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Information Without Borders

SALIS/Elisad Joint Meeting

September 26 - 30 2006, Boston, MA

The global health problem of substance addiction and misuse knows no borders. This vitally important public health concern appears throughout the world and across societies, affecting the lives and work of many different people. Accurate addiction information must also cross boundaries if alcohol, drug, and tobacco problems are to be effectively addressed.

Addiction information professionals are bridge builders, spanning many worlds so that the right information reaches the right people. This exciting joint SALIS-Elisad conference will focus on how we can keep the information flowing across boundaries, to the benefit of all.

National borders delineate our unique sociocultural experiences of addiction and substance misuse. Due to cultural and political differences across (and within) countries, the manifestation of these problems, and their causes and solutions, differs across countries and regions of the world. Our conference will feature a rich international exchange of knowledge and experiences regarding our own efforts to keep our audiences up to date with substance abuse information, and the efforts of our colleagues in the realms of prevention practice, treatment practice, public policy, and research.

But national borders are not the only boundaries across which addiction information must flow. The rise of the Internet has obliterated many traditional geographic and social boundaries that at one time defined and often limited the practice of substance abuse information dissemination to professionals and to the general public. Our conference will present opportunities to learn about best practices and innovations in both information technology itself, and in methods of effectively using this technology to reach a broadening audience and contribute to the public health agenda.

Finally, addiction information professionals routinely face the challenge of bridging boundaries between the constituencies we serve. Policy makers, researchers, community leaders, employers, health practitioners, parents, youth, and many others are engaged in addressing substance abuse. We will look at how we, as addiction librarians and information specialists, can creatively free up the flow of information across these borders, bringing people together to improve the health of their communities. Call for abstracts coming soon.

Web Sights

By Nancy Sutherland, Director, and Meg Brunner, Librarian, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute Library, University of Washington,

AOD CLINICAL PRACTICE & RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

Working in a research center library that also serves treatment providers, we're often asked about screening and assessment instruments used in AOD research and clinical practice. Sometimes the patron wants information about instruments that are recommended for use with one type of patient or treatment domain; other times the request is for the psychometric properties of a specific instrument; and often the request is for a copy of a measure itself. The latter type of request can be especially difficult to fulfill. Although the literature is full of research about and references to measures, articles rarely include a copy of the actual instrument -- that is left for the reader to track down. PubMed and (especially) PsycINFO are good sources for literature about measurement of AOD in general as well as specific instruments, however their abstracts do not indicate whether the instruments discussed are printed in the article or book. Some measures are published widely and are in the public domain, some can be obtained from the developer (usually a researcher), and many instruments are proprietary and must be purchased from a commercial vendor.

Over the years in the ADAI Library, we've accumulated a small collection of instruments and learned about a few sources for finding others. Despite this, we found that queries about instruments were almost always frustrating to deal with.

Apparently, we are not the only library or group with instrument "issues." Our state alcohol and drug agency needed to identify screening and assessment measures with strong research validity that could be recommended for use by the treatment providers in our state. Earlier this year we received a small contract from the Washington State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) to develop a web-based database of AOD instruments that could be searched using various criteria relevant to the particular patient or treatment need. We started with the small collection of measures we already had in our library and then set about finding more. In the process we found dozens of web sites with substantial content about substance abuse screening and assessment instruments. [*Note: Our project (listed first below) is ongoing; we continue to add instruments and update information on records already entered. Suggestions are welcome!]*

This column presents an annotated list of key web resources about instruments used in ATOD research and clinical practice, plus a few sites in related areas such as HIV/AIDS assessment. Commercial vendors of instruments (such as PAR) are not included nor are sites devoted to a single tool (such as the GAIN). The web sites are grouped into categories of Databases (i.e. the resource has a query interface or an indexed arrangement that approximates a database), Lists (instruments listed by title, but not organized or searchable by other criteria), and Other Sites and Resources.

DATABASES

Substance Abuse Screening & Assessment Instruments Database
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington
http://adai.washington.edu/instruments/

This web site features a database of questionnaires and measures used in clinical practice and research on substance abuse. Included are instruments with proven clinical utility and research validity, as well as newer instruments that have not yet been thoroughly evaluated but may be of interest to someone doing research on AOD assessment. Records cite the name, acronym, and developer(s) of the measures as well as a brief description. They are indexed by population group, purpose of instrument (e.g. diagnostic, treatment planning) and administration format (e.g. self- or clinician-administered), among other criteria. Records include information about scoring and administration, psychometrics, source, and related references. Scales that are in the public domain can be downloaded in PDF format or are linked to a web site. For instruments that are proprietary, information about their availability and pricing is given if known. Other features of the web site include a brief glossary of terms about assessment, an annotated list of resources for finding instruments (including sources not listed here), and canned searches of PubMed and the ADAI Library catalog for literature about the specific instruments or about AOD assessment in general. The database currently has records on 235 instruments and is updated regularly.

Evaluation Instruments Bank (EIB)
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
http://eib.emcdda.eu.int

This is an excellent new resource by the EMCDDA. It currently holds over 240 instruments (170 for treatment and 70 for prevention) and is continually updated. Particularly notable features of the EIB are that it includes only those instruments that are free and not copyrighted, versions of many tests are available in multiple languages (over 19 languages are represented), and many full-text instruments are available on the EIB site in PDF or HTML formats. You can search by areas of evaluation (treatment or prevention), phases of evaluation (planning, outcomes, etc.), settings and populations, format (Likert, interview,

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e.g.), or language, in addition to keyword searches. Records for each instrument contain abstracts, source information, relevant studies, contact and availability information, and psychometrics. One negative is the search format which is divided among several query screens, making it less intuitive to users. Also, when viewing results, you cannot navigate from one record to the next.

Instrument Wizard
ISA Associates, funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse
http://www.instrumentwizard.com

Instrument Wizard is a fee-based, searchable database of instruments used mainly in substance abuse prevention, though some treatment instruments are included. Users can search in a variety of ways, including by target audience, substance of abuse, instrument purpose, and other topics. Records contain information on scoring and psychometrics, a detailed description, and instructions on how to contact the developer or copyright holder. Instruments in the public domain are offered in PDF format. The web site provides a "virtual tour" so that potential users can get an idea of the contents before purchasing a subscription. The search interface is easy to use yet offers detailed search criteria, however the results pages are less user-friendly. Instrument Wizard was developed by ISA Associates with funding from NIDA. An individual can subscribe for $15/month or $100/year; a site license for five users costs $50/month or $400/year.

ETS Test Collection (TestLink)
http://www.ets.org/testcoll/index.html

ETS is a general test database offering information about more than 25,000 tests and other measurement devices from the early 1900s to the present, including numerous AOD instruments. Each record contains author and source information, a description of the test, and availability details. For substance abuse instruments, try a descriptor field search for "alcohol abuse," "drug abuse," "drug addiction," and/or "substance abuse" -- a search for all four (OR'd together) yields 180 tests. You can also search the descriptor field for age groups (adolescents, high school students, adults, patients, e.g.) or for test formats (multiple choice, e.g.). No actual copies of the scales are provided in the free ETS collection, but subscriptions are available to university libraries which allow their students and faculty to download tests and have royalty-free permission to reproduce copies for research purposes.

Assessing Alcohol Problems: A Guide for Clinicians and Researchers
Second Edition, NIH Publication No. 03–3745, Revised 2003
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/Assesing%20Alcohol/
This handbook is an excellent resource both in print and online (in PDF format). Though the focus is on alcoholism assessment, some instruments are also appropriate for assessment of other substance use disorders. Chapters written by experts in alcoholism assessment cover alcoholism assessment and selected instruments in detail. Through careful review, over ninety instruments were selected from a list of 250 considered. The Appendix includes fact sheets about the instruments listed in a "Quick–Reference Instrument Guide" along with copies of the instruments, if available, arranged alphabetically. Fact sheets summarize administration, scoring, and interpretation and note copyright status, as well as how to obtain copies of the instruments. Although this is not a database, the Guide is easy to use for finding instruments that match criteria; it is organized by assessment domain (e.g. screening, treatment planning, outcome measures), and numerous tables compare the instruments across various population or other criteria. NIAAA states that the guide will be available online at the NIAAA Web site and instrument information on the Web site will be updated regularly.

Measurement Excellence and Training Resource Information Center (METRIC)
Veteran's Administration Health Services Research & Development Resource Center
http://www.measurementexperts.org

This web site is an excellent tutorial and guide to the topic of assessment in general. The site provides detailed information about numerous measures, particularly those used in VA research (including 12 in the category of substance abuse). No actual copies of instruments are provided, however information on where to acquire them is included. The site also features a section on the fundamentals of measurement theories, terms and topics, and the use of measurements in practice.

LISTS

Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addiction (CASAA)
http://casaa.unm.edu/inst.html

This site is a great place to find PDF copies of many open access addiction-related instruments, including the AUDIT, Brief Drinker Profile, SOCRATES, and URICA, with numerous scales available in Spanish. Many, though not all, were developed by the researchers at CASAA. The site doesn't offer any information about the instruments, however.

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Comorbidity and Addictions Center Measures Collection
George Warren Brown School of Social Work (Washington University, St. Louis)
http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/Users/cac/measurescollection.htm

This site lists over 150 instruments, with brief descriptive information available for most. It is not limited to instruments addressing co-occurring disorders. No actual copies of the instruments themselves are provided, however availability details (contacts and costs) are included, along with a note about copyright status. It isn't possible to discern if the site is being updated.

Institute of Behavioral Research, Texas Christian University
http://www.ibr.tcu.edu/

This site contains a variety of data collection instruments, including many developed at TCU. The collection includes a brief description of most and a PDF copy where permitted. There are a few specialized subsets of scales for methadone, correctional settings, women & children, and adolescent programs.

Project CORK
http://www.projectcork.org/clinical_tools/

Project CORK began in 1978 at Dartmouth University with a mission to develop a model alcohol curriculum and provide authoritative information about alcoholism to physicians and medical educators. This page features information on 10 screening tools (with copies of each scale in PDF or HTML format, scoring instructions, and a bibliography). Additionally, the site has a section for "clinical tools" that includes the diagnostic worksheet for DSM-IV alcohol diagnoses, a summary chart of drugs of abuse, and signs of possible adolescent substance abuse (all available in PDF format).

OTHER SITES & RESOURCES

Cancer Prevention Research Center
University of Rhode Island
http://www.uri.edu/research/cprc/measures.htm

At this site, you can find a list of the psychological measures developed at the CPRC, including a number on smoking, alcohol, cocaine, HIV and safer sex, and substance abuse in general (and the University of Rhode Island Change Assessment -URICA, which was developed here). HTML versions of the scales are provided, along with scoring information and references.

Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS)
University of California, San Francisco
http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/projects/instrumentindex.html

This site features a list of instruments designed and tested by CAPS scientists and primarily intended for use by HIV prevention program planners and designers. Most of the instruments are available for free in PDF format. The collection is organized by population (Latino/a, African American, HIV+, Adolescent, Women, e.g.) and also by topics like "Adherence," "Care services," "Condom use," and "Drug use."

Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS)
University of California, Los Angeles
http://chipts.ucla.edu/assessment/topic.asp#AlcoholDrugUse

This site consists of a simple list of surveys and scales on a variety of topics, including one for "Alcohol and Drug Use." The links take you to a variety of other web sites offering varying degrees of information about each instrument; however a number of the links in the Alcohol and Drug Use category are broken.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)
http://sano.camh.net/aggression/tools.htm

The CAMH site presents detailed information on five scales commonly used to assess male substance abuse and aggressive behavior, including the MAST, ADS, and Conflict Tactics Scale. No copies of the scales themselves are available on the site, however it does provide information on where you can find them.

CSAT Treatment Improvement Protocols
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat5.part.22441
The Treatment Improvement Protocols (TIPs) are best practice guidelines for the treatment of substance abuse, including several that focus on clinical assessment. TIPS usually focus on a particular treatment modality or patient type and are written by Consensus Panels of expert clinicians and researchers. Many of the TIPS include copies of instruments which have been identified as appropriate for the treatment approach or population discussed. TIPS are a familiar print resource in many treatment centers and SALIS Libraries, and are also available in full text online in the Health Services/Technology Assessment Text section of the National Library of Medicine. *(Note: The ADAI Screening & Assessment Database identifies instruments contained in TIPS.)*

National Center for PTSD Assessment Instruments
U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs
http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/publications/assessment/

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This site features a list of measures for gauging trauma exposure and responses for both children and adults. The instruments included are those with published psychometric studies and are either widely used or innovative, however only limited information about each is provided (usually just the source reference and instructions on how to obtain the scale). No copies of the instruments themselves are provided.

Ralph G. Connor Alcohol Research Reference Files (CARRF)
Center of Alcohol Studies Library, Rutgers University

The CARRF database is not currently available on the web, but it is a significant resource and may someday be available online. CARRF is a growing collection of more than 500 questionnaires and survey instruments used in alcohol-related research. A descriptive index was published in 1977, with updates 1987, 1991, 1995, and 1999. Unfortunately, the updates are not cumulative. The index is organized in an in-house (DBTextworks) database, but is not available on the web. Library staff from the Rutgers CAS will search the database for patrons and email results. The library can also provide copies of many of the instruments for a modest photocopying fee. Contact Penny Page for help. <ppage@rci.rutgers.edu>

Tests and Measures in the Social Sciences: Tests Available in Compilation Volumes
Health Science Library, University of Texas at Arlington
http://libraries.uta.edu/helen/Test&meas/testmainframe.htm

This web site lists instruments that can be found quickly in compilation volumes available in many academic libraries. The site was designed as a service to locate tests, measures, instruments, etc. when there is a known title and a copy of the test is desired. Each record contains the test title, acronym, copyright or publication date, author, source citation, and page or accession number. The site also links to Tests & Measures web sites in dozens of university libraries. The compendium is compiled by Helen Hough, Health Sciences Library, and was last updated in May 2005.

Finally, there are many excellent books, review articles, and bibliographies on the process and tools for screening and assessment of substance use disorders. Visit the ADAI Screening & Assessment Instruments Database for additional sources.

Periodical News

Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery. Editor Jeffrey D. Roth. Publisher: Haworth Press. Vol 1. No. 1 Charter issue Spring 2006. 20% discount off your journal subscription. Use code JRL20 when ordering.

eCommunityInternational Journal of Mental Health & Addiction (http://www.ecommunity-journal.com) has changed its name to ***International Journal of Mental Health & Addiction*** (http://www.ijma-journal.com/). Beginning 2006 this journal will be published quarterly by Springer (Science & Business Media) in both print & electronic form.

Medical Marijuana: Pro or Con

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When it comes to issues of locating accurate information regarding medical marijuana, the World Wide Web is littered with thinly veiled propaganda sites, inaccurate and unsourced statistics, and the well-known plague of disparate information located in multiple places. Attempting to change this is Medical Marijuana ProCon.org, a site that strives to be a clearinghouse for accurate information regarding the medical marijuana debate.

Although it is by no means-all encompassing, Medical Marijuana ProCon.org is certainly a valuable resource for librarians and information professionals looking for a one-stop source to direct the patron who seeks to better acquaint themselves with medical marijuana issues.

In a sparse, text intensive presentation, Medical Marijuana ProCon.org divides the medical marijuana debate into eight main issues, each with links and sub-categories. These issues are Medical Value, Diseases/Conditions, Non-Smoked Marijuana, Public Policy, Medical Risks, U.S. Govt. & Medical Marijuana, Access to Medical Marijuana, and Legal Issues. Within each subcategory there are questions. For example, in the "Medical Risks" category, one could click on the subcategory "overdose." After clicking on "overdose", the user finds a list of questions relating to the topic. In the "overdose" section, one could choose to click on the question "Do many people die from an overdose of marijuana?"

The user is then taken to a pop-up window divided into two halves, pro and con. Each side contains multiple excerpts from academic journals, government documents, or other reports including popular magazines and personal correspondence with scientists. When possible, the source is

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ISAJE Meeting

Sausalito, CA September 20-22, 2005

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Surrounded by the hills of Sausalito, overlooking San Francisco Bay, the Alta Mira Hotel provided a most spectacular venue for the annual meeting of the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors, ISAJE.. Hosted by the editors of the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, Rick Seymour and Terry Chambers, and attended by twenty-four journal editors in all, representing nineteen addiction journals, with representatives from three publishers, Elsevier, Thomson Scientific, and Blackwells, and one SALIS member, the meeting was a lively forum for a variety of topics.

Stanton Glantz, University of California -San Francisco, opened the meeting with a provocative talk on the tobacco industry, making a case for why addiction editors should not publish industry funded research. Gerhard Buhringer, editor of *Sucht*, reported on some data gathering concerning databases and impact factors. Isabel Czech from Thomsen Scientific explained the process of making application for a journal to be indexed by Thomsen, and thus eligible for an impact factor.

Asked to be part of a panel discussion on "Open Access", to represent a librarians perspective, I eagerly accepted, noting what an opportunity this could be. After hearing Julie Murphy's excellent presentation on the issue at the SALIS conference in Chicago last May, reading her paper, and several others, I felt like I had a good understanding of the background and various aspects that were of concern to the library community. In mulling over how I might get the attention of the participants and make them realize why this is such an important issue for substance abuse libraries, I decided to present them with the escalation of cost figures of the addiction journals from 1985. I don't know who was more shocked upon seeing these figures, the editors or me. Other members of this panel included Michael Mabe from Elsevier, representing the publishers view, and Thomas McGovern, Editor of *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, representing the editors view . It was lively, and perhaps a bit contentious, but certainly provoked much discussion and questions.

In general what I gleaned from attending this meeting is that the editors and librarians in the addictions field share many of the same interests and concerns. If we make it standard practice to stay in touch with these individuals and let them know that we may be able to provide assistance, and/or offer them input on their publications, I sense that it would be much appreciated.

Note: The ISAJE book, *Publishing Addiction Science: A Guide for the Perplexed* by Thomas F. Babor, Kerstin Stenius and Susan Savva, ISAJE and WHO, 2004 is still available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. Ask for BKD 510. $10.34 includes shipping and handling. Additional charges to international addresses. FAX 301 468-6433.

Government Documents & Fugitive Literature

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Join Together. **How Do We Know We Are Making A Difference: A Community Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Indicators Handbook**. Boston, MA: Join Together, 2005. 72 pp. http://ww.indicatorshandbook.org

Sansoy, Patrick, Claire Ambroselli and Ren Padieu et al. **Ethical eye - Drug addiction.** Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing, 2005. 200 p. $23.00 ISBN : 92-871-5639-5 (Paperback)

Who's Buying Alcoholic and Nonalcoholic Beverages. [Based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Expenditure Survey] Ithaca, NY: New Strategist Publications, 2005. 120 p. ($59.95) ISBN: 1-885070-76-4 (Paperback)

World Health Organization. **Alcohol Use and Sexual Risk Behaviour: a Cross-Cultural Study in Eight Countries**. Geneva: World Health Organization, 2005. 144 pp. $18.00 CHF20.00 ISBN:92 4 156289 7

Season's Greetings!!!

New Books

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Allen, Christian Michael. **An Industrial Geography of Cocaine.** New York : Routledge, 2005. 150 p. $75.00 ISBN: 0415949408 (Hardback)

Balkin, Karen F. (Ed.). **Drug Legalization**. Current Controversies Series. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2005. 208 p. $23.70 ISBN: 0737722037 (Hardcover)

Barbour, Scott. **Alcohol.** (Opposing Viewpoints in Color Series.) San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2005. 112 p. $32.45. ISBN: 0737732199 (Hardcover)

Bellis, Mark A. et al. (Eds) **United Kingdom Drug Situation** . Liverpool University Press, 2005. ISBN: 1902051696 (Paperback)

Bennett, Trevor, and Katy **Holloway Understanding Drugs, Alcohol and Crime** (Crime & Justice.) Open University Press, 2005. 192 p. ,60.00 ISBN: 0335212581 (hardcover); ,18.99 ISBN: 0335212573 (Paperback)

Berridge, Virginia. **Temperance: History, Current and Future Alcohol Policy (Drugs and Alcohol Research Programme)**York Publishing Services Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 2005. 64 p. ISBN: 1859354203 (hardcover); ,13.95 ISBN: 185935419X (Paperback)

Blume, Arthur **Treating Drug Problems.** (Wiley Series on Treating Addictions). Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley, 2005. 316 p. $34.95 ISBN 0471484830 (Paperback.)

Borovoy, Amy. **The Too-Good Wife : Alcohol, Codependency, and the Politics of Nurturance in Postwar Japan.** Ethnographic Studies in Subjectivity series. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press (December 1, 2005). 224 p. $19.95 ISBN: 0520244524 (Paperback)

Brady, Maggie. **Indigenous Australia and Alcohol Policy: Meeting Difference with Indifference.** Sydney, Australia: UNSW Press, 2005. 168 p. $27.50. ISBN: 0868405353 (Paperback).

Brown, Sally and David Brown. **A Biography of Mrs. Marty Mann : The First Lady of Alcoholics Anonymous.** Hazelden, 2005. 416 p. $15.95 ISBN: 1592853072 (Paperback)

Bryant-Jefferies, Richard. **Responding to a Serious Mental Health Problem: Person-Centred Dialogues.** Oxford ; Seattle : Radcliffe Pub., 2005 186 p. $49.95, ISBN:1857757033 (Paperback.)

Buxton, Bonnie. **Damaged Angels: An Adoptive Mother's Struggle to Understand the Tragic Toll of Alcohol in Pregnancy.** New York: Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2005. 331 p. $15.95 ISBN: 0786715502 (Paperback)

Campbell, Christy. **The Botanist and the Vintner : How Wine Was Saved for the World.** Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books, 2005. 360 p. $24.95 ISBN: 156512460X (Hardcover)

Carroll, Will and Alan Schwarz. **The Juice: The Real Story of Baseball's Drug Problems.** Chicago, IL: Ivan R. Dee Publisher, 2005. 256 p. $24.95. ISBN: 56663668X (Hardcover).

Carstairs, Catherine**. Jailed for Possession: Illegal Drug Use, Regulation, and Power in Canada**, **1920-1961.** (Studies in Gender and History) Toronto: University of Toronto Press 2005. 240p. $55.00/,35.00 ISBN: 080209029X (Hardback); $24.95/ ,15.00 ISBN: 0802093728 (Paperback)

Chaparro, Camilo. **Historia del Cartel de Cali. Bogotá, Colombia : Intermedio**, 2005. 317 p. ISBN: 9587092481

Cornett, Donna J. **7 Weeks to Safe Social Drinking: How to Effectively Moderate Your Alcohol Intake.** New York, NY: People Friendly Books, 2005. 184 p. $18.95. ISBN: 0976372002 (Paperback).

Cowan, Brian. **The Social Life of Coffee: the Emergence of the British Coffeehouse.** New Haven, CT and London: Yale University Press, 2005. 384 p. $22.50. ISBN: 0 300 10666 1 (Hardcover)

De La Rosa, Mario, Loria Holleran, and Shulamith Lala Ashenberg Straussner (Eds.). **Substance Abusing Latinos: Current Research On Epidemiology, Prevention, And Treatment.** Binghamton, NY: Haworth Social Work, 2005. $49.95 ISBN 0789028824 (Hardcover); $ 28.95 ISBN: 0789028832 (Paperback).

Diaz, Hector Luis and Thomas D. Watts. **Alcohol Abuse and Acculturation Among Puerto Ricans in the United States: A Sociological Study** (Interdisciplinary Studies in Alcohol Use and Abuse). Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 2005 130 p. $99.95 ISBN: 0773461051 (Hardback)

Drowne, Kathleen Morgan. **Spirits of Defiance: National Prohibition And Jazz Age Literature, 1920-1933.** Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 2006. 240 p.

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$59.95 ISBN: 0814209971 (Hardcover); $21.95 ISBN: 0814251420 (Paperback); $9.95 ISBN: 0814290752 Audio compact disc.

Edmundson, Eldon and Dennis McCarty (Eds**.). Implementing Evidence-based Practices for Treatment of Alcohol And Drug Disorders.** Binghamton, New York: Haworth Press Inc 2005. 130 p. $24.95 ISBN: 0789031515 (Hardback); $16.95 ISBN: 0789031523 (Paperback)

Ettorre, Elizabeth (Ed.). **Making Lesbians Visible in the Substance Use Field.** New York, NY: Harrington Park Press, 2005. $39.95. ISBN: 1560236167 (Hardcover).

Finley, James R. and Brenda S. Lenz **The Addiction Counselor's Documentation Sourcebook: The Complete Paperwork Resource for Treating Clients with Addictions**. 2nd ed. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2005. 240 p. $50.00 ISBN: 0471703818 (Paperback)

Fish, Jefferson M. **Drugs and Society : U.S. Public Policy.** Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005. 256 p. $75.00 ISBN: 0742542440 (Hardcover); $26.95 ISBN: 0742542459 (Paperback).

Ford, Don Henry Jr.. **Contrabando : Confessions of a Drug-smuggling Texas Cowboy**. 1st ed El Paso, TX : Cinco Puntos Press, c2005. 237 p. $21.95 ISBN 0938317857 (Hardcover)

Freimuth, Marilyn. **Hidden Addictions**. Lanham, MD: Jason Aronson, 2005. 269 p. $45.00 ISBN: 0765700794 (hardcover)

Friedman, Herman, Thomas W. Klein, and Mauro Bendinelli (Eds). **Infectious Diseases and Substance Abuse (Infectious Agents and Pathogenesis)** Springer; 1 edition. 2005. 212 p. $129.00 ISBN: 0306486873 (hardcover)

Gaymann, Peter. **Peter Gaymanns Weinlese.1.** Aufl. München : Wilhelm Goldmann, c2005. ISBN 3442390869 Subject Wine--Caricatures and cartoons.

Gerada, Clare. **The Management of Substance Misuse in Primary Care.** Royal College of General Practitioners, 2005. 408 p. ,24.95 ISBN: 0850842972 (hardcover)

Glendinning, Chellis. **Chiva: A Village Takes on the Global Heroin Trade**. Gabriola Island, BC : New Society Publishers, 2005. 247 p. $15.95 ISBN:0865715130 (Paperback)

Grant, Marcus and Joyce O'Connor, (Eds.). **Corporate Social Responsibility and Ethics.** ICAP Series on Alcohol in Society. New York: Brunner-Routledge, 2005. 224p. $59.95 ISBN: 0415949483 (Hardback)

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Gutzke, David W. **Pubs and Progressives: Reinventing the Public House in England, 1896-1960.** Northern Illinois University Press, 2005. 356 p. $45.00 ISBN: 0-87580-335-0 (Hardcover)

Hawdon, James E.. **Drug and Alcohol Consumption as Functions of Social Structures: A Cross-cultural Sociology** (Mellen Studies in Sociology) Edwin Mellen Press, 2005. 428 p. ,79.95 ISBN: 0773461876 (hardcover)

Hindy, Steve, and Tom Potter, **Beer School: Bottling Success at the Brooklyn Brewery.** New York, NY:: Wiley, 2005 304 p. $22.95 ISBN: 0471735124 (Hardcover)

Holley, Mary. **Crystal Meth: They Call It 'Ice'.** Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, 2005. 482 p. $19.95 ISBN: 193314808X (Paperback).

Husak, Douglas N. and Peter de Marneffe, **The Legalization of Drugs. Series: For and Against Cambridge** ; New York, NY : Cambridge University Press, 2005. 204 p ,25.00 ISBN: 0521837863 (hardcover); ,10.99 ISBN: 0521546869 (Paperback)

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linked. Thus, in the "con" argument of our example, the user would be directed to the following paragraph:
"Marijuana is rarely the only drug involved in a drug abuse death. Thus, in most cases, the proportion of marijuana-involved cases labeled as 'One drug' (i.e., marijuana only) will be zero or nearly zero."
(July, 2001) SAMHSA

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