The SURE Match Group

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Highlighting recent news, upcoming events and publications within the lab, in addition to publications from the wider field of substance abuse and maternal and child health research.

RECENT NEWS

Dr. Qiana L. Brown awarded grant from New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7, 2019

- Preventing Gun Violence Symposium with keynote speaker, Dr. Debra Furr-Holden
- Blanche Grosswald Memorial Endowed Lecture featuring Dr. Thomas A. Laveist

HOT TOPIC

Marijuana use during Pregnancy.

Take a look! The US Surgeon General released an advisory on marijuana use during adolescence and pregnancy.
Dr. Qiana L. Brown, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Urban-Global Public Health, was awarded a Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program KL2 career development award from the New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) as part of its Translational Scientist Junior Faculty Scholar Program.

The NJ ACTS – a new CTSA hub led by Rutgers University – selected Dr. Brown to receive the career development award from an impressive group of applicants.

The award will fund Dr. Brown’s research, which focuses on substance use and maternal and child health, for up to two years. During the KL2 award period, Dr. Brown will conduct a multi-state study examining cannabis use during preconception, pregnancy, and lactation and associated maternal and child health outcomes. As a KL2 recipient, Dr. Brown is also part of the NJ ACTS’s Society of Scholars in clinical and translational science.
What’s New!
THIS MONTH

Preventing Gun Violence Research Symposium

Where:
Paul Robeson Campus Center
350 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd,
Newark, NJ 07102

When:
Thursday, November 7, 2019
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Key Note Speaker:
Dr. Debra Furr-Holden

Featuring presentations from Rutgers University faculty as well as guest researchers in public health, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, and social work, exchanging knowledge around the causes, consequences and solutions to gun-related violence. With key note speaker, **DR. DEBRA FURR-HOLDEN**.

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden is an epidemiologist with expertise in prevention science. In the last decade her work has focused on developing environmental strategies and structural interventions for violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention in high-risk and urban settings. She has worked with local and national policy makers to improve data driven decision-making and include ‘health in all policies.’
What's New!

This Month

**BLANCHE GROSSWALD MEMORIAL ENDOWED LECTURE**

Featuring

**Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD**
Dean & Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Health Equity
Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM

**WHERE:** NEW BRUNSWICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
HAGEMAN HALL
35 SEMINARY PLACE, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

FREE LUNCH & CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT PROVIDED

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Studies found that marijuana use rose by 69% between 2009 and 2016 among pregnant women (Surgeon General 2019). The use of marijuana during pregnancy can affect a developing fetus. Marijuana use in pregnancy is associated with adverse outcomes, including lower birth weight. THC, a key component in marijuana, can enter the fetal brain from the mother’s bloodstream. The Colorado Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System reported that maternal marijuana use was associated with a 50% increased risk of low birth weight regardless of maternal age, race, ethnicity, education, and tobacco use (Surgeon General 2019).

In a national survey, it was found that pregnant women use marijuana more than any other illegal drug. Marijuana use has doubled between 2002 and 2017 (Surgeon General 2019).

The Nation’s Doctor and US Surgeon General, VADM Jerome M. Adams, M.D., addresses marijuana-related questions he often receives relating to the chemical composition, potency of today’s marijuana, associated risks, and what parents and teachers can say to young people about marijuana.

For more information visit: www.surgeongeneral.gov
Member Publication Highlights

THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF OPIOID OVERDOSE IN FLINT AND GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND INTERVENTION.

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, Dr. Debra Furr-Holden.

THE STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK IN COMMUNITY-BASED COALITIONS: INTERNAL PROCESSES AND ASSOCIATED CHANGES IN POLICIES AFFECTING ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE

led by SURE MatCH Group consultant, Dr. N. Andrew Peterson
Doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.04.004

THE EFFECT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS ON THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GUIDELINE-CONCORDANT LONG-TERM OPIOID THERAPY AND ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY.

Co-authored by SURE MatCH Group consultant, Dr. Stephen Crystal.
DOI: 10.1097/ADM.0000000000000255

THE INNOVATIONS IN CHILD WELFARE INTERVENTIONS FOR CAREGIVERS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

LED BY SURE MatCH Group consultant, Dr. Emily Bosk
Doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.03.040

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