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Message from the Editors:

NHSN Fellows:

We are proud to present the inaugural issue of Adelante: the NHSN Summer Institute Fellow Newsletter. Adelante was conceived during the 2006 NHSN annual conference in response to the need to continue to foster the NHSN Fellow community and network. Adelante then aims to allow fellows to maintain the NHSN network by maintaining an update of fellows' accomplishments, facilitating potential collaborations, and providing easy access to potential resources, calls for papers, training opportunities, and awards.

It is our hope that Adelante will encourage fellows to become actively involved in the NHSN network by collaborating with other members in contributing to the knowledge on substance use and abuse among Latinos.

This current issue provides updates from fellows, highlights research and publications by fellows, as well as provides a listing of resources.

We would also like to encourage you to actively participate in the development of this newsletter by continuing to provide us with updates on your research and career, as well as submitting potential resources or opportunities that may be of interest to fellows.

We hope you will find this issue useful!



Newsletter Committee:

From left to right: Liliane Windsor, Nalini Negi, and Cristina Mogro-Wilson

*A special thanks to
Evelio Escamilla for
coordinating this effort!*

Here is an update on NHSN Fellows



Robert Gee is currently an Assistant Professor at the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Associate Director of the Southwest Institute for Addictive Diseases at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



Cristina Mogro-Wilson is currently working as Research Director at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Center for Disabilities. She has a defense date scheduled for April and plans on graduating this May 2007. University at Albany, School of Social Welfare, Albany, New York. Dissertation: Latino Adolescent Alcohol Use: The Role of Acculturation and Parenting Styles. Dissertation Chair: Lynn Videka, Ph.D.



Stephanie Rivaux is currently a Doctoral Candidate at the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin



Nalini Negi is currently a Doctoral Candidate at the School of Social Work at The University of Texas, Austin. During the Spring of 2007 she received a National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Social Work Research Development Program Dissertation Award from The University of Texas, School of Social Work. Congratulations Nalini!



Liliane Cambraia Windsor is currently a Doctoral Student at the School of Social Work at The University of Texas, Austin. During the Fall of 2006 she received National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Diversity Supplement and she is currently conducting her dissertation in New York City under the supervision of Dr. Eloise Dunlap at the National Development & Research Institutes. Congratulations Lili!

Tanya Nieri is currently the Coordinator of research at the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC): Culturally Grounded Prevention and Services Research at Arizona State University.

Miguel Cruz-Feliciano is currently Project Evaluator at CBHATTC

Let us know what you have been up to !If you would like your accomplishments to be featured , please send us a picture and a paragraph with an update of your accomplishments and we will publish it in an upcoming newsletter!

Recent Fellows' Publications

Robert Gee

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Cristina Mogro-Wilson

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Nalini Negi

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Stephanie Rivaux

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Liliane Windsor

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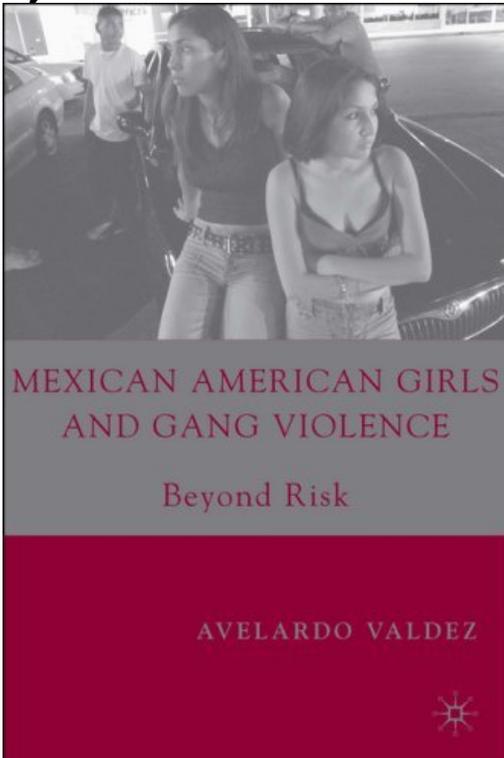
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Featured Publication

Mexican American Girls and Gang Violence: Beyond Risk

by Avelardo Valdez



Intimate partner violence remains a serious public health and social problem in the U.S. While street violence and rape make the news across our respective communities, violence experienced by women with their intimate partner, family members and family friends is far more common, yet given less attention, analysis, and meaningful measured societal response. Earlier research and key publications have focused on older women, mainly those in marriages, and have overlooked young adolescent to young adult females, and also minorities. Valdez reverses this trend, focusing on Mexican-American females who are particularly vulnerable to violence victimization by virtue of the environmental, economic, and cultural factors associated with life in the Mexican-American barrio.

As this manuscript emphasizes, street gang affiliations increase the risks of sexual violence and IPV among this population especially in socially and economically disadvantaged urban communities. *Beyond Risk* also addresses how social and cultural factors are critical in understanding the etiology of intimate partner violence in this country's rapidly growing segment of the population.

Announcements

Research Training Opportunities

2007 Summer Research Internship on Poverty and Adolescent Risk

The School of Public Health in the University of Alabama at Birmingham is offering a summer research internship for students interested in studying neighborhood poverty and its impact on adolescent behavior. Students who participate in the internship, which is in its 10th year, will conduct a survey of adolescents living in public housing and other very low-income neighborhoods in Mobile and Prichard, Alabama. We are soliciting applications from students who would like to participate in this unique learning experience. Interns, who may be either undergraduate or graduate students, will be required to live in Mobile between May 14, 2007 and July 27, 2007. Each student who participates will receive a stipend (\$7.50 per hour) to cover housing and other living expenses. General work hours are between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM, with some limited weekend work required. For more information, please contact John Bolland (205 975-7149, bol-landj@uab.edu). Interested students should send a note indicating their interest and a resume (with names of and contact information for three references) by March 19, 2007. Applications until the end of April.

Announcements Continued

Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research

Supports behavioral scientists at the postdoctoral and predoctoral levels to develop research and professional careers in the drug use/misuse and HIV/AIDS. Several former and current fellows are members of National Hispanic Network. Positions at the postdoctoral level are now available until June 30, 2007. Additional positions may be available after July 1, 07. Please visit our website, www.ndri.org/jobs/bstinfo.html, for more information and application instructions.

Pre and Postdoctoral Positions:

The College of Education and the Hispanic Health Disparities Research Program at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) welcome applications for a one-year postdoctoral position with The Spanish Health Literacy Initiative (Spanish HELI). The Spanish HELI is aimed at improving the health literacy level of the Hispanic population through an innovative model that combines teaching, research, and services. The research component focuses on literacy needs in health care settings, development of Spanish health/education materials, and comprehensive school health education. Please submit a two-page summary of potential research initiatives and academic activities that may be conducted during the fellowship. The applicant should have a doctorate in a field appropriate to research in health literacy from an accredited university at the time of the appointment. Teaching experience and having conducted preliminary research related to health literacy are preferred. For more information on these postings, please visit the "Jobs" section of the University's webpage at www.utep.edu.

Postdoctoral Position in Nicotine Dependence, Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation

The Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation (MMRF) has a postdoctoral position available to study behavioral and neuropharmacological aspects of nicotine dependence using animal models. The successful candidate will join a NIH-funded multidisciplinary group currently focusing on development of 1) novel pharmacotherapies for nicotine dependence, 2) animal models of smoking reduction to examine variables associated with compensatory smoking, and 3) animal models of behavioral treatments for nicotine dependence. Candidates must have a PhD or equivalent degree and a background in neuro- and/or behavioral pharmacology. For further information, contact Mark G. LeSage, Ph.D., Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation, 914 South 8th Street, S3-860, Minneapolis, MN, 55404, lesag002@umn.edu.

Postdoctoral Scholar Position, Department of Family Medicine, UCLA

Postdoc position in UCLA Dept. of Family Medicine. Will assist with existing program of clinical research ranging from clinical trials of medications to treat methamphetamine addiction to clinical epidemiology studies on HIV/STDs. Candidate must be interested in intervention development (i.e., grantwriting, protocol development, regulatory and research procedures, data analysis and manuscript submission) and in a career working with communities with healthcare disparities. The postdoctoral scholar should have the goal of becoming an independently funded clinical investigator. Apply directly to Steve Shoptaw, Ph.D., sshoptaw@mednet.ucla.edu or call (310)794-6206

Adolescent SA Treatment Research, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Mountain Manor adolescent substance abuse treatment center offers an exciting training opportunity in clinical practice and treatment research. This position is appropriate for an early-career MD or doctoral-level psychologist looking for additional clinical and research experience with substance abusing populations in a university-affiliated community-based treatment setting. The Mountain Manor Treatment Center provides a full continuum of adolescent outpatient and inpatient substance abuse treatment services at facilities located in Baltimore Maryland.



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Postdoctoral, NIDA-funded Interdisciplinary Training Program, University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center

The University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center is accepting applications for postdoctoral fellows for the 2006-07 academic year. The purpose of the training is to prepare researchers and scholars to expand their work beyond traditional boundaries in preparation for work in the field of substance abuse research.

The Substance Abuse Research Center is comprised of over 110 individuals from 29 departments at the University of Michigan who have significant interest in the study of alcohol, nicotine, and other drugs of abuse. The Center exists to stimulate the study of psychoactive substance abuse of all kinds and to extend the knowledge regarding substance abuse prevention.

fMRI to Study Addiction at Yale University School of Medicine

The Yale University School of Medicine invites applications for a one-year renewable postdoctoral research fellowship concentrating on use of fMRI to study addiction. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to join an internationally recognized, NIDA-funded, multidisciplinary research group to participate in studies of drug and gambling addictions. Research projects involve fMRI, behavioral and pharmacological clinical trial, molecular genetic, and gender-focused approaches and their intersections. Modern imaging facilities include 1.5T, 3T, and 4T magnets devoted full-time to human research. Experience in fMRI, gendered-focused or clinical trial research is desired.

Research Positions in Behavioral Neuropharmacology and Molecular Neurobiology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York

Research positions are available in a new laboratory being established by Dr. Yasmin Hurd at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Departments of Psychiatry and Pharmacology & Biological Chemistry, New York. NIH-funded research is directed towards the study of opioid neuropeptide, cannabinoid and dopamine neural systems in drug abuse and related psychiatric disorders. Emphasis is on molecular and biochemical studies of the postmortem human brain and animal models are used to mimic the human drug abuse condition. Recent studies focus on genetic and epigenetic contributions to drug abuse and affective disorders. Various positions are available in behavioral neuropharmacology and molecular neurobiology.

Postdoctoral Position in Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory within Biological Psychology Department at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Postdoctoral position is available in the Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory within the Biological Psychology Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We are looking for a motivated individual to conduct behavioral pharmacological research, with an emphasis on investigations of drugs of abuse in genetically altered mice. The University of North Carolina offers a stimulating research environment and is particularly supportive of the training of postdoctoral fellows.

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Alcohol Research at University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Postdoctoral Fellowships in alcohol research available at the University of Connecticut (UConn) School of Medicine. The Postdoctoral Training Program at UConn offers 2-year, NIH/NIAAA-funded fellowships within the following areas: (a) Brain imaging studies of alcohol dependence and comorbid medical disorders; (b) Studies of adolescent substance abuse and treatment; (c) Studies of psychological/cognitive risk factors for alcoholism; (d) Studies of pathological gambling and contingency management treatments of substance abuse; (e) Research in behavioral treatment of alcohol and drug dependence;

Postdoctoral Research Position in Motivational Interventions for Substance Use Disorders, University of Texas at Austin

A two-year NIH/NIDA-funded postdoctoral research position is available at the Center for Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin. The Center offers a stimulating and productive academic and training environment in which trainees can gain first-hand experience in conducting all levels of substance abuse research. This position will provide the resources, opportunities, and training that will enable the trainee to become an independent investigator.

Announcements Continued

Postdoctoral Fellow for Division of Neuroscience, Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Seeking Postdoctoral Fellow with recent Ph.D. for fulltime position in the Division of Neuroscience at Yerkes National Primate Research Center of Emory University. Require previous training in molecular skills for possible projects involving cloning and viral vectors. The laboratory focuses on peptides in the brain and drug abuse, but onsite training in these topics is available. Please contact: Michael J. Kuhar, Ph.D.; 404-727-1737; michael.kuhar@emory.edu; 954 Gatewood Rd NE; Atlanta, GA 30329.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan (Department of Psychiatry) and Department of Veteran Affairs (Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center)

Immediate opening for up to 2 postdoctoral fellows: Join an interdisciplinary group of psychologists, emergency medicine physicians, and statisticians conducting randomized controlled trials of brief adapted motivational interviewing approaches funded by NIAAA and NIDA. Projects involve faculty from the University of Michigan, Department of Psychiatry, Addiction Research Center and from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center. The University of Michigan provides a strong methodological infrastructure for trainees, and a research environment that is rich in interdisciplinary collaborations. Fellowships offer the opportunity to develop an integrated research program and enhance skills necessary for a successful academic/research career in addiction fields.

Postdoctoral Position in Behavioral Pharmacology at Harvard Medical School

A unique postdoctoral opportunity is available for research on the behavioral and pharmacological mechanisms underlying the therapeutic vs. side effects of novel GABA (A) receptor drugs. We have an established research program to evaluate GABA(A) receptor subtype-selective compounds as anxiolytics and have initiated a new program to explore potential cognitive enhancing agents. This research uses a multidisciplinary approach, with opportunities for the candidate to work with both mouse and monkey models of neuropsychiatric disease and addiction.

Job Opportunities:

Deputy Director, Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research (DESPR), NIDA

Project Coordinator, Lab Manager, Lab for Molecular and Neuroimaging, UCLA Semel Institute

Research Assistant Professor in Evaluation, Policy and Ethics Division, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, St. Louis

Clinical Psychologist, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Substance Abuse, Yale University School of Medicine

Research Assistant Professor and Core Director, Department of Pharmacology, University of Mississippi Neuroimaging in Psychology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Research, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Project Director/Junior Faculty, Families and Addiction Program, Harvard Medical School, Boston

Department Chair of Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso

Assistant Professor in Neuroscience, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso

Associate/Full Professor of Medicine (Research) Research Scientist at Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Medical School

Assistant or Associate Professor of Medicine (Research) at Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Medical School

Scientific Review Administrator (SRA), Department of Health and Human Services, NIDA, Rockville, MD

Assistant/Associate Researcher, Department of Radiology, University of California at San Francisco, Substance Abuse Research Section

Human Laboratory Researcher Faculty Level Position, Division of Neurobiological Studies, University of Virginia

Assistant or Associate Professor Addiction Psychiatrist at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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Center Analysis Coordinator (Research Associate), Center for Advanced Longitudinal Drug Abuse Data (CALDAR), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Physician Postdoctoral or Research Associate Position in Addiction Medicine and Addiction Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Research Associate Position in the Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory within the Biological Psychology Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Research Associate Positions in Behavioral Neuropharmacology and Molecular Neurobiology at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York

Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor, Tenure-Track Positions, Pharmacology and Toxicology: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

MIRECC Associate Director of Health Services Research: CT Yale Department of Psychiatry

Call for papers

Journal of Early Adolescence is issuing a special issue on Latino/Hispanic Early Adolescence. Those interested in submitting a paper should contact Adriana Umaña-Taylor at ASU. The web portal <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/earlyadolescence>. The deadline is 7/1/07.

Resources

These websites contain useful information on drug addiction, education and other related issues. A group of well known Hispanics (research, service) are behind these two websites

<http://cbattc.uccaribe.edu>

www.nlatinoaddiction.org

This is it for now fellows!

We hope that you will contribute to our upcoming newsletter by sending your information to Liliane Windsor at liliw@mail.utexas.edu (We welcome information about your current achievements, resources, call for papers, and anything relevant to substance abuse and Hispanic populations).

For the next Newsletter, we will open the “Message from the editor” space for any fellows willing to contribute. Please let us know if you would like to contribute that section for our next edition.