1. Harold and Marguerite Demone Lecture by Dr. Robert Pandina

Many know the library’s purpose to open its resources for exploration and use, but the library also relishes in serving the community outside its walls. One such way CAS Library is involved with the latter is providing support for lectures given by CAS faculty.

On September 22, the Harold and Marguerite Demone Lecture was given by Dr. Robert Pandina, Director of the Center of Alcohol Studies, on *The Birth of the “Science” of Alcohol Studies in the United States: The Role of the Center of Alcohol Studies at Yale and Rutgers* at Brower Commons, New Brunswick.

The CAS library was excited to support this lecture by locating, selecting, and scanning pertinent resources that would contribute to the lecture: articles, photographs, historical prints, organizational charts, Summer School photos and literature. Going through the undiscovered treasures in the CAS Library Archive has unveiled an incredible story.
The documents and images we discovered in the archive show a fascinating road map of the evolving science called alcohol studies from an idea at Yale (see image) to our prestigious institute, the birthplace of present day substance abuse research.

A few images from the CAS Archives to illustrate the presentation:
• **Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs** (J. Stud. Alcohol Drugs),
  ISSN: 1937-1888, 2007-present
• **Journal of Studies on Alcohol** (J. Stud. Alcohol),
  ISSN: 0096-882X, 1975-2006
• **Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol** (Q. J. Stud. Alcohol),
  ISSN: 0033-5649, 1940-1974
The Library provided vital research and support for my Demone lecture. We dug deep into the archives of the Center to prepare an important overview and perspective. The lecture could not have been accomplished without the careful attention to detail of the library staff.

Robert Pandina, Ph.D.
Director, Center of Alcohol Studies
2. Research Assistant Toolkit (RAT) at CAS Library

The Research Assistant Toolkit (RAT) is now online! As previously mentioned in the Spring 2011 newsletter, CAS librarians have been working this summer to put together an instructional toolkit for incoming CAS research assistants and post-docs. The link to the toolkit on LibGuides is below. While this guide is still very much a work in progress, we hope it will be useful as a starting place for research and as a handy reference for questions about RefWorks, statistics, and library services. We have more to add in several places, but in the meantime we’d love to know what you think! Questions, comments and suggestions are all welcome – stop by the library or send an email to alclib@rci.rutgers.edu.

CAS Research Assistant Toolkit link: http://libguides.rutgers.edu/casrat

3. Blogging Towards Healing

Writing continues to be an expression of healing. In the physical anonymity of our information age, blogs have made it easier for many to develop and share their voice. Whether to be encouraged, educated, or shared, we’ve compiled some insightful recovery blogs here:

- Brighton Hospital: http://brightonhospital.blogspot.com/
- Hazelden Treatment Center: http://www.hazelden.org/web/public/socialcommunity.page
- http://familiesfacingaddiction.ning.com/ (for family members)

4. Resources of Interest You May Not Know: Outside the U.S.

The following is a list of useful databases and catalogs you may not be familiar with. All resources listed are freely available on the web.

**Drug Database**

www.drug.org.au

Bibliographic database that includes published and unpublished material covering political, social, economic, psychological, and legal aspects of prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug use; with a special emphasis on the psychosocial aspects of substance abuse.

**National Inhalants Information Service (NIIS) Database**

http://inhalantsinfo.org.au
This inhalant specific database includes records for books, reports, conference papers, statistics, published and unpublished material. The only database in the world to focus specifically on inhalant abuse, it highlights both Australian and international material.

**Register of Australian Drug and Alcohol Research (RADAR)**  
[www.radar.org.au](http://www.radar.org.au)  
Database dedicated to listing current and recently completed alcohol and drug research projects in Australia. Includes information on researchers, their associated organizations, and research funding bodies.

**HealthInfoNet**  
[www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au)  
Internet resource of published, unpublished, and specially-developed material on Australia’s Indigenous populations, including information on alcohol, drugs, and health.

**Canadian Centre of Substance Abuse (CCSA) Prevention Resources DB**  
[http://tiny.cc/kwurc](http://tiny.cc/kwurc)  
Developed to support the *Portfolio of Canadian Standards for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention*, this database includes resources to “provide information, best practices, tools and templates for practitioners to assess, plan, organize, implement and evaluate prevention initiatives for youth substance abuse”. Search interface is available in both English and French, however general keyword or subject search is not available.


### 5. Addiction in the News

Vaccinations have been purposed to attack diseases, but promising research is looking to use them against substance abuse. Dr. Kim D. Janda, chemist and professor at The Scripps Research Institute, has been working on the latter. Because molecules such as methamphetamine, cocaine, and nicotine are smaller than those belonging to diseases, Dr. Janda’s group have developed a process which “enlarges” the molecules and tricks the body into making antibodies that will turn off the effect of the drug. This past July, Dr. Janda was able to desensitize heroine effect in rats. Ethanol molecule was reported to be too small to attach to the protein. For further reading, “An Addiction Vaccine, Tantalizing Close” by Douglas Quenqua can be found in *The New York Times*’ Health section issued October 3 at [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/04/health/04vaccine.html?pagewanted=all](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/04/health/04vaccine.html?pagewanted=all)
6. CAS Library Overseas

The 8th INFORMATIO SCIENTIFICA – INFORMATIO MEDICATA 2011 international conference was held in Budapest, Hungary, September 21-23, 2011. The conference this year focused on the international aspects of library consortia in the field of health sciences. Judit Ward was invited lecturer to present on the work of academic librarians in the U.S. for a Central European audience. Her presentation entitled *Imaginary interview: differences between librarianship in Hungary and the in United States* attracted young and experienced librarians as well.

7. Libraries in the News

Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week, held during the last week of September (9/24 - 10/1), celebrates the First Amendment and our freedom to read, access information, and express ideas. Even if information and ideas are not of the majority opinion does not mean they should not be recognized at the very least.

This year marked the first time readers could participate virtually and read excerpts of their favorite banned books to a dedicated YouTube channel.

A few “banned books” dealing with topics of alcohol and drug abuse to note:

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess
- *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
- *James and The Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *My Sister’s Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

For a more complete list, see the American Librarian Association’s list of Classic Banned Books at [http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/challengedclassics/reasonsbanne/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/challengedclassics/reasonsbanne/index.cfm)
Libraries and StoryCorps Partnership

The American Library Association Public Programs Office has announced that it will collaborate with StoryCorps, a non-profit oral history project, and bring a national initiative of personal storytelling to libraries. StoryCorps’ mission seeks to provide people with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve their individual stories. A copy of each interview is archived, with permission, at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps broadcasts each week on NPR’s *Morning Edition* and has published two best-selling books: *Listening Is an Act of Love* and *Mom: A Celebration of Mothers from StoryCorps*. For more information or to listen to stories online please visit [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org).

8. New Faces in the Library

*Please also welcome our new undergraduate assistant workers Lisa Green and Henna Narotam.*

Hi, my name is Lisa Green, and I am a senior here at Rutgers University. I am currently a double major in Africana Studies and Communication with a concentration in Public Relations. I am the co-founder/president of a student organization under the School of Communication called African American Culture in Communication Association (AACCA), as well as a fashion journalist for an online magazine called *Young Hot and Modern*. I belong to two honor societies, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Lambda Pi Eta Communication honor society. I was recently chosen to be on the student PR/Marketing team for the Department of Homeland Security, and I am really looking forward to participating in this once in a lifetime opportunity. After graduation I plan on attending graduate school at Temple University, where I will continue my studies in Public Relations.

Hello my name is Hena Narotam and I am a first year student attending Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences. My intended major is Biology and I am on the premed track to become a Physician Assistant. Right now I am involved with the associations like Odasis and LSAMP at Rutgers University. Moreover, on my free time, I love to play volleyball and volunteer at Trinitas Hospital. Currently, I am working at the library of Alcohol studies. So far I love my job and I find it a great experience because I am able to expand my knowledge and learn new things every day. I would like to continue working here until I graduate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
9. Weird Stuff

“Oldest form of social networking”

Since May of 1996, Harold Hackett, or “Harold the Bottle Man” as he is known, has sent over 4,800 “messages in a bottle” from his home in Tignish, Prince Edward Island. He has received over 3,100 responses from many areas of the world in the form of letters and souvenirs. Hackett dates each of his letters and asks his bottle-finders to write back noting when and where their bottle was found. Read more about Harold’s extraordinary hobby here:

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44689467/ns/world_news-wonderful_world/

Just in time for Halloween...

A study reported in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* suggests that there may be a correlation between sweet food preference and a sweeter, more agreeable personality. Always a good excuse to eat more chocolate! Read more about it here:


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