract extramural grants and contracts. In 1999, UMSARC researchers were awarded approximately 18 million dollars for new grants and contracts that directly pertained to substance use and abuse.

UMSARC’s contract with Western Michigan University and the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) has been extended for another year and for an additional $200,000. UMSARC evaluation researchers will continue to investigate the efficacy of the drug treatment provided to prisoners at the Cooper Street facility in Jackson, Michigan. The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) is a cognitive-behavioral program supervised by Western Michigan and is currently in its third year of NIJ and MD HC funding. Outcome variables include recidivism and relapse.

Congratulations to Dr. Pat Palmieri on her new position in the history Department of Ithaca College. Dr. Palmieri, a social historian, was a NIDA post-doctoral fellow at UMSARC (1998-2000) who continues to work on a book about the history of women’s tobacco use. We will miss her and wish her the very best.

Drs. Brett Fuller and Camille Norton, NIDA post-doctoral fellows (1999-2000) are leaving UMSARC but are remaining at the University of Michigan. They will be working with their UMSARC mentors, Drs. Robert Zucker and Stan Watson.
Announcing Interdisciplinary Speakers Series (2000-2001)

The Substance Abuse Research Center is sponsoring a series of presentations focusing on drug policy, drug media, the link between science and policy, and advertising in media and policy. We hope that you will plan to attend these events and we strongly encourage you to bring your graduate students.

Thomas Mieczkowski, Ph.D., Professor, College of Arts, Science, and Criminology, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL.

Billy Martin, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of VA Campus, Richmond, VA.

Leon Gordis, M.D., Dr.P.H., Professor, Department of Epidemiology, John Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD.

Gregory Connolly, DMD, MPH, Director, Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, Boston, MA.

September 13, 2000 from 3:00-5:00 PM
(Michigan League, Room D)
“Alternatives to Prison for Drug Offenders: Politically Workable Approaches”

October 18, 2000 from 3:00-5:00 PM
(Michigan League, Kalamazoo Room)
“The Relationship of Scientific Knowledge to Marijuana Policy”

November 1, 2000 from 3:00-5:00 PM
(Michigan League, Kalamazoo Room)
“Science, Politics and Policy: What can we learn for the issue of mammography for women in their forties?”

November 8, 2000 from 3:00-5:00 PM
(Michigan League, Kalamazoo Room)
“After the Settlement: Tobacco Industry Bankruptcy or Redemption?”

University of Michigan Tobacco Research Network (UMTRN)

Researchers from the University of Michigan Tobacco Research Network (UMTRN) met with seven journalists in June during a weeklong journalism fellowship for journalists who cover tobacco issues.

Journalists heard from 25 researchers - most of whom were members of this interdisciplinary research network group - who specialize in tobacco policy, health, legal, advertising and medical issues, among other areas. The fellowship, called “Tobacco’s Future,” was intended to educate journalists about the complex facets of tobacco.

Adrian Zawada, a journalist from the Winston-Salem Journal in Winston-Salem, N.C., who covers the tobacco industry said, “The fellowship proved informative and educational. My reporting of tobacco issues now has a broader scope and perspective to work with, given the diverse range of medical and social studies I examined during the fellowship. I am particularly impressed with the seriousness, commitment and depth with which your university’s faculty approaches tobacco health issues. The University of Michigan is clearly a leading institution in tobacco research.”

Other journalists who attended the fellowship represented The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Charlotte Sun Herald (Florida), Reuters News Service, Detroit Free Press and a freelance writer from Portland, Oregon writing for ReutersHealth.com

The fellowship was organized and sponsored by News and Information Services in conjunction with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.