Looking Forward, Looking Back: SALIS 2014

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Celebrating 75 Years of Alcohol Studies (Part 2)

Judit Ward and Bill Bejarano
Rutgers, Center of Alcohol Studies

The previous issue of SALIS News featured Part 1 of this series on how the Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS) at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is celebrating the birth of alcohol studies. Since a significant component of the anniversary's celebration is the privilege of hosting the 36th Annual SALIS Conference at Rutgers from April 29 – May 2, 2014, Part 2 focuses on information dissemination by looking back to the very beginning of substance abuse librarianship. As the conference theme, Looking Forward, Looking Back suggests, we strongly believe that reflecting on our past will not only result in a better understanding of previous advancements, but will also provide guidance in our current endeavors as we are planning our future.

The CAS library, a dynamic and multifaceted component of the Center, came into being out of necessity, as an organic outgrowth of the work of the Center’s Information Division. As noted in Part 1 of this series, one of the

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Library Closures. . . More Bad News

Sheila Lacroix, SALIS Advocacy and International Networking Committees

At the 2014 annual Ontario Library Conference Poster Session this winter, it was déjà vu. I stopped to chat with a librarian from Carleton University and view his poster: Federal Library Closures of 2012: A Rescue Effort. It looked alarmingly like the SALIS poster I presented at both the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA) conference in 2012 and later that year, at the Elisad meeting in Arezzo, Working to Reverse the Global Epidemic of Addiction Library Closures: A Tale of 5 Librarians’ Adventures in Advocacy. During 2012 and early 2013, the Carleton University library in Ottawa, Canada, engaged with 19 libraries to rescue collections. There were some successes and partial successes, but also some failures. However, even successes have their toll – the work and resources required to store and make these collections accessible.

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Since the Carleton librarian submitted the abstract, there has been more bad news in Canada: the closure of 7 of the 11 regional libraries of Canada’s Fisheries Department. These housed decades of research; some documents ended up in the dumpster before they could be rescued. It was argued that scientists can access resources online. Some consolidation was probably necessary, but this is no excuse for discarding reports with historical data on how our lakes and rivers have changed over the decades. The librarian from Carleton had a few reports set out from the late 1800s that he had recently rescued. One had hunting laws for the various states and provinces. Did you know that hunting was not allowed on Sundays in Georgia back in the 1890s?

The next blow came this year with the announcement of the closing of Health Canada’s library. The number of librarians has been reduced from 40 in 2007 to 6 in 2013 and these cuts to both collections and librarians’ services negatively affected scientists. One group moved 250 feet of materials to an employee’s basement. Of course, as services erode, fewer use the library. This provides funders with the argument that services aren’t required!

Researchers are concerned about the quality of their work and the effect on Canada’s international reputation. CHLA has mounted an advocacy campaign, Save our Science Libraries in Canada (SOSLibCan) and has a toolkit of resources: http://www.chla-absc.ca/node/1341. Follow on Twitter at hashtag: #SOSLibCan.

It has been interesting to read the public’s response to these closures in the popular press. Most are alarmed. However, some make statements like: "Just digitize!" We know this is easier said than done and that the expertise of librarians is still required for the process.

Moving from Canada to Australia, a pattern is definitely emerging. SALIS Chair, Jane Shelling, announced last December that the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia was losing its funding with consequences to the library services, the National Drugs Sector Information Service. In both cases, Canada and Australia, the federal governments seem to be shifting funding to other priorities, away from the health and social support of its citizens. It is not just libraries being affected; it is also the scientists, policy makers, health care workers and social services. In Canada, the federal government has been under fire for spending millions of dollars on various ad campaigns that seem to have a purpose of “branding” its positions. One example is $40 million dollars on promoting Canada’s resource sector. This type of spending is of little value to the Canadian public and clearly has partisan intentions. We must continue to keep track of developments and advocate not just for our libraries, but for our institutions as well.

Winter Notes from the Editor
Andrea Mitchell

Really seems odd writing "winter" in the title here, with California days of high 60's and birds chirping and garden budding. I'm sure it will all balance out in the end, i.e. maybe East Coast will get the warm weather next year, and California will too!

On a more serious note this will most likely be the last issue of SALIS News before the SALIS Conference coming up at the end of April, so I do want to remind everyone of some very urgent and important matters.

SALIS Elections are coming up. Please note the candidates’ names in this issue (see page 7) and vote when you receive your ballot in late March.

SALIS 2014 conference at Rutgers CAS is April 29-May 2. Here's hoping you have sent in your abstract due Feb 28, or at least are attending; early bird registration is on now and ends March 21. In addition to the conference, attendees will be celebrating with the Center for Alcohol Studies on their 75th anniversary of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (JSAD).

Given all of the new members in SALIS this year, mainly due to the dissolution of European Libraries and Information Services (Elisad), (see note about this on p.3) SALIS is now the major ATOD library organization concerned for ATOD libraries and information centers. As one of the few voices calling for saving the collections, stopping the downsizing and closing- mania, and advocating for the preservation of materials through digitization, we must recognize how important it is to the field and remain steadfast in our endeavor. SALIS News is one way to promote our efforts. By the way, did you see the current issue of JSAD with the editorial by Paul Roman citing the Collective Amnesia editorial?

As noted previously, this will be my final issue as editor of SALIS News, and I just want to say again how much I have enjoyed this task over so many years. With our new Editor, Meg Brunner, taking the reins, I am confident that SALIS News is in great hands and that there may be some changes coming which will engage SALIS members more fully.

The many persons who have contributed to SALIS News over the years are what has made this newsletter survive and our organization flourish. Keep that in mind and do make a commitment to be in touch with Meg (meganw@uw.edu) to add your ideas and contributions to its' future.

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After twenty five years, SALIS's sister organization in Europe has dissolved. The Elisad board made a proposal to the SALIS board: effective with the dissolution they would donate their treasury to SALIS, and SALIS would give complimentary 2014 SALIS memberships to all 2013 Elisad members. The SALIS board reflected on this and proposed a slight change. With their treasury monies, Elisad would pay for their members' dues in 2014, but at a reduced rate of $70.00, (for this year only) and the remaining monies would be donated to the SALIS Treasury. This was voted upon and approved by SALIS Board in January and at this time SALIS Home is waiting to receive member applications from the Elisad members who have not formerly been SALIS members.

This will bring approximately 12 new European members into SALIS, adding new persons and/or countries including Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, and Spain. It is hoped that some or all of these individuals will be able to attend the forthcoming 36th annual SALIS Conference in New Jersey, so that they may meet and become familiar with other SALIS members.

A big welcome to all of our new European members!

Report from the NIAAA National Advisory Council
Mary Kelly, JBS International

The National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism held its 135th meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2014 in Wilson Hall of Building 1 on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, Maryland. SALIS was represented at the meeting by Board Member-At-Large, Mary Kelly. The Advisory Council was chaired by the very recently sworn in NIAAA Director, George F. Koob, Ph.D.

During the period of public comment, Kelly described the SALIS Internet Archive Project and encouraged any research institution who may be re-configuring their library to contact SALIS so that valuable materials and knowledge are not lost. She also announced SALIS’ 36th annual conference, taking place April 29-May 2 at the Center for Alcohol Studies (CAS) at Rutgers in New Jersey, noting that this would be during the Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS) celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs.

The different meeting format provided SALIS with a unique opportunity. Normally liaison member organizations like SALIS do not have the privilege to address the entire Council, but rather meet as a group with the NIAAA executive and communication directors to provide updates on their organization's activities. However, with just two organizations, SALIS and Physicians for Responsible Research (opposing animal studies) present at this meeting, their respective representatives were allowed to address the entire Council. This gave SALIS a good hearing.

Director Koob responded to the SALIS report, saying that the Internet Archives Digitization Project and conference announcement were of interest, and two other individuals approached Kelly afterwards to exchange business cards.

The next meeting for the Advisory Council will be in June and hopefully will provide SALIS the opportunity to describe in more detail the progress of the SALIS-Internet Archive Digitization Project.

NIAAA Meeting Notes:

- NIAAA is looking for research opportunities to collaborate with NIDA and NCI. Dr. John Krystal reported from the Functional Integration Workgroup. It was suggested NIAAA might work with NIDA and NCI on data sets.

- Tom Donaldson, CFO of the National Organization for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS), was presented with the Hughes Award.

- An ex-officio member from the military reported on the Army’s success in addressing drinking in their young recruits as well as addressing the role of alcohol use in PTSD (it was announced that NIAAA will be having a special meeting on the role of alcohol and PTSD).

- A special project of NIH is working with pharma to take existing compounds and find new therapeutic uses by matching them NIH researchers. This process is greatly facilitated by the crafting of legal agreements that are amenable to researchers and pharma.
Right from the start I was enthusiastic about embarking on a digitization project to protect and preserve alcohol and other drug (AOD) information. Over the years I have had closed collections offered to me or seen them stored in university basements with no access available (later to be quietly dumped, I suspect).

I began investigating and planning the digitization of my own collection as a safeguard measure. We hold over 97,000 items; but take out the journal articles and it is a much smaller number. I thought digitizing the collection minus the journal articles was doable within our 2 year contract with the Australian Department of Health.

Little did I suspect that within a very short space of time there would be no contract and our funding, as part of that granted to the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia, would be axed, resulting in no organization or library, and all staff made redundant. Presently our organization is “alive” until 28 February 2014.

I thought I would share with you some of the lessons I have learned during this defunding process.

- Libraries are generally part of a larger organization. Make friends in high places or at least the broader organization so that you stay “in the know.” It is easy to sacrifice a library if it might save the larger organization, because the library can be seen as a money guzzler instead of a potential lifeline. Like a Boy Scout: be prepared.

- Be active and involved in both AOD-based and library organizations. This gives you two avenues of help and support to call on and reach different audiences. Doctors have been particularly good for us.

- People are sentimental about books. Exploit this by using emotive terms. Instead of saying the collection may be “disposed of,” use terms such as “being dumped,” “going to landfill,” or “shredded.”

- Record every positive comment ever made about your library and keep those stats up to date, ready to pull out quickly.

- Once an announcement has been made, it will be difficult for funders to change their minds or admit they were wrong. Be flexible and have back-up plans/scenarios to present to funders so that they don’t need to back down. If they can redirect funds to something new and forward thinking like digitization, they’ll come out smelling of roses.

- Always be in the middle of a project that will take another 6 months to complete. This may help to delay the inevitable.

- Link yourself to patient care wherever possible. We happen to supply articles to Australian hospitals, which is how we got a short term reprieve.

Finally network, network, network. I hope you will all go to the up-coming SALIS Conference to strengthen your professional ties, revisit our digitization project and arm yourselves for the unexpected.

From the Chair
Jane Shelling, Alcohol & Other Drugs Council of Australia

Looking Forward, Looking Back: Reflections on the Past and Planning for the Future

36th Annual SALIS Conference
New Brunswick, NJ
April 29-May 2, 2014

Join us this year for a look at past successes and future opportunities!

Speakers will include:
Robert Pandina, PhD (Rutgers, CAS)
Kristin Tansil (CDC)
Meg Brunner (University of Washington, Seattle)
Maria Palotai (Budapest, Hungary)
Tony Chu (Rutgers CAS Library)

Key dates:
March 21, 2014: Early Bird registration deadline.
Registration rate includes lunch each day of the conference

April 7, 2014: Hotel reservations conference rate deadline.
For info on booking: http://salis.org/conference/accommodations.html

Registration is open!
http://salis.org/conference/
SALIS Conference Presentation Leads to Grant Funding!
Nancy Sutherland, MLS
UW Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute

Information and inspiration are benefits everyone hopes to find by attending a conference. I always come home from a SALIS conference with the margins of my notes covered with cryptic symbols intended to remind me to follow up on something I heard. At the 2013 SALIS conference in Berkeley, I came home with an idea for a grant proposal – inspired by one of the speakers. I pitched the idea to my boss and one of our research scientists; they liked it, improved on it, we wrote it, and four months later, we got funded!

In her presentation last year on Medical Cannabis: The Utilization of Informal Information Networks, Amanda Reiman of UC Berkeley talked about how medical marijuana dispensaries serve as valuable sources of information for patients seeking and using medical marijuana – information especially needed because as she said, “doctors don’t know anything” about the medical properties of cannabis. (If you were present, you might remember Amanda asking for a show of hands among the SALIS audience for how many of us knew about CBD, the cannabinoid most associated with medical use. Almost no hands went up, including mine.) The phrase “doctors don’t know anything” struck a chord in my brain about a recent request for applications (RFA) from the Washington State Attorney General. The RFA asked for proposals related to chronic pain. Inspired by Amanda’s presentation, we proposed to assess and develop web-based resources for educating doctors and other health professionals about the use of medical marijuana to treat chronic pain.

As if getting funded for the project wasn’t enough good news, the Attorney General himself visited our office to meet ADAI staff and talk about this project and our other work. He’s pictured on our blog with the grant recipient and project director, ADAI Research Scientist, Dr. Bia Carlini.

The ultimate goal of the project is to increase awareness of the options available to treat pain and other medical conditions, and to decrease unnecessary suffering among people living with chronic pain. The project will provide information and education about medical conditions and populations for whom cannabis is recommended, and for whom it is not recommended, as well as possible side effects and risks. SALIS members Jennifer Velotta, Meg Brunner, and Nancy Sutherland are all working on the project.

What will inspire you at the next SALIS Conference? □

Systems Improvement Through Service Collaboratives
Sheila Lacroix, CAMH Library

It has been identified in many jurisdictions that access to services and the hope of recovery from mental illness and addiction are hampered by roadblocks in our treatment system, such as poor service linkages and service gaps. In response to Ontario’s Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, CAMH received funding to establish Service Collaboratives, set up throughout the province to explore and implement solutions.

You can learn more about this project and view the work of the eighteen Service Collaborative Communities at http://servicecollaboratives.ca. Fourteen of the eighteen communities focus on transitions from children to adult services and between community and hospital settings, and four concern children and youth in transition between health and justice. The work is lead by CAMH’s Provincial System Support Program (PSSP), formerly Provincial Services, which now includes both community consultants and researchers. CAMH Library Services has always been heavily used by Provincial Services and the scientists from Health Systems Support who have joined PSSP. The library supports the various teams, doing literature searches for systematic reviews, to enhance best practices in managing many of the Service Collaborative Communities' initiatives. Examples are: transition of children and youth among services, and determining the needs of caregivers who play a significant role in caring for patients. It is good to have our expertise recognized and to be a part of this exciting initiative. □

Have You Read?
QR Codes Kill Kittens
Scott Stratten
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This amusing, informative book is targeted at businesses, but relevant to any organization that has used or is thinking about using QR codes to direct people to web sites. (What’s a QR code?) Using real-world examples, this book describes what NOT to do with QR codes, since overuse and misuse of this tool is more likely to result in alienation and frustration of your users than anything else (if your codes are even used at all) -- never the goal in information dissemination!

From the author: “[QR codes] don’t work. Nobody likes them. They are selfish. They take up valuable time better spent elsewhere. And they kill kittens!” Find out why! □
CCSA and partners pilot test to monitor the emergence of new synthetic drugs
By Tina Barton, Editor, Action News

Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), otherwise known as "legal highs," “designer drugs,” "research chemicals" or “herbal highs," are synthetic drugs designed to mimic the effects of more common illicit drugs such as cannabis. They are advertised and commonly marketed as legal alternatives to illicit drugs, even though they can be equally or even more dangerous than the illicit version.

So, how can organizations detect and inform the public about the emergence of new drugs before it becomes a widespread problem?

In September, CCSA’s Senior Research and Policy Analyst, Matthew Young, flew to Swansea, Wales, to address this very topic at the 2nd International Conference on Novel Psychoactive Substances. CCSA has been working with the Canadian Community Epidemiological Network on Drug Use (CCENDU), the Global Public Health Information Network (GPHIN) and others to pilot an NPS media monitoring project. Dr. Young and the team studied how the GPHIN has used news articles to monitor the spread of infectious diseases since 1997. To determine whether GPHIN could be used to monitor the spread of NPS, the research team conducted a pilot using synthetic cannabinoids as a test substance. They plotted the news results onto a timeline, which was then compared against the volume of synthetic cannabinoid-related calls to the U.S. Poison Control Center over the same period.

The team found that the frequency of Poison Control Center calls was very similar to the frequency of the media stories. The team then cross-referenced these results with discussions of synthetic cannabinoids on the popular harm reduction drug discussion forum, Bluelight.ru, and again found a similar pattern of results.

As with any pilot test, the project yielded some lessons learned, such as the importance of using precise terms to keep the project manageable—using slang terms resulted in unwieldy results. A related challenge is that this type of monitoring requires the name of the substance to be known, which makes it hard to detect the emergence of new drugs that might not yet have an official name.

Still, Dr. Young and the team consider this pilot a success and are looking forward to implementing the next stage.

“We feel this strategy of monitoring these drugs has great promise,” Dr. Young said.

Because the pilot test was conducted only in English, the next step is to work with GPHIN to expand the media monitoring into other languages, and to expand the pilot to include other types of NPS.

The team is looking for partners who are interested in using the results of the project or being involved in its next phase. Interested parties should contact Dr. Young for details, at myoung@ccsa.ca.

New online toolkit helps parents talk to their teens about alcohol and drugs
By Diane Buhler, Exec. Director, Parent Action on Drugs

Parent Action on Drugs (PAD) recently launched a new Parent Action Pack, a combination website and free booklet that provides parents with a toolkit of essential facts, talking points, and effective strategies to facilitate meaningful discussions with their teens about alcohol and other drugs, and guide teens in making healthier, safer decisions.

Research shows parents have a significant influence with their teens, and in developing the resources we emphasized the strength of the relationship between parenting and preventing problems with substances.

PAD has learned that most parents want reliable information they can digest and apply. For many parents, this means an easy-to-pick-up print resource they can refer to at any time. PAD has a supply of printed copies available by request. Further, the user-friendly website, enriched with new research and tools that can be downloaded and printed at home, provides an accessible platform that offers immediate information.

For some parents, the core online information will be enough. Other parents, as well as healthcare and youth professionals, can access the additional facts, references and links that will be kept current.

More information on the Parent Action Pack is available at www.parentactionpack.ca. To request printed copies, please contact pad@parentactionondrugs.org.

PAD gratefully acknowledges support from the LCBO and the Bellwood Foundation for this resource.
2014 SALIS Election:
Executive Board Nominees

Ballots for the 2014 SALIS Executive Board elections will be coming to you via email soon! Here are this year’s nominees:

**Chair-Elect**

**Deann Jepson**, M.S. has been responding to the needs of the behavioral health care workforce since 1988, leading several national initiatives to improve the field’s knowledge and skills. In 2012, Deann joined Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) as a Program Associate. She manages multiple roles, currently serving as a writer/editor for the organization, the Product Repurposing and Development Task Lead for SAMHSA’s Homeless and Housing Resource Network, and a coach for BHbusiness Prior to AHP, Deann was the Program Manager and Workforce Development Specialist for the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) National Office where she managed SAMHSA’s Leadership Institute programs, led the national rollout of the ATTC Network’s Clinical Supervision Foundations course, and assisted in several key tasks to develop the national workforce study, *Vital Signs: Taking the Pulse of the Addiction Treatment Professional*. Ms. Jepson is a national award-winning behavioral health care leader with a distinctive portfolio derived from a diverse background. Ms. Jepson holds a master’s degree in Health Communication from Boston University and a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from San Jose State University, CA.

**Treasurer**

**Karen Palmer** is Records and Information Specialist at the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), a national non-profit organization based in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Karen obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree with an Honors in Linguistics at the University of Ottawa in 1987 and an MLIS at the University of Western Ontario in 1997. Karen is primarily responsible for managing subscriptions and serials, providing document delivery and reference services as well as providing expertise related to the records and information management function at CCSA. Karen oversees the Canadian Substance Abuse Information Network (CSAIN) listserv, a network of information professionals, libraries, and resource centres that provide information services in Canada related to substance abuse and addictions. In addition to being involved in SALIS (currently serving as Treasurer on the SALIS board), Karen is also a member of SLA with a special interest in the Knowledge Management Division as well as a member of ARMA International where she has served as Secretary/ Treasurer for the local chapter since 2007.

**Members-At-Large (one vacancy)**

**William Bejarano**, M.A. has been the Information Specialist at the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS) since April 2013. Before that, he worked in the Rutgers University Libraries system for about eight years in the technical services department, where he processed and managed records, maintained the accuracy of a large institutional collection of monographs, periodicals, and government documents, and supervised the federally-funded Work Study program. He has a Master's degree in Labor and Employment Relations and is currently enrolled in the Rutgers School of Communication and Information to complete his Master of Library and Information Science degree with a concentration in digital librarianship. In his current role at CAS, William has been involved in numerous projects, with a great amount of time devoted to the preserving, digitizing, archiving, and displaying of material related to alcohol and addiction history, dating back to the 19th Century and up through the modern era. In addition, his work entails research assistance on current topics in addiction as well as conducting his own research on the history of alcohol studies. Further, he works on special assignments for the Center's publication, the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, and performs the routine tasks of librarianship, including circulation, reference services, and supervising part-time staff. Finally, William also moonlights as an academic tutor for the Rutgers student-athletes. William is a new member of SALIS, but has hit the ground running by taking on the role of co-host of their 36th annual conference, to be held in New Brunswick, NJ.

**Nita Bryant**, Ph.D: I am a sociologist and the Behavioral & Social Sciences Research Librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University’s James Branch Cabell Library in Richmond, Virginia. My constituents include the departments of Sociology, Psychology, and the School of Social Work. I am also VCU Libraries liaison to the International Program in Addiction Studies, a master’s degree program offered jointly by VCU, Kings College, London, and the University of Adelaide, Australia. For the last 3 years, I have had the pleasure of working with Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows, mid-career professionals who spend 10 months at VCU’s Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies to learn about evidence-based prevention, treatment, and policy initiatives at the local, state, and national levels. I learned about SALIS when accompanying the Humphrey Fellows to the NIDA International Forum in June, 2012, and attended my first SALIS Conference in 2013. I’ve learned so much from members in this wonderful organization and would be honored to serve in the Member-at-large position.
Members’ Corner
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How long have you been a member of SALIS? I have been a member of SALIS for approximately 3 years.

What organization do you work for and what is your profession?
I am the Program Manager for the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center (ISAIC) which provides many services to professionals and citizens in Iowa. These include a 24/7 Toll-Free Helpline, lending library of close to 2500 books, DVDs, training resources and display kits available for checkout, a warehouse of free printed materials, a criteria based state locator finding facilities for evaluation, detox and treatment, and an informational website (www.drugfreeinfo.org).

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Being a member of SALIS has enriched my life by providing me a professional support system. I am the only substance abuse library in my state and connecting with others doing the same type of work is very helpful.

Hobbies outside of work:
I enjoy running, biking, reading and finding new and exciting vegan foods to feed my family (spouse and three children aged 11, 12 and 15).

Favourite food: Carrot cake

Favourite book: The series A Game of Thrones by George R. R. Martin (it’s hard to pick only 1 book!).

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I came to ISAIC not because I had immense knowledge of substance abuse, but because I can successfully administer a program. I know that the role of libraries and information centers are changing as technology changes, but I struggle at times knowing how a library so specific makes the leaps it needs to, but still meets the needs of patrons who use our services. I’m always open to ideas, so please feel free to contact me to share and discuss!
projects that predated the Center’s formation was identifying, reviewing, collecting, and abstracting the entirety of published alcohol literature to date. A project funded by a grant from The Carnegie Corporation and headed by E.M. Jellinek in 1938, the abstracts were printed on individual edge-notched “McBee” cards, sorted by topic, and organized in a shelving unit (Keller, Efron, & Jellinek, 1965). The entire collection came to be known as the Classified Abstract Archive of the Alcohol Literature (CAAAL). Its unique needle-based system allowed for relatively quick retrieval of virtually all of the literature on very specific subtopics within the greater subject of alcohol studies.

Along with this encompassing review project, many other activities and projects were being spawned or were already underway at the Center. Dr. Howard Haggard founded the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol in 1940, allowing Jellinek space in the Journal to publish selected abstracts, as well as reports from the review, to go along with its original research articles. In 1943, the annual Summer School of Alcohol Studies was initiated, requiring a space to house material necessary for its course work and personnel to help build the curriculum. Though the grant-funded review of the alcohol research to date was completed, the abstracting process continued, first as supplements to the CAAAL collection and later exclusively as published abstracts in the Journal, up through 1982. The Center’s Secretary/Treasurer, Esther Henderson, would go on to initiate an ambitious plan to collect and organize full-text articles corresponding with all of the abstracts indexed within CAAAL, in what would come to be known as the McCarthy Memorial Collection.

As more and more requests for research information came in to the Center and the amount of research on the topic rapidly expanded, it was becoming clear a special division was needed to handle this area of the Center’s mission. Despite this need, a separate library was not created until 1958, and was not fully integrated into the Information Division until 1962, after the Center had moved from Yale to Rutgers (Weglarz, 1990).

The CAS Library has a proven track record of making efforts to share its historical collection. Despite the unique content, neither the condition nor the technology used meets the standards of the 21st century. For instance, a digital collection of alcohol history-related records and items called the Alcohol History Database features the records of a small collection of about 700 artifacts and 150 images. Currently archived on the Rutgers University Libraries web site as a single pdf, this database is no longer active or searchable. Other collections of national and international significance include the Ralph G. Connor Alcohol Research Reference Files, a unique collection of approximately 700 questionnaires, interview schedules, and survey instruments used in alcohol research, with additional references to articles that used the survey; an Alcohol Beverage Advertisement Collection of over 2000 items; the aforementioned McCarthy Memorial Collection,

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which contains the full text of all original documents abstracted by the Center staff (through 1982); and last but not least, a large collection of materials related to the early period of alcohol science called the Archives and Manuscripts Collection. Some of these collections have been fully digitized and are available in-house.

As described above, perhaps the most notable collection is the Classified Abstract Archive of the Alcohol Literature (CAAAL), which symbolizes the birth of alcohol science. Written by early CAS indexers and abstractors in several European languages, including French, German, Russian, Spanish, Polish, and others, these article summaries represent what is likely the only comprehensive collection of alcohol-related literature.

Digitizing such a fascinating collection would be quite an undertaking all its own. However, the CAS Library also owns many more unique resources, and with the advancements of technology, we hope to be able to overcome the usual obstacles of time and financial constraints, and capitalize on the vast amount of archival materials on the history of alcohol studies. Looking back on this enormous amount of work, we feel obligated to continue what previous library staff members have started — collecting, organizing, preserving, and disseminating our resources in a way more meaningful to our audiences.

Mark Keller, first Managing Editor and later Editor of the *QJSA*, eloquently described the Library’s function at a 1971 conference on information science. He considered the library to be much more than a mere collection of informational material, instead describing it as a crucial element of what he termed the “Library-Documentation-Information-Publication Division” of the Center.

As he put it, the Center Library was a “re-conceptualized specialized library combining the capacities to serve both the immediate information needs of specialists and the broader education needs of scholars” (Keller, 1972). At that time the library not only housed a wide-ranging collection of material related to the subject, but also acquired material for staff and faculty, made information available for visiting researchers, acted as a source of education and information, and was the core of a system of documentalists and information scientists. Considering all of this, it is fair to say that Keller’s vision and implementation was prescient, with an eye toward the future of information science.

To truly grasp and demonstrate the importance of this historic educational institution, reflection on our past also involved special attention to the history of the aforementioned Summer School of Alcohol Studies (SSAS). The first Summer School was founded in 1943 to fill an important void in the prevention of alcoholism: a lack of people with a broad and scientific understanding of the problem who could qualify as leaders in their communities. Current alcohol and substance abuse educational and training programs follow the pattern established at the first few Summer Schools.

In addition to having preserved the course and registration documentation of every single Summer School and student, the library owns sufficient material to document the chronology of the SSAS and to illustrate milestones with images and artifacts from the CAS collection. As a start, we showcase the very first Summer School with group photos; a picture of the founder, E.M. Jellinek, with students; Jellinek’s famous “phases of alcoholism” doodle, and other memorabilia; the bust of Bill Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous and lecturer at the School; charts of the geographic and demographic distribution of students; and the publication entitled, *The Abridged Lectures of the First Summer School of Alcohol Studies*. The SSAS Alumni Newsletter exemplifies another type of resource that can be extremely useful for historians.

The school was also the locus of several important forces that shaped the history of the alcohol addiction field as we know it. The National Committee on Alcoholism (presently the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence) was founded at the 1944 Summer School by Marty Mann, with the help of the Center’s faculty, and was sponsored by the Center. The digital collection will commemorate this event with sample documents and images, including photos of Marty Mann as a lecturer at the Summer School.

In terms of important individuals almost forgotten in the history of alcohol science, CAS feels indebted to many scholars and wishes to create a better representation of them. For example, Selden Bacon, who took over as Summer School director in 1951, also contributed significantly to the field both at the SSAS and as the CAS Director for 25 years at Yale and Rutgers. His impact will be highlighted by the expansion of the SSAS objectives to meet the needs of both professional and non-professional people by adding new topics to the curriculum, founding various other forms of SSAS, such as the Industrial Institute, Nurses Institute on Alcoholism, and a Refresher Session for graduates. The new schools and institutes, added later to attract new audiences interested in alcohol studies, will be represented in the exhibit with group photos.

The examples above are only a few of many “firsts” in...
alcohol studies for which the SSAS and the CAS are famous. Additionally, Leon Greenberg, director of the SSAS from 1957, is known for developing the first device for breath alcohol analysis, which will be showcased in the exhibit. Two other important artifacts created here are the first book on college drinking, co-authored by Selden Bacon, and the sliding ruler-like Alco-Calculator.

The CAS Library recently contributed to the anniversary celebration by assisting the authors of the Special Anniversary issue of JSAD entitled Alcohol Studies: 75 Years in Review (now available online to subscribers). The Journal’s Managing Editor, Paul Candon, explains the significance of this milestone thusly:

In 1940, the United States was just 7 years past the end of its experiment with the national prohibition of alcohol, and relatively little was known about the effects of alcohol on the human body and society overall. How could one define “intoxication”? Did alcohol problems result from the excessive consumption of any type of alcohol or just distilled spirits? How were other psychiatric problems and alcohol abuse interrelated? Was alcoholism just a problem for those on “Skid Row”? To help address alcohol problems from a scientific perspective, researchers from what would become the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies formed the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol, at the time the only journal of its kind published in the United States.

On this, the 75th anniversary of what is now the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, the journal offers a series of reviews of the alcohol science literature, from the 1940s to the present. In this special issue—Alcohol Studies: 75 Years in Review (Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, Supplement 17)—top researchers in the alcohol-studies field review topics frequently covered in the journal, such as college student drinking, multicultural issues, comorbidity, genetics, psychosocial approaches, pharmacotherapy, prevention, control policy, and the legal minimum drinking age. Together, the authors provide a view of substance use research from the very inception of the field to the present day, documenting how far (and, at times, how little) the field has progressed toward prevention, treatment, and the minimization of harm caused by alcohol consumption.

Last but not least, as the first alcohol library in the US, we are pleased to host the 36th Annual SALIS Conference at Rutgers this year. It’s an honor to celebrate with our colleagues, reflect on the past, and worry about and plan for the future, together. With the dissolution of Elisad and former Elisad members joining SALIS in 2014, we feel this is a symbolic moment. Our European colleagues can rest assured that they will receive a hearty welcome at Rutgers, just as did many of their predecessors, such as the Italian, Giorgio Lolli; the Russian, Vera Efron; the Polish, Mark Keller; and the American-Hungarian, E.M. Jellinek.

Following up on the presentation about Jellinek at the 35th annual SALIS conference, at this year’s meeting we hope to reveal some more surprising unknown facts.

Hope to see you at Rutgers on April 29th!

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