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RECENT DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS AT SRC



Steven B. Carswell, Ph.D.

FRI would like to congratulate the following Social Research Center (SRC) researchers who each graduated in May 2005 with a doctoral degree: *Steven B. Carswell, Ph.D.*; *Michael S. Gordon, D.P.A.*; and *Sharon M. Kelly, Ph.D.*

Dr. Carswell received a Doctorate of Philosophy in Sociology from the American University. His dissertation title is “Pathways to Delinquency: The Role of Parental Attachment, Family Socioeconomic Status, and Deviant Peer Relationships in Risk Behaviors and Delinquency Among Urban African-American Middle School Students.” Dr. Carswell has been a Research Scientist with SRC since March of 1997. He is currently the Co-Investigator/Project Manager of the “Village Model of Care” study, which emanated from two pilot studies that were supported and conducted by FRI.

Dr. Gordon received his Doctorate of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore. His dissertation entitled “Correctional Officer Control Ideology: Implications for Understanding a System” examined officer attitudes and beliefs about inmates in four prisons in Maryland. Dr. Gordon has been a Research Scientist with SRC since November 1999. He is currently the Project Manager of the “Methadone Maintenance for Prisoners” study and Project Consultant for “A Feasibility Study of Buprenorphine-Naloxone Substitution Therapy for the Treatment of Opiate Dependence in Prison Setting.”



Michael S. Gordon, D.P.A.

Dr. Kelly received a Doctorate of Philosophy from the American University. Her dissertation title is “Holistic Re-Entry: A Multi-dimensional Analysis of the Revolving Prison Door.” Dr. Kelly has been a Research Scientist with SRC since August 2000. She is currently the Project Director for the “Entry and Engagement in Methadone Maintenance Treatment,” and “Effectiveness of Methadone Maintenance for Probationers” studies. Dr. Kelly was recently selected to serve on the Commission on Juvenile Justice in Montgomery County, Maryland. ♦



Sharon M. Kelly, Ph.D.

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An Exciting New Era for Epoch Counseling Center

Deb Crocetti's inception as Director of Epoch Counseling Center has led to a vast expansion of the Epoch Program. In addition, through her collaborative efforts with **Bob Storey**, the Assistant Director, Epoch Counseling Center is making significant strides.



*Deb Crocetti, Director
Bob Storey, Assistant Director*

This year Maryland's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration conducted a very successful state audit of Epoch Counseling Center. Epoch received a perfect score for all four of its locations, with no deficiencies cited in any areas.

Strategic marketing efforts, creative style, and commitment to the FRI Mission have also resulted in an additional grant award for Epoch. This grant will help to create an adolescent intensive outpatient component for the program. Ms. Crocetti and Mr. Storey are also in the process of finalizing details for another grant award, which will allow for the provision of psychiatric services.

Goals for future projects include negotiating additional contracts with the private sector, establishing a network of professionals nationally to create a broad base of services for clients in need, and working on Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare

Organizations (JCAHO) accreditation.

Overall, this is an exciting new era for Epoch Counseling Center. FRI would like to commend Ms. Crocetti and Mr. Storey for helping the Epoch Team to build a stronger, broader program to include comprehensive services to its clients. ♦

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Norma McCormack, CIP**, for being cited in "The IRB Newsletter," a Publication of the Southern Connecticut State University Human Research Protection Program. The article on protecting the welfare of particularly vulnerable research participants cited Ms. McCormack's presentation entitled "Special Considerations for Adolescents in Research," which she presented at the FRI co-sponsored conference "Recognizing and Protecting Vulnerable Subjects" in Orlando, Florida in 2004. ♦

Important Mailing Information

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Ask The IRB Staff

Can the documentation of informed consent ever be waived?

With appropriate justification, the IRB may waive the documentation requirement for informed consent (45 CFR 46.117). An IRB may waive the requirement for the investigator to obtain a signed consent form for some or all subjects if it finds either:

- That the only record linking the subject and the research would be the consent document and the principal risk would be potential harm resulting from a breach of confidentiality. Each subject will be asked whether the subject wants documentation linking the subject with the research, and the subject's wishes will govern (note that FDA does NOT provide that an IRB may waive

the requirement for signed consent when the principal risk is a breach of confidentiality because FDA does not regulate studies, which would fall into that category of research); or

- That the research presents no more than minimal risk of harm to subjects and involves no procedures for which written consent is normally required outside of the research context.

In cases in which the documentation requirement is waived, the IRB may require the investigator to provide subjects with a written statement regarding the research. ♦

New Research at FRI

FRI is pleased to announce that the following investigators have recently received grants from the federal government.

Donnie Watson, Ph.D., FRI Principal Investigator on the West Coast, received a five-year grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, entitled, "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for South Africa." The overarching goal of this study is to develop and evaluate the efficacy of several clinical training/approaches for transferring evidenced-based cognitive-behavioral therapy techniques for the treatment of cocaine use disorders to Republic of South Africa community treatment providers.

Elizabeth Katz, Ph.D., FRI Principal Investigator on the East Coast at the Social Research Center, received a five-year subcontract from the National Institutes of Health, entitled, "Effects of Manualized Treatment in a Seamless System." The goal of this research is to review, develop, and study the implementation of a curriculum that incorporates criminal thinking errors in a substance abuse treatment curriculum.

Jeannette Johnson, Ph.D., FRI Principal Investigator on the East Coast at the Social Research Center, received a five-year grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention entitled, "Preventing Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis in Native Americans." The overall purpose of this study is to implement a culturally responsive substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis program that will increase and sustain service capacity to Native Americans in order to address substance abuse, HIV, and hepatitis problems. ♦

Employees' Corner

FRI wishes you a very safe and happy holiday season. The 2005–2006 Holiday Schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve	Friday	December 23, 2005*
Christmas Day	Monday	December 26, 2005*
New Year's Eve Day	Friday	December 30, 2005*
New Year's Day	Monday	January 2, 2006*
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 16, 2006
President's Day	Monday	February 20, 2006
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29, 2006
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2006
Labor Day	Monday	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23, 2006
Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 24, 2006

*Holiday falls on a weekend. The date listed is the day that the holiday will be observed for purposes of FRI's holiday schedule.

FRI Researchers Honored with a Spirit of Hope Award

FRI would like to congratulate **Cathy J. Reback, Ph.D.**, and **Steven Shoptaw, Ph.D.** for being honored with Spirit of Hope Awards from *Being Alive*, a non-profit agency that provides a comprehensive set of peer-based social services, delivered by and for people living with HIV infection. The Spirit of Hope Award acknowledges the work and dedication of those who have made significant contributions to the lives of people with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County on Sunday, October 9, 2005, *Being Alive* hosted the 14th Annual Spirit of Hope Awards Ceremony and Silent Auction, where Drs. Reback and Shoptaw were honored.

Dr. Reback (Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1986) is both a researcher and community provider. She is a Principal Investigator at FRI and the Director of the Prevention Division at the Van Ness Recovery House. Dr. Reback's research focuses on the intersection of sexual identity, substance use, and HIV risk behaviors among gay and bisexual substance users and male-to-female transgendered women. Dr. Reback is particularly interested in the utilization of qualitative research methods among high-risk populations to understand the meaning of their HIV risks behaviors. She has served as Principal Investigator or Co-principal Investigator on ethnographic, intervention and epidemiological studies funded by NIDA, CSAT, UARP, and numerous city and county funded projects. She has an extensive background in conducting community/research collaborations, designing and implementing street-based intervention programs for active substance users, and managing large-scale HIV prevention and intervention programs. Dr. Reback's community work includes membership on several local and national HIV/AIDS and substance abuse task force and advisory committees.

Dr. Shoptaw (Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1990) is a Research Psychologist at UCLA ISAP and a Principal Investigator with FRI. He is Principal Investigator of a NIDA-funded P-50 grant investigating medication development for stimulant abuse. His research work involves evaluations of behavioral and pharmacological treatments for substance abuse, particularly as they intersect HIV-relevant populations. Dr. Shoptaw also is Director of the Intervention Core of the UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services and Executive Director for Safe House, a residential facility for persons with HIV/AIDS who have co-occurring mental illness and/or chemical dependency, a project supported by the City of Los Angeles Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program, and managed by FRI.

Drs. Reback and Shoptaw have collaborated together for over 10 years on major intervention studies that evaluated behavioral therapies for gay and bisexual male stimulant users. Most recently, Drs. Reback and Shoptaw have been awarded a large research grant to evaluate drug-counseling methods (cognitive behavioral therapy coupled with a gay-specific HIV risk reduction intervention) and contingency management for reducing high-risk methamphetamine use and sexual behaviors among gay and bisexual men in Los Angeles. Their treatment intervention for gay and bisexual methamphetamine users has been adopted and adapted by researchers and service providers nationally and is currently used in treatment settings, STD clinics, and other public health arenas. ♦



Cathy J. Reback, Ph.D.

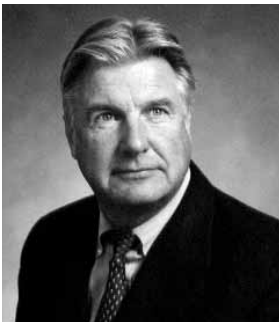


Steven Shoptaw, Ph.D.

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A Message from the Executive Director

FRI would like to thank Sheldon D. Glass, M.Ed., M.D., for an excellent first year as President of the Board of Directors. This is FRI's 50th year of service to patients, researchers, and the community, and Dr. Glass's leadership and innovative ideas have been extremely valuable as FRI meets the challenges of managing and conducting research, and providing care in the new century.

The Board of Directors elected Dr. Glass, a Baltimore psychiatrist, as its new President in November 2004. A long-time Board member, Dr. Glass is one of the few people in the country certified in pediatrics, adult psychiatry, adolescent psychiatry, addictions medicine, and formally trained in education.

Dr. Glass has an undergraduate degree from Hamilton College and a medical degree from the University of Virginia. After an internship at the Barnes Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, Dr. Glass completed his pediatric residency in the United States

Army and his psychiatric residencies at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. His Masters of Education degree is from the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Glass is currently the director of the largest addictions treatment program in Maryland and has been on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions for over forty years, treating patients and educating young doctors.

Dr. Glass is the author of a text on group counseling and a book on his unique systems model for corporate, family, and individual growth. He has consulted with school systems and industries throughout the country, and serves on the boards of many Baltimore civic groups. Dr. Glass is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

We are extremely pleased to have a physician of Dr. Glass's expertise and caliber serve as our President, and we look forward to many more successful years under his leadership.


—Patrick F. Bogan

Happy Anniversary!

*Congratulations to this quarter's employees who have celebrated an anniversary with FRI.
We appreciate your loyalty and dedication to the organization.*

AUGUST	YEARS	SEPTEMBER	YEARS	OCTOBER	YEARS
Esther Boyd	15	Michele Hipsley	19	Timothy Kinlock, Ph.D.	26
Phyllis Dawes	11	Patricia Currier	19	Peter Guarino, M.D.	7
Emily Sears	10	Carey Boyd	15	William Purnell	6
Carolyn Roeth	9	Christopher Tolbert	10	Jason Callaman	5
Alvin Mauerhan	6	Barry Brown, Ph.D.	9	Deborah Pfeiffer	2
Heather Reisinger, Ph.D.	5	Colin Ring	8		
Sharon Kelly, Ph.D.	5	April Maith	8		
Lei Zhang, M.D.	4	Christie Thomas	8		
Bernard Fowlkes	4	Stacy Blake	6		
Latrice Montague	1	Eugene Moynier	4		
		Tennille Cintron	4		
		Cindy Fernandez	1		
		Joy Chudzynski	1		
		Sharlyn Prakash	1		
		William McCuller	1		
		Terry Wilkins	1		
		Jeannette Johnson, Ph.D.	1		