



# RESEARCH IN ADDICTION MEDICINE SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2018-2020 Scholars

## Scholars



### Miriam Harris, MD

**Addiction Medicine**  
**Boston University School of Medicine**

NAC Mentor: Patrick O'Connor, MD, MPH

Dr. Harris is an Addiction Medicine Fellow at Boston University. She is a General Internist and completed her training at the University of British Columbia and fellowship at McGill University. Her research interests are in women's health and addiction. In particular, she hopes to examine communication strategies that will engage women who use heroin and fentanyl in harm reduction and assess how to expand reproductive health service access within addiction health services.



### Shakevia Johnson, MD, MS

**Addiction Psychiatry**  
**University of California San Francisco**

NAC Mentor: Roger Weiss, MD

Dr. Johnson is an Addiction Psychiatry Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco. Her clinical and research interests include the treatment of opioid use disorder during pregnancy, quality improvement, maximizing access to care and minimizing barriers to treatment for those with substance use disorders. Her current research study focuses on strategies to improve adherence to treatment.



### Ximena Levander, MD

**Addiction Medicine**  
**Oregon Health and Science University**

NAC Mentor: Chinazo Cunningham, MD, MS

Dr. Levander is an Addiction Medicine Fellow and a Samuel Wise General Internal Medicine Fellow at the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). She is interested in the care of hospitalized patients with substance use disorders – implementation of harm reduction strategies during hospitalization, accessibility to addiction treatment, and improvement of care transitions around HCV treatment. Her current research focus is on addressing barriers within the HCV treatment cascade and how to improve access to treatment for those who inject drugs. She is also interested in resident and medical student education in addiction medicine as well as advocacy and healthcare policy.

## Mentors



### Christine Gunn, PhD

**Boston University School of Medicine**

Dr. Gunn is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at Boston University and in the Department of Health Law, Policy and Management at the School of Public Health. Dr. Gunn has extensive experience in qualitative research methods, surveys, and mixed methods approaches to studying risk and prevention behaviors. Her current research focuses on understanding age- and gender-based perceptions of overdose risk related to fentanyl use and preferences for risk communication in this setting.



### Michael Hoefler, MD, MS

**University of California San Francisco**

Dr. Hoefler is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and the Medical Director of the San Francisco VA Medical Center Opioid Treatment Program. He is also the Program Director of the UCSF Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Program. His research interests include the pharmacologic treatment of opioid use disorder and use of financial incentives in the treatment co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders.



### Todd Korthuis, MD, MPH

**Oregon Health and Science University**

Dr. Korthuis is Professor of Medicine and Public Health at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) where he serves as Chief of the Addiction Medicine Section and Program Director for the OHSU Addiction Medicine Fellowship. His current research focuses on integrating addiction treatments into diverse healthcare settings and improving access to addiction treatment in rural settings. He serves as co-principal investigator of the Western States Node of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network (CTN) and has led several NIH studies of buprenorphine and extended-release naltrexone integration in HIV primary care settings.



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### Jarratt Pytell, MD

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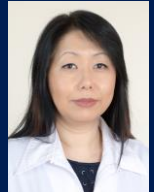
NAC Mentor: Michael Stein, MD

Dr. Pytell is currently an Addiction Medicine Fellow and will continue as a General Internal Medicine Fellow at Johns Hopkins at the end of his current fellowship. His clinical and research interests are focused on the primary care treatment of substance use disorders, patient-centered outcomes research in addiction medicine, and comparative effectiveness research. His current study will explore notions of survival, recovery, and perceived healthcare needs of patients in long-term, sustained opioid use disorder recovery.

### Geetanjali Chander, MD, MPH

Dr. Chander is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University. A general internist, her clinical work and research sit at the nexus of HIV and substance use, including alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. She examines epidemiological aspects of HIV and alcohol use/other drug use among persons with HIV (PWH), and works on the adaptation and testing of person and computer-delivered interventions for unhealthy alcohol use for delivery in clinical and community settings.

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### Marina Tsoy-Podosenin, MD, PhD

**Addiction Psychiatry**  
**Icahn School of Medicine  
at Mount Sinai**

NAC Mentor: Edward Nunes, MD

Dr. Tsoy-Podosenin is a first-year Addiction Psychiatry Fellow at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York. Originally from Russia, she graduated from St Petersburg Pavlov State Medical University, and was involved in a series of clinical trials studying naltrexone in combination with fluoxetine, guanfacine, and a comparison of long-acting injectable and implantable formulations of naltrexone vs. oral naltrexone for treatment of opioid use disorder. Her research interests focus on exploring the ability of opioid antagonists to normalize the activity of the brain reward system and investigating the efficacy of ketamine for treatment of substance use disorders.

### Yasmin Hurd, PhD

Dr. Hurd is Professor of Psychiatry, Neuroscience and Pharmacological Sciences as well as the Ward Coleman Chair of Translational Neuroscience at the Icahn School of Medicine. Her translational research examines the neurobiology of drug abuse and related psychiatric disorders, and a major focus of the research is directed to risk factors of addiction disorders including genetics as well as developmental exposure to drugs of abuse. In addition to her research endeavors, Dr. Hurd is Director of the Addiction Institute at Mount Sinai within the Behavioral Health System.

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Mount Sinai**



### Sam Young, MD

**Addiction Medicine**  
**British Columbia Centre on  
Substance Use**

NAC Mentor: Jeffrey Samet, MD, MA, MPH

Dr. Young is an Addiction Medicine Fellow with the British Columbia Centre on Substance Use and a General Internal Medicine Fellow at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on the use of harm reduction strategies, including supervised consumption services, in order to improve care and health outcomes for people who use drugs. Her current research project will examine the impact of an in-hospital supervised consumption facility on hospitalized patients with a diagnosed substance use disorder.

### Seonaid Nolan, MD

Dr. Nolan is an Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia (UBC). She completed a fellowship in GIM at UBC, the St. Paul's Goldcorp Addiction Medicine Fellowship, and the NIDA sponsored Canada Addiction Medicine Research Fellowship and is a RAMS alumni. She is currently the Medical Director for the Addiction Program within Providence Health care, works as an addiction medicine physician at St. Paul's Hospital and is a Clinician Scientist with the BC Centre on Substance Use.

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