8th Drug Abuse Research Symposium
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“Drug Addiction is a Brain Disease”

Friday, June 14, 2013
8:30 am – 3:45 pm
Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science | Keck Lecture Hall
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Agenda

7:30 - 8:30 am REGISTRATION/PRE-CONFERENCE EVALUATION AND BREAKFAST

8:30 - 8:45 am Welcome and background on Diversity Institutions Drug Abuse Research Program (DIDARP) at CDU
*Theodore Friedman, MD, PhD
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CE process and evaluations
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8:45 – 9:00 am University Welcome
David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD
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Jay Vadgama, PhD
Interim Executive Vice President for Research and Health Affairs
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
9:00 -10:00 am  Update on NIDA supported Drug Abuse and Addiction Research (CME event)
David Shurtleff, Ph.D.
Acting Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse
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CLINICAL/ BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES and POLICY RESEARCH SUBSTANCE ABUSE
10:00-10:20 am  Harm Reduction and Drug Policy Reform
Laura Thomas, MPH, MPP
Deputy State Director, San Francisco, Drug Policy Alliance
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10:20 -10:35 am  Discrimination, Stress, and Substance Use Disorders among Latina/os
Angie Denisse Otiniano Verissimo, Ph.D., M.P.H.
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Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior
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10:35 -10:50 am MORNING BREAK

10:50-11:15 am  Understanding Medical Marijuana Laws
Priscillia Hunt, Ph.D.
Associate Economist, RAND
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11:15 -11:30 am Correlates of Hepatitis C Virus among Injection Drug Users and their Sex Partners in Ciudad Juárez, CHIH
Oralia Loza, Ph.D.
Department of Public Health Sciences
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11:30 -11:45 am Brain Structure in Methamphetamine Dependence
Angelica Morales
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CLINICAL/ BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES and POLICY RESEARCH SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Continued)

11:45 -12:00 pm Enhancing the Referral-Making Process to Twelve-step Programs
Cory Dennis, PhD
California State University-San Bernardino
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STUDENT/TRAINEE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

12:00 -12:10 pm A participatory randomized intervention to promote and enhance nicotine dependence treatment in a low-income community using community peer-motivators
Payam Sheikhattari, MD, MPH
Morgan State University
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12:10 -12:20 pm Obesity and Marijuana intake have a detrimental effect on sexual function in male mice
Maria Sanchez, B.S.
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12:20 -1:15 pm LUNCH BREAK

1:15-1:25 pm Decreased Dopamine D2 Receptor Availability and COMT gene expression using microPET and microarray in mice that prefer Alcohol
Tiffany Morton, B.S.
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1:25-1:35 pm Diet and Nicotine on Cancer Proliferation
Desean Lee, B.S., M.S.
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1:35 -1:45 pm Overview of UTEP DIDARP program
Eddie Castañeda, PhD
DIDARP director
University of Texas at El Paso
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BASIC SCIENCE PRESENTATIONS
1:45-2:05 pm  Neurochemical mechanisms mediating enhanced vulnerability to tobacco use: Implications from animal models (via videoconference)
Laura O’Dell, Ph.D.
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2:05-2:20 pm  AFTERNOON BREAK

2:20 -2:40 pm  Changes in the Brain During Chronic Exposure to Nicotine
Henry A. Lester, PhD
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2:40 -3:00 pm  Nicotine plus High Fat Diet Induces Hepatic and Muscle Steatosis*
Amiya Sinha-Hikim, Ph.D.
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STUDENT/TRAINEE ORAL PRESENTATION
3:00-3:10 pm  Additive effects of nicotine and high-fat diet on hepatic steatosis and hepatocellular apoptosis in mice: Involvement of caspase 2 and inducible nitric oxide synthase-mediated intrinsic pathway signaling
Rasheed Ivey, B.S., M.S.
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3:10 -3:30 pm  Addiction and reward parameters in PC2 null mice*
Kabirullah Lutfy, Ph.D., Desean Lee, M.S
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3:30 - 3:45 pm  CLOSING REMARKS

PRESENTATION OF PRIZE FOR TOP STUDENT PRESENTATION, NIDA SUMMER STUDENT PRESENTATIONS AND POST-CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS
Theodore Friedman, MD, PhD

3:45 pm

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