**SALIS/AMHL Conference**

**Real Health: The Importance of Professionals in Today’s Information Climate**  
May 3-6, 2017 Worcester, MA

Getting excited for the 2017 SALIS/AMHL conference? Don’t miss the latest updates to the conference website, including an agenda overview, updated travel information, and sightseeing tips! Here are some of the highlights from the program:

- **Power Session: Mindfulness as Therapeutic Intervention** — Judson Brewer, MD, Nicholas Olenzki, PhD, and Madeleine Charney, MSLIS of UMass.
- **Activist Librarian II: Engaging in LGBTQ Cultural Competencies** — Juan Carlos Vega, Activist Librarian and Information Consultant.
- **Bibliotherapy: A Brief Tour of Mental Health Literature from Early Asylum Libraries to Graphic Novels** — Len Levin and Matthew Noe, UMass Medical School.

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**Uncomfortable Silences: Unofficial Report on Closing a Library**  
Judit Ward, Rutgers

As reported in the previous issue of **SALIS News** (v. 36 (4)), the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS) Library closed its doors at the end of December 2016, due to a major change in the reporting structure of the host institution. After breaking the news on the SALIS listserv, we received an overwhelming amount of emails from SALIS members. Thank you for your compassionate notes expressing support and concerns.

Formerly located on the third floor of the Adele and Brinkley Smithers building, the CAS Library is

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probably the oldest thematic, alcohol-related collection in the world. The iconic bridge connecting the four-story edifice with the Christopher Smithers Building, home of CAS, served as the logo of the 2014 SALIS Conference, hosted by the CAS Library in New Brunswick, NJ.

The Rutgers CAS library evolved from the collection of journal articles and books reviewed, indexed, and abstracted for the Documentation and Information Division of the Section of Studies on Alcohol within the Laboratory of Applied Physiology at Yale University, which also published the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol starting in 1940. The foundation of the Division stems from the initial review of the alcohol literature under the auspices of the Research Council on Problems on Alcohol, with E. M. Jellinek as executive director. A physical library had its designated space at Yale in 1959, and during the transition from Yale to Rutgers in 1962, a new library emerged.

The Library had been in this building since 1994 on Busch Campus in Piscataway, NJ, moving the collection over from its tight space to a roomy third floor location built as a library space. SALIS member Penny Page served as the Director of Information Services until her retirement in August 2007, when Judith H. Ward was appointed as new director. For more on the early history of the library, please read Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies Library: A brief history by Catherine Weglarz, a former librarian at CAS, and review the timeline and photo documentation of the last few years of the CAS Library below.

Although at first it might be disturbing for SALIS members to hear about the closure of this flagship library, the reassuring news is that the library collection is being integrated into Rutgers University Libraries (RUL), and as such, the entire collection will be fully preserved and available for the public soon. SALIS will be continuously updated about the availability of the former CAS Library collection, as well as about potential duplicates looking for a good home.

**Timeline of Rutgers CAS Library Closure**

**August 15, 2015:** The Center of Alcohol Studies was selected at Rutgers to undergo an external review, a standard procedure at academic institutions every 10 years. The Information Services Division took a very active part in collecting data for the self-study.

**October 19, 2015:** CAS self-study was submitted for external review (11 pages, with a 839-page appendix).

**November 23-24, 2015:** Site visit at Rutgers by three external reviewers, all prominent scholars from the field of addiction science. The program included presentations on the work of all divisions and a reception in the library.

**December 10, 2015:** CAS Director stepped down, acting director was appointed as of January 2016.

**January – May 2016:** Several rounds of responses to the evaluation of the self-study and site visit were drafted, discussed, submitted, and resubmitted. The Library participated in all the new initiatives launched by the acting director.

**August 9, 2016:** Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chancellor for Rutgers University–New Brunswick visited CAS.

**Support from Colleagues & Friends**

*So sorry to hear that the library has shut down.*

*It is another sad moment in the history of the field, losing this famously significant library*

*As someone who has gone through a similar experience this is probably the best you could hope for:*

*Je suis bien désolée pour la fermeture de votre bibliothèque, encore une...*

*I echo all regrets and kind comments. This closure is such a loss.*

**September 1, 2016:** The development of the new CAS web site was contracted with external web developers, still including all divisions and the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs.

**October 11, 2016:** Upon the request of the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the University Librarian and the Associate University Librarian for Planning and Organizational Research visited the CAS Library to assess the collection.

**October 26, 2016:** The decision to close the library was announced by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, with a December 2016 deadline to move out of the building.

**October 28, 2016:** RUL decision to integrate the CAS Library Collection was announced.

**November 7, 2016:** Initial planning meeting of the Alcohol Library Transition with RUL New Brunswick Library Director.

**November 14, 2016:** Planning meeting with the representatives of RUL Serials team to assess journal holdings and subscriptions for potential consolidation.

**November 17, 2016:** Planning meeting with the Head of Special Collections and University Archives to assess...
November 17, 2016: The first of the four potential moving companies visited the CAS Library to provide a quote for the transition. Options included boxing the entire collection, moving the boxes, and processing them at the new location, or moving the collection on trucks and unloading them on shelves at the new location. The latter solution was chosen for its speed and cost effectiveness.

November 22, 2016: Visit from the University Records manager to assess the part of the collection to be archived.

December 1, 2016: CAS Library Transition team planning meeting with RUL, involving all participants.

December 9, 2016: The Alcohol Library officially closed its doors to patrons. Library catalog records were shadowed.

December 23, 2016: Transition updates meeting with outgoing RUL New Brunswick Library Director and incoming acting director.

January 1, 2017: CAS became part of the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology.

January 3, 2017: CAS librarian Judit H. Ward started the new year moving her office to the Library of Science and Medicine on Busch Campus, a quarter mile walk from the Smithers buildings.

January 12 – January 17, 2017: Most of the CAS Library and Archives collection moved to the RUL Annex on Busch Campus, including holdings in the Alcohol and Alcohol/NJ book and microform collections, the print journal collection, rare books, the McCarthy Memorial Collection, the Classified Abstract Archives of Alcohol Literature, and the Archives. CAS retained the Keller files, the Ralph G. Connor Alcohol Research Reference Files (CARRF), and the video collection of the New Jersey Alcohol/Drug Resource Center and Clearinghouse.

January 20, 2017: The Information Services Division is not part of the new CAS web site as an individual tab and division. Its content is still available by directly entering the URL of a page, including articles in the SALIS Journal.

February 8, 2017: The RUL Transition team evaluation meeting concluded the move out of the CAS Library collection from the third floor of the Adele and Brinkley Smithers building to its temporary location at the RUL Annex. The consensus was that the entire transition might take up to a year.

February – to date: The collection is in process to be transferred to its final destination. The CAS Library web site has been archived, and now a temporary page advises users about the current status. The Alcohol research guides (LibGuides) are being updated to reflect the changes. Digitized content is being evaluated for inclusion in RUcore: Rutgers University Community Repository.

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Abandoning the circ desk and Bunky

On the move: Card catalog & CAAAL

On the move: Books on trucks

At the Annex

From the library...

...to the truck

On the shelves
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Annex: from the top floor

Working @Annex

Alcohol Library closed

The last one out turned off the lights
The books from the NIAAA Library, which were not selected by the team in 2015, have now been shipped to IA San Francisco and will be kept in storage until funds to digitize come in. Since some of them are not relevant to the SALIS Collection, this may require another selection task.

A surprise is coming, but will be revealed to persons attending the SALIS Conference first. Stay tuned if you are not coming. If you want to take a red-eye and still make it to the Worcester event, there is still space available. Remember, we want you to be a part of creating this SALIS Legacy! □

For those of you fortunate enough to be coming to the SALIS/AMHL 2017 in Worcester, there will be a presentation on Digs (SALIS-IA Digitization Project) entitled, "Creating a SALIS Legacy: Building an ATOD Archive with Knowledge for All," as well as a workshop. There is so much happening now as the project progresses and more and more people are getting active.

Statistics: Currently 1,247 items in the collection and as of Jan 2017 there have been 47,593 views! Check it out: https://archive.org/details/salis

The SALIS Board authorized $3,000 for the project at the Board meeting in February to keep momentum of digitization going until new funding arrives.

All the items added since the first of the year are thanks to Sheila Lacroix, Librarian, formerly of Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH); Marc Wauters, Librarian, Vereniging voor Alcohol en andere Drugproblemen (VAD), Belgium; and Barbara Weiner, Librarian, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation (HBFF) who have uploaded more than 200 books, and other documents. A special thank-you also to the University of Toronto and the Center for Addiction and Mental Health for all of the books donated and scanned.

David Man, Librarian, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA), has recently taken on the task of going through the entire SALIS Collection to ferret out those titles which are in copyright and should have a borrow tag on them.

Adam Mann, Librarian, Alcohol Research Group ARG, has recently donated 6 boxes of books to the Collection (disclaimer: I have not yet entered them all into the SALIS database).

Sheila Lacroix, Barbara Weiner, and Andrea Mitchell are preparing a Digs presentation and a workshop for SALIS/AMHL 2017 in Worcester this May.

Proposal to the Society for the Study of Addiction is scheduled for submission in mid-June for more Digs funding ---proposal being done by Chris Goodair, Sheila Lacroix and Andrea Mitchell.

Brewster Kahle, head of the Internet Archive (IA), was recently apprised of some of the problems the project has been facing and has vowed that they will be fixed. The problems are: title pages rather than book covers as thumbnails, creating inconsistency in the look of the Collection; books in copyright being freely accessed without borrowing; and the question about what meta-data must be on spreadsheet submitted with books/documents.


**Creating a SALIS Legacy: Building an ATOD Archive with Knowledge for All**—Andrea Mitchell, Sheila Lacroix, Barbara Weiner, Meg Brunner, SALIS Members.

**Reaching Military Veterans with an Evidence-Based Online Intervention for Problem Drinking and PTSD Symptoms**—Eric Helmuth, Boston University School of Public Health & VA National Center for PTSD.

Attendees are also invited to join the Conference Hosts on a special tour of the American Antiquarian Society (Friday afternoon, May 5). The AAS was founded in 1812 by Revolutionary War patriot and printer Isaiah Thomas, and is both a learned society and a major independent research library. The AAS library today houses the largest and most accessible collections of books, pamphlets, broadsides, newspapers, periodicals, music, and graphic arts material printed through 1876 in the United States. Find out more here: http://www.americanantiquarian.org.

Speaking of really cool libraries, there are a ton of them in Worcester! Don’t miss our Things to Do handout, which has details on the Worcester Art Museum and its library, the Museum of Russian Icons and its library, Old Sturbridge Village and its library (!), and the Worcester Historical Museum and its library too! http://salis.org/conference/WorcesterActivities.pdf

Can’t wait to see you there! □

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**Clip and Save Travel/Conference Info**

**Conference hotel:**
Beechwood Hotel
363 Plantation St.
Worcester, MA 01605
508-754-5789

**Transportation from Logan Airport in Boston to Worcester (approx. one hour away):**
- **Knights Limo:** $58 each way, shared van
- **Worcester Airport Limo:** $45 each way, shared van
- **Go Boston Shuttle:** $90 each way, shared van

**Registration** opens at the **Welcome Reception**, held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3. The reception will be held at Dr. Elaine Martin’s house; attendees should meet at the Lamar Soutter Library at 5:30 p.m. for transportation to the party!

**First session Thursday morning** is at the Faculty Conference Center at 8:30 a.m.

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**News from Canada**
Compiled by Chad Dubeau
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

**The Effects of Psychoactive Prescription Drugs on Driving**
Over the past several decades, the impairing effects of alcohol on driving have become common knowledge. More recently, the use of illicit drugs such as cocaine, cannabis and methamphetamine have become the focus of increasing concern for its impact on road safety. However, it is less well understood that some psychoactive prescription drugs can also affect driving. Psychoactive prescription drugs, such as opioids, sedative-hypnotics and stimulants, are associated with serious harms including injury and death. In an effort to address these and other harms, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), together with over 40 partners, released First Do No Harm: Responding to Canada’s Prescription Drug Crisis, a 10-year pan-Canadian strategy that outlines 58 recommendations for collective action in a number of key areas, including prevention, education, treatment, monitoring and surveillance, enforcement, and legislation and regulation.

The current review explores the extent to which psychoactive prescription drugs can adversely affect the cognitive and motor functions essential for the safe operation of a motor vehicle and thereby increase the risk of crash involvement.

The Effects of Psychoactive Prescription Drugs on Driving (technical report)

The Effects of Psychoactive Prescription Drugs on Driving (report at a glance)

**Towards Low-Risk Gambling Guidelines**
Gambling is a legal activity, but it poses potential risks that raise public health concerns. Although most Canadians who gamble do so without developing problems, some experience gambling-related harms. What’s more, many who choose to gamble also use alcohol or other substances. In this context, CCSA is developing Canada’s first National Low-Risk Gambling Guidelines (LRGGs) to minimize for Canadians the harms related to gambling.

Developing Canada’s First National Low-Risk Gambling Guidelines

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Towards Low-Risk Gambling Guidelines

Working Together to Develop Low-Risk Gambling Guidelines

Canadian Youth Perceptions on Cannabis
This study builds on previous research completed by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) that examined Canadian youth’s perceptions on cannabis. The current study is based on additional focus groups conducted with youth from jurisdictions that were not included in the last study with the goal of verifying past research and uncovering changes or differences in youth’s perceptions.

Canadian Youth Perceptions on Cannabis

Calling 911 in Drug Poisoning Situations
This bulletin provides the first Canadian estimates on rates of calling 911 in drug poisoning situations.

CCENDU Bulletin: Calling 911 in Drug Poisoning Situations □

SALIS Election 2017
Compiled by Nominations Committee members Deann Jepson, Chair; Chad Dubeau; Andrea Mitchell

Chair Elect

Chad Dubeau, MLIS
Information Specialist
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

Chad Dubeau obtained an MLIS from the University of Western Ontario in 2004 and has spent the last thirteen years as an Information Specialist at the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) in Ottawa, Canada. His main duties include conducting literature searches for staff and managing Addiction News Daily (CCSA’s news service). He has been a SALIS member since 2004, and currently serves as Member at Large and Chair of the Canadian Special Interest Group. In his spare time, Chad enjoys gardening, playing soccer and basketball, and spending way too much time planning family trips to Walt Disney World.

Secretary

David Man, MLS
Librarian
The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA)

David Man obtained his MLS at Columbia University’s School of Library and Information Science and started out his library career as a Reference Librarian at The New York Academy of Medicine and progressed from there to being Educational Services Librarian at Rockefeller University before joining The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) in 1996.

Since then David has been responsible for the day to day management of a small addiction research library and has witnessed the evolution of the field from its barely digital days to one in which practically all information is encoded electronically. He has searched the literature, retrieved the articles, formatted the bibliographies, and checked the facts on well over fifty of CASA’s books, reports, surveys and articles. He is currently a faculty member at the Yale University School of Medicine’s, Department of Psychiatry.

Member-At-Large

Juan Carlos Vega, MLS
Activist Library & Information Consultant

Juan Carlos Vega is a librarian, information specialist, public health advocate, bilingual blogger, and yoga instructor who looks to broaden his experiences and knowledge of information sciences and library skills in ways that move the profession into the 21st century.

He translates into action and steps to create change, information and research that otherwise would get lost among the information bombardment that we encounter every day. He takes into consideration cultural, language and geographical characteristics and uniqueness when approaching communities, projects, and individuals. He has a deep understanding of how to develop and sustain results-driven partnerships with LGBTQ, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic populations.

Juan Carlos has been a health justice advocate for more than 15 years engaging diverse constituents to address issues related to environmental, economic, and social

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disparities. He has facilitated dozens of trainings to government agencies, non-profit organizations, and small businesses.

His professional experiences include Director of the Sila Calderon Foundation Library on Social Sciences, Research Coordinator for the Museum of Art of Puerto Rico, Information Specialist for the National Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention, and Digital Conversion Specialist for the American Memory Project of the Library of Congress. He has served on national advisory boards for CDC funded tobacco prevention and control programs, is a founding member of the Citizens Alliance Pro LGBTTA Health of Puerto Rico and the Electronic Library Consortium of Puerto Rico, and has proudly been a SALIS member since 2002 (with a few years on hiatus).

Juan Carlos was born and raised in Puerto Rico, currently lives in Washington, D.C. and enjoys the beach like no other place on earth.

Sheila Lacroix, MLS
Consultant, Historical Collections

Sheila Lacroix, BSc, MLS, has been a member of SALIS since 1992 and has been an active participant over the years. She has served as Chair, Secretary, Conference Host and for many years was the chair of the Canadian SIG. She has been a frequent presenter at SALIS conferences and has been an active member of the Advocacy Committee and continues to contribute to the Digs project.

Sheila retired in 2016 after almost 25 years working at the former Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) Library, now the CAMH Library, where she was Library Coordinator with a primary responsibility for reference and research.

Since her retirement, she has continued to work on the Digs project to ensure publications of the former ARF will be added to The SALIS Collection through working in cooperation with the University of Toronto Libraries and the CAMH Library. She is running for a MAL position on the SALIS executive as she feels strongly about the value of SALIS and the libraries and organizations that our SALIS members represent, and wants to continue to support its mission and goals.

In her spare time, Sheila loves to be out of doors. Her very favourite activity is Nordic skiing, but she also enjoys hiking, cycling and gardening. She is involved in advocacy work for women's and social justice related issues. Of course, reading and sharing time with family (daughter Maggie is now a librarian) are also important to her life.

New Books
By Andrea L. Mitchell, MLS, Librarian

+ government document
* non-English title

Ade, George and Bill Savage. *The Old-time Saloon: Not Wet, Not Dry, Just History.* Chicago ; London: The University of Chicago Press, 2016. ISBN: 9780226412306 (paperback); 7112 KB, ASIN: B01N91G65U (Kindle)


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**Have You Read?**

**The Card Catalog: Books, Cards, and Literary Treasures**


The Library of Congress brings booklovers and library-philosophers an enriching tribute to the power of the written word and to the history of our most beloved books. Featuring more than 200 full-color images of original catalog cards, first edition book covers, and photographs from the library’s archives, this collection is a visual celebration of the rarely seen treasures in one of the world’s most famous libraries and the brilliant cataloging system that has kept it organized for centuries. Packed with engaging facts on literary classics from *Ulysses* to *The Cat in the Hat*, this package is an ode to the enduring magic and importance of books.

**This is What a Librarian Looks Like: A Celebration of Libraries, Communities, and Access to Information**


Author and photographer Kyle Cassidy’s book based on his Slate.com photo series of the same name. His nearly 220 subjects are librarians of all ages, backgrounds, and fields, sharing their personal thoughts on what it means to be a librarian in the modern era. The book also includes original essays by some of our most beloved writers, journalists, and commentators, including Neil Gaiman, Nancy Pearl, Cory Doctorow, Peter Sagal, John Scalzi, and more.

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**Deadline for the next issue, Vol. 37, No. 1, Spring 2017 is June 30, 2017.**