

April 28

GetNaloxoneNow! Development and Impact of Online Trainings to Prevent, Recognize and Respond to Opioid Overdoses

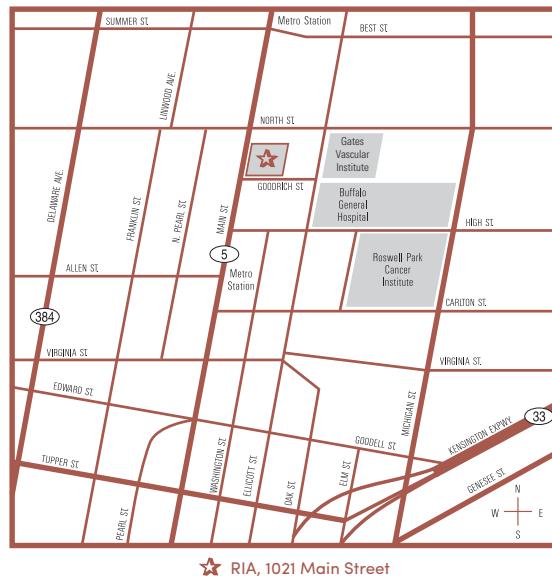


Janie Simmons, EDD
Principal Investigator
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Simmons specializes in HIV and overdose prevention, in addition to studies on women, poverty and AIDS; drug-using couples; drug use initiation; barriers to drug treatment; overdose prevention; trauma and secondary trauma; intimate partner violence; and field-based research ethics. She developed two computer-based, overdose prevention training modules: one for potential bystanders (family, friends, anyone who witnesses an overdose); and one for police officers, firefighters and EMTs. She is an affiliated researcher with the Center for Drug Use and HIV Research at New York University and an advisory board and faculty member at Fordham University's HIV Prevention Research Ethics Institute.

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www.buffalo.edu/ria/news_events/seminars.html

Where is RIA?



★ RIA, 1021 Main Street



The Research Institute on Addictions is located at 1021 Main Street, near the corner of North Street. It is two blocks from the Allen Street Metro Rail Station.

Parking

Metered street parking is available in front of RIA on Main St., and there are Pay & Display and metered parking spots available throughout the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

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March 10

Link Between Alcohol and Suicide: Theory and Evidence



**Kenneth R. Conner, PsyD,
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Professor, Emergency
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Conner primarily conducts pre-intervention and preventive intervention research, with the major theme of the role of drinking and alcohol use disorder in suicidal behavior. Subthemes include unplanned or impulsive suicidal behavior, reactive aggression, depression, and interpersonal stress and conflict, all of which are overrepresented in individuals with alcohol use disorder. He has studied proximal risk for suicide attempts in individuals enrolled in inpatient substance abuse treatment programs in Buffalo and Rochester, led postmortem studies of suicide using psychological autopsy methodology, and conducted numerous secondary analyses of large population and clinical datasets.

March 31

Reward, Interrupted: Inhibitory Control and Its Relevance for Addictions



J. David Jentsch, PhD
Empire Innovation
Professor of Psychology
(Behavioral Neuroscience)
Binghamton University

Jentsch's research focuses on identifying the genetic and neural mechanisms contributing to compromised self-control abilities in drug and alcohol addictions. He received the 2011 Jacob P. Waletzky Award from the Society for Neuroscience for his research contributions. Additionally, he is an advocate for sustained engagement with the public on the substance and practice of psychological and neuroscience research, including on the topic of humane and responsible animal research. His work in this area was recognized with the 2012 Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

April 7

Interim Buprenorphine Treatment for Reducing Illicit Opioid Use During Treatment Delays



Stacey Sigmon, PhD
Associate Professor,
Psychiatry and
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Sigmon's current research has two areas of focus. First, she has a clinical opioid research program with the overarching goal of developing and evaluating more efficacious treatments for opioid dependence. She also has longstanding research interest aimed at leveraging behavioral economic principles to support healthy behaviors, especially among disadvantaged populations. Most recently, this has involved tackling cigarette smoking among the challenging population of opioid-dependent patients. She is the director of Vermont's first and largest opioid treatment program, which currently delivers methadone or buprenorphine maintenance treatment to approximately 1,000 Vermont citizens.

RIA's annual Seminar Series brings to Buffalo national experts in the fields of alcohol, drugs and related issues to present research results to policymakers, clinicians, other researchers, students and the general public.

**Spring seminars will take place 10 a.m. on the dates noted, in room 132 of RIA.
They are free and open to the public.**