



broadCAST



From the Director's Desk

Denise Hien, Ph.D., ABPP

Welcome to our 9th edition of broadCAST!

We recently held our WinR Conference, which concluded a productive year for the

Wellness in Recovery Addiction Advocacy Research Program. The program has expanded and evolved with funding from Indivior, for *Journey to Wellness*, and from the Farris Foundation, for the *Wellness Training Learning Collaborative*. These programs are described in this issue and on our website.

Other exciting developments at the Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies include new faculty joining our CAS family including Dr. Tanya Saraiya from Medical University of South Carolina (Assistant Professor) and Dr. Jordan Gette from Texas Tech University (Postdoctoral Associate). Stay tuned for more!

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In The News



National Mental Health Strategy

President Biden has put forward a comprehensive national strategy to address our mental health crisis, calling for a major transformation in how mental health is understood, accessed, treated, and integrated – in and out of health care settings.

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In The Center

Dr. DiBello Article Featured

[Dr. Angelo DiBello](#) has an article featured in a Rutgers press release, describing a study of individual attitudes toward heavy alcohol use to see if they were predictors of risky drinking. [READ MORE](#)



CAS Poster Session and Awards Event

On Thursday, April 21, the Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies hosted a [poster session](#), featuring Among Kudva Fiza, Sneha Varghese, Julianne Price, Zarif Ladak, Jacqueline Smith and Kathryn Biernacki.

The [2022 Joseph M. Russell Memorial Award](#) was presented by Dr. Denise Hien, CAS Director, to two doctoral students for their commitment to preserving the history of CAS: Nicholas Allred (PhD, 2022, Rutgers English Department) and William Bejarano (PhD Candidate, Rutgers School of Communication & Information). This recognition highlights the efforts and contributions of these two scholars related to designing and conducting historical research, providing access to the unique material in the CAS Archives, and sharing CAS history with students and scholars in other disciplines.

The John A. Carpenter Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Studies was presented to Aman Matthews for work on the topic *A mouse model for alcohol drinking ad gene expression analysis: a computational approach*.



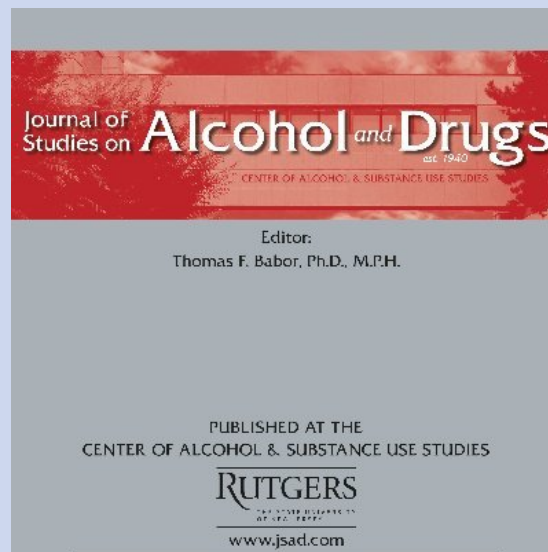
Wellness in Recovery (WinR) Conference

On June 10, the WinR program presented on community engaged and co-produced projects from the past year. Dr. Denise Hien welcomed participants.

The conference, titled *Supporting the Supporters: Collective Action Through Research and Advocacy* was attended by a lively and diverse group of people in recovery, family members, peer supporters, behavioral health providers, researchers, and advocates. [READ MORE](#)

The [WinR Community Advisory Board members](#) were recognized at the conference for their exceptional service.

Our Journal



Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs

Now in its 82nd year, the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*—published by the Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies—continues its place as one of the top journals in the substance-abuse field. Read exciting updates, highlights, and additional information about the journal.

The [March 2022 issue](#) includes open access articles that focus on the [post-deployment alcohol use and risk](#) for Army National Guard soldiers and on how [living on the US-Mexico border](#) protects against substance use mortality compared to living in off-border countries.



In The Community

Surgeon General: Health Worker Burnout

US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy recently issued an advisory highlighting the urgent need to address the health worker burnout crisis. Health workers, including physicians, nurses, community and public health workers, nurse aides, and others, have faced challenges in the health care system even before the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to high levels of burnout. [READ MORE](#)



In the Future

Wellness Training Learning Collaborative

The Wellness Training Learning Collaborative (W-TLC) has been created to support the wellness of the healthcare workforce, which experiences emotional, and physical effects from their work, with recent increases in stress. Their wellbeing is of paramount priority.



In addition to its library of wellness resources, the WTLC will be offering a series of webinars and learning collaborative sessions on wellness topics.



In the Arts

Beyond Addiction: Reframing Recovery

Learn about a recovery-focused exhibit of photos, graphic art, and poetry originally displayed in the Aronson Galleries in New York City in 2019.

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