

AMERSA PROGRAM HISTORY

PROGRAM THEMES

2023	Advocacy for Equity Around Evidence-Based Treatments	Washington, D.C.
2022	Examining Systems, Substance Use and Disenfranchisement	Boston, MA
2021	Transforming Care Through Evidence and Policy	Virtual
2020	Together We Rise: Confronting COVID, Racism and Addiction	Virtual
2019	Challenges and New Horizons in Substance Use and Addiction	Boston, MA
2018	Interdisciplinary Addiction Strategies: Discover, Prevent, Teach, Treat	San Francisco, CA
2017	AMERSA at 41: Reducing the Societal Impact of Alcohol and Drugs	Washington, DC
2016	AMERSA at 40: Reflecting Back, Looking Forward	Washington, DC
2015	Integrating Policy and Research into Teaching and Practice	Washington, DC
2014	Building Connections: Bridging Interdisciplinary Leadership in Substance Use Education, Research, Care and Policy	San Francisco, CA
2013	Innovations for Meeting New Challenges	Bethesda, MD
2012	Shaping Practice through Education, Research and Policy	Bethesda, MD
2011	AMERSA at 35: New Times - New Paradigms	Arlington, VA
2010	P.R.E.P. for the New Decade - Policy, Research, Education and Practice	Bethesda, MD
2009	Substance Abuse in an Era of Change - Education, Research and Care	Bethesda, MD
2008	Substance Abuse: Current Trends, Current Solutions	Washington, DC
2007	Drugs, Alcohol & Healthcare: Systems, Scholarship & Solutions	Washington, DC
2006	AMERSA 30th Anniversary - Three Decades of Leadership	Washington, DC
2005	Substances, Services and Systems' Changes	Bethesda, MD
2004	Scientific Advances in SA: Patients, Pop and Policy	Washington, DC
2003	Promoting Partnerships for Change	Baltimore, MD
2002	New Challenges...New Directions	Washington, DC
2001	Looking Back - Moving Forward	Alexandria, VA
2000	From Research to Practice: Clinical and Educational Applications of Addictions Research	Alexandria, VA
1999	Multidisciplinary Partnerships to Improve Substance Abuse Care	Alexandria, VA
1998	NONE	Washington, DC
1997	NONE	Alexandria, VA
1996	NONE	Reston, VA

PLENARY TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

2023	McGovern Award	Jeanette M Tetrault, MD
	Betty Ford Award	Mishka Terplan, MD
	Opening Plenary: How to Effectively Advocate to Create Change	Jules Netherland, PhD Helena Hansen, PhD Sheila P. Vakharia, PhD, MSW
	Local Hot Topics Plenary-Innovative Programs to Expand Access MOUD in Rural Maryland	Eric Weintraub, MD Alicia Lebon Roger McKnight Tracy Agee, NP
	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) Plenary: Common, Complex and Unrecognized	Sue Terwey, BA, MSc Jeffrey Wozniak, PhD Vincent C. Smith, MD, MPH Kendra Gludt, MPH Daniel P. Alford, MD, MPH
	AMERSA Discourse-Methadone Deregulation	Ruth Potee, FASAM, MD Denis Antoine Michelle Geier, BCPP, PharmD
	Native Health Plenary: Advocating for Culturally Centered Evidence-based Treatments with Native Americans	Loretta Christensen, MBA, MD Maria C Crouch, PhD Kamilla Venner, PhD
	Rich Saitz "What's the Evidence" Plenary: Stimulant Use Disorder-Emerging Pharmacotherapies, Behavioral Therapies and Harm Reduction	Daryl Shorter, MD Steve Shoptaw, PhD Stephen P Murray, MPH, NRP
2022	McGovern Award – Centering the Disadvantaged	Ricky Bluthenthal, PhD
	Betty Ford Award - Plenary Session – Making our Work Meaningful: The Power of Incorporating Lived Experience and Harm Reduction	Donna Beers, MSN, RN-BC, CARN Nabarun Dasgupta, PhD
	Local Hot Topics Plenary Panel Session - Applying the 72-hour Rule for Methadone Initiation	James Evans, BSN, RN Natalija Farrell, PharmD, BCPS, DABAT William Soares III, MD, MS Daniel Greer, LMHC Jessica Taylor, MD
	Rich Saitz Plenary Panel Session – Care of the Hospitalized Patient with Substance Use Disorder	Theresa Rolley Elaine Hyshka, PhD Ashish P. Thakrar, MD

	Plenary Session – Spicy Debate - Mandated Treatment Systems: Abolish or Adjust?	Kassandra Frederique, MSSW Bertha Madras, PhD
	Plenary Panel Session – Beyond the Evidence Base: Preserving Dignity and Countering Discrimination in Pregnancy and Parenting	Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH Nikki Bell Peña Lisa Sangoi
2021	McGovern Award - Driving Improvements in Population Health and Substance Use Disorders: How Far Upstream?	Marc N. Gourevitch, MD, MPH
	Betty Ford Award - Drinking-Related Identity: Cognitive Vulnerability for Alcohol Use and Alcohol Problems	Colleen Corte, PhD, RN, FAAN
	Plenary Panel Session - Guidance for Incorporating the Perspectives of People with Lived Experience	Ariel Britt, MSW Joy Rucker Scott Steenbergh, MSW, LMSW, CAADC Jess Tilley
	Plenary Session - Stimulants: Evidence and Policy Considerations to Save Lives in the Fourth Wave	Sheila P. Vakharia, PhD Nora D. Volkow, MD
	Plenary Panel Session - Eliminating Stigma of Substance Use Disorders	Corrina Chase, MA Morgan Godvin Kim Sue, MD, PhD Deanna Wilson, MD, MPH Rupinder Brar, MD, CCFP, CSIAM Donald MacPherson
	Plenary Session - Spicy Debate - Safer Supply Models to Reduce Overdose Death: Lessons Learned from British Columbia, Canada	
	Plenary Panel Session - Rich Saitz’s “What’s the Evidence?” Endowed Plenary: A Panel Discussion of Alcohol Use in Special Populations	Katherine Keyes, PhD, MPH Kim O’Brien, PhD, LICSW Tricia E. Wright, MD, MS Tamika Zapolski, PhD
2020	McGovern Award - Combatting Intersecting Epidemics of Opioid Use and Racism to Improve Health Outcomes for People Who Use Drugs	Julia H. Arnsten, MD, MPH
	Betty Ford Award - Caring about Pain in Persons with Opioid Use Disorder	Peggy Compton, PhD, RN, FAAN
	Plenary Session – Creating Conditions of Possibility: Harm Reduction as a Pathway to Autonomy, Connection, and Healing	Monique Tula, BA
	Plenary Panel Session -	Chinazo Cunningham, MD, MS

Caring for People who use Substances in the Context of COVID-19: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned

Meaghan Thumath, RN, MPH
Shannon Smith Bernardin, PhD, MSN, RN
Hiawatha Collins

Plenary Session - Spicy Debate -
X the X Waiver

Sarah Wakeman, MD
Melissa Weimer, DO, MCR, FASAM

Plenary Panel Session –
Anti-racism in Addiction: Eradicating Racism in
Policy, Practice, Education and Research

Kima Taylor, MD, MPH
Eric Manbossia, RN, BSN
Holly Echo-Hawk, MS
Haner Hernandez, PhD, CPS, CADCI, LADCI

2019 McGovern Award
Opioids and Me: The Long and Winding Road

Daniel P. Alford, MD, MPH

Betty Ford Award
Emergency Departments: A 24/7/365 Option for Combating the Opioid Crisis

Gail D’Onofrio, MD, MS

Plenary Session
Systems of Oppression: The Ecology of Health Disparities in Addiction

Ayana Jordan, MD, PhD

Plenary Panel Session
Trauma-Informed Care for Substance Use Prevention and Treatment
Lynn Sanford, LICSW

Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, FSAHM

Plenary Session - Spicy Debate
Tapering Opioids: Compassionate Care or Punitive Policy?

Anna Lembke, MD
Stefan Kertesz, MD

Plenary Panel Session
Psychedelics in Addiction Treatment

Mary P. Cosimano, MSW
Matthew W. Johnson, PhD
Christopher Stauffer, MD

2018 McGovern Award
Transformative Change

Kevin Kunz, MD, MPH, DFASAM

Betty Ford Award
The Many Pathways to Recovery from SU Disorders:
Contributions from Psychology, Public Health, and Behavioral Economics

Jalie A. Tucker, PhD, MPH

Plenary Session
The Neural Pathway of Stigma

Deborah S. Finnell, DNS,
CARN-AP, FAAN

Interdisciplinary Plenary Panel Session
Meeting the Need: Collaborative Courts, SF

Lisa, Lightman, MA
Angelica Almeida, PhD
Linda Wu, MSW, LCSW
Charles Houston
Judge Eric Fleming, JD

Interdisciplinary Plenary Session
Cannabis: Updates, Neurobiology

Garth Terry, MD
Tista Ghosh, MD, MPH
Rick Garza

Plenary Session - Spicy Debate
Are Safe Consumption Spaces a Necessity
For Public and Person Health?

Lindsay LaSalle, JD
John Lovell, JD

Interdisciplinary Panel Session
Stimulant Use: Epidemiology and Interventions

Glenn-Milo Santos, PhD, MPH
Elise Riley, PhD
Walter Gomez, MA MSW, PhD(c)
David Olem, MS

2017

McGovern Award
Reducing the Impact of Substance Use Through Primary Care: From Research to Policy

Patrick G. O'Connor, MD, MPH, FACP

Betty Ford Award
Can Nurses be a Secret Weapon against Opioid Addiction?

Colleen Labelle, MSN, RN-BC, CARN

Plenary Session
Addiction and Stigma: Science = Solutions

Wilson M. Compton, MD, MPE

Plenary Panel Session
Incarcerated Populations, Harm Reduction and Treatment

Megan Comfort, PhD
Radha Sadacharan, MD, MPH
Emily Wang, MD, MAS

Plenary Session:
Harm Reduction in the US Next Steps

Jessie M. Gaeta, MD

Plenary Session - Spicy Debate
Positive Role of Stigma for Tobacco Cessation:
Implications for Marijuana Policy

Ronald Bayer, PhD
Scott Burris, JD

Plenary Interdisciplinary Panel Session
Myths & Realities of the Opioid Epidemic

Richard C. Dart, MD, PhD
Nabarun Dasgupta, PhD
Scott Novak, PhD

2016

McGovern Award
From the Shadows to the Spotlight – Improving Care for Patients
with Substance Use – Education, Research and Clinical Innovation

Jeffrey H. Samet, MD, MA, MPH

Betty Ford Award
Women and Substance Use: Successes and Challenges

Mary Marden Velasquez, PhD

Plenary Session
Research as a Vehicle for Engaging Patients with SUD and their Clinicians

Joe Selby, MD, MPH

Plenary Panel Session
Breaking Down the Silos: Next Steps in Harm Reduction and Treatment

Evan Wood, MD, PhD, ABIM,
Cheyenne Johnson, RN, MPH, CCRP

Plenary Panel Session
Old Patterns or New Perils? Substance Use and Older Adults

Frederic C. Blow, PhD
Alexis Kuerbis, PhD, MSW

		Alison A, Moore, MD, MPH, FACP Madeline Naegle, PhD, CNS- PMH, BC, FAAN
	Plenary Session - Spicy Debate The Good and Not So Good Effects of Benzodiazepines in Addiction Treatment	Robert L. DuPont, MD Tae Woo Park, MD
2015	McGovern Award A 21st Century Drug Policy: Implications for Research and Policy	Michael P. Botticelli, MEd
	Betty Ford Award Drinking and Alcohol-Related Problems among US Hispanics	Raul Caetano, MD, MPH, PhD
	Plenary Session Advancing the Rights, Health, and Well-Being of Pregnant Women and their Children: Ending Punitive Drug Policies and Medical Misinformation	Lynn Paltrow, JD
	Plenary Session The Role of Counseling in Office-Based Opioid Treatment	Kathleen M. Carroll, PhD Roger D. Weiss, MD
	Plenary Panel Session Implementing Naloxone Rescue Kits for Opioid Overdose	Ingrid A. Binswanger, MD, MPH, MS Jeffrey Bratberg, PharmD Elizabeth M. Oliva, PhD
	Plenary Session - Spicy Debate Substance Use Confidentiality Laws: Helpful or Harmful?	Westley Clark, MD, JD MPH Keith Humphreys, PhD
2014	McGovern Award How Addiction Research Can Have the Greatest Impact on US Alcohol and Drug Policy	The Honorable Patrick J. Kennedy
	Betty Ford Award Building a Research Career Focused on Alcohol Use in a Stigmatized and Marginalized Population Group	Tonda L. Hughes, PhD, RN, FAAN
	Plenary Session Selling Sin or Sainthood? Tobacco Marketing and Counter-Marketing Strategies to Reach Young Adults	Pamela Ling, MD, MPH
	Plenary Panel Session Addressing the Prescription Opioid Misuse Epidemic: Should we Legislate or Educate?	Daniel P. Alford, MD, MPH, Jane C. Ballantyne, MD, FRCA Daniel Ciccarone, MD, MPH
	Plenary Session - Spicy Debate Should Medical Providers Recommend E-Cigarettes to their Patients as a Smoking-Cessation Tool?	Neal Benowitz, MD Michael Siegel, MD
2013	McGovern Award Progress in Addiction Treatment: From One-Size Fits all to Medications and Treatment Matching	George E. Woody, MD
	Betty Ford Award Yours or Mine? Adolescents' Abuse of Controlled Medications	Carol J. Boyd, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN

	Plenary Session Changes to the Diagnostic Criteria for Substance Use Disorders in the DSM-5	Charles P. O'Brien, MD, PhD
	Plenary Session - A Spicy Debate Should we Recommend Alcohol for its Health Benefits?	Richard Saitz, MD, MPH R. Curtis Ellison, MD
	Plenary Session Global Perspective on HIV Dual Risks and Vulnerabilities among Women who use Drugs: No Single Prevention Strategy is the Answer	Nabilia El-Bassel, PhD, DSW
	Plenary Session Innovative Solutions for the Chronic Pain Patient at High-Risk for Addiction	Nancy Wiedemer, MSN, CRNP Peggy Compton, RN, PhD, FAAN
	Public Policy Luncheon Substance Abuse/Mental Health and Disaster Preparedness	Carol S. North, MD, MPE
2012	McGovern Award Genes, Environment, and Substance Use Disorders: Where are we, and Where are we Going?	Marc Schuckit, MD
	Betty Ford Award Treating Opioid Dependent Women During Pregnancy: How Research Findings Can Inform Clinical Practice	Hendree Jones, PhD
	Plenary Session Community Approaches to the Opioid Epidemic	Traci C. Green, PhD, MSc
	Plenary Session - A Spicy Debate Choosing Science over Politics in the Medical Marijuana Debate	Ethan Nadelmann, JD, PhD Kevin A. Sabet, PhD
	Plenary Session Engaging Drug Users in Care and Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis	Alain Litwin, MD, MPH Irene Soloway, RPA-C
	Plenary Panel Session Substance Use and the Criminal Justice-Involved: From Community to Incarceration to Community	Peter Friedmann, MD, MPH Faye Taxman, PhD, June Tangney, PhD
	Public Policy Luncheon Treatment Access and Workforce Capacity in the Setting of Health Reform	John P. O'Brien, MA
2011	McGovern Award Adolescent Substance Use: New Strategies for Early Identification and Intervention in Primary Care	John R. Knight, MD
	Betty Ford Award Prescription Opioid Abuse: Translating Laboratory Findings to Clinical Practice	Sharon L. Walsh, PhD
	Plenary Session Behavioral Economics: Implications for the Conceptualization and Treatment of Addiction	James G. Murphy, PhD
	Plenary Session - A Spicy Debate Resolved: Employers, the Government, and Third Party Payors Should Incentivize Smokers to Quit	Kevin Volpp, MD, PhD Geoffrey C. Williams, MD, PhD
	Plenary Breakfast Session	Betty Tai, PhD

	NIDA's Electronic Health Records Project: From Screening to Decision Support	Richard Saitz, MD Robert Lindblad, MD
	Plenary Session The Role of the Medical Home in Addressing Behavioral Risk Factors	Richard L. Brown, MD, MPH Seiji Hayashi, MD, MPH, FAAFP
	Plenary Panel Session I Want a New Drug! Novelties in Adolescent Substance Abuse	J. Wesley Boyd, MD, PhD, Ximena Sanchez-Samper, MD Miriam Schizer, MD, MPH Patricia Schram, MD
	Public Policy Luncheon Update on the Proposed NIH Institute that will Focus on Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction Research	Lorraine Gunzerath, PhD, MBA David Shurtleff, PhD Kenneth Warren, PhD Susan R. B. Weiss, PhD
2010	McGovern Award Depriving Patients of the Opportunity to Receive Potentially Beneficial Medication: Is this Ethical?	Charles P. O'Brien, MD, PhD
	Betty Ford Award Prescription Opioid Abuse: Translating Laboratory Findings to Clinical Practice	Sharon L. Walsh, PhD
	Plenary Session Implementation Research: Using Science to Guide Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices	Brian S. Mittman, PhD
	Plenary Session - A Spicy Debate Is Addiction "REALLY" Like other Chronic Illnesses?	Gene M. Heyman, PhD, Charles P. O'Brien, MD, PhD
	Plenary Session Technology: The Bridge to Improving Access to Care	Mary R. Haack, PhD, RN, FAAN
	Health Policy Luncheon	Pamela S. Hyde, JD
	Plenary Panel Session Delivery of Integrated Clinical Care for Patients with Addictions and Federal Confidentiality Laws	Eric Goplerud, PhD Sharon Levy, MD, MPH Catherine H. O'Neill, JD Richard Saitz, MD, MPH, FACP, FASAM
2009	McGovern Award Addiction Science for Non-Scientists	Carlton K. Erickson, PhD
	Betty Ford Award The Link between Trauma and Substance Abuse	Lisa M. Najavits, PhD
	Addiction and its Treatment During National Economic Upheavals	Paul M. Roman, PhD
	Plenary Session - A Spicy Debate Should We Lower the Drinking Age to 18?	John M. McCardell Jr., PhD David L. Rosenbloom, PhD
	Plenary Session Responding to Substance Abuse in Older Adults	Frederick C. Blow, PhD

	Plenary Session - A Spicy Debate Lessons from the CSAT State SBIRT Initiatives: What Have we Learned about Implementation and Sustainability?	Thomas F. Babor, PhD, MPH Jeremy W. Bray, Ph, Frances K. Del Boca, PhD
	Public Policy Luncheon Drug Control Policy in the Era of Health Care Reform	Director R. Gil Kerlikowske, MA
2008	McGovern Award Mysteries of Opium Revisited: Unresolved Issues in Opioid Addiction	J. Jaffe
	Betty Ford Award Naltrexone Treatment of Alcohol Dependence: Does Gender Matter	O'Malley
	Internet & New Media as Tools to Recovery Combat Stress and SA in the Wake of War	Cunningham Keane, Rodolico, and Storti
	SBIRT: Adolescents and Transition Age Youth Debate: Contemplating Change: The Transtheoretical Model for Understanding Changes in Substance Abuse	W. Clark DiClemente and Herzog
2007	Aberrant Drug-Taking Behaviors during Pain Management What Science tells us about Self-Help Groups for Addictions	Passik Humphreys
	McGovern Award	Kleber
	Betty Ford Award	Weisner
	Debate: Universal Profiling of Physician Prescribing to Fight Prescription Drug Abuse	Schnoll and Kertesz
	Public Policy - Update on SA Policy Initiatives	Qazilbash
2006	Opioids, Genetics, Addictions, Maint. Therapy Social Marketing Alcohol Treatment Self-Change and Addiction Treatment Co-morbid Mood and Substance Abuse Disorders Debate: School-Based Drug Testing	Kreek Marston McLellan Sobell Brady Knight and Barthwell
2005	Public Health/Safety: Criminal Justice Research Technology use in Screening and BI Methamphetamines Addiction Rx Access and Funding Betty Ford Award Vaccines for Drug Addiction	Chandler Pantalon, Maio, and Degutis Rawson Horgan Stitzer Kosten
2004	Spirituality Health Disparities Alcohol Genomics	Tonigan Caetano Ting-Kai

	NIDA CTN 5 Yrs Later Debate: BI - Do they Work? Drugs and Chronic Disease	Tai Saitz, Fiellin, D'Onofrio Turner
2003	Alcohol: Legal and Community Interventions NIDA Overview Prevention in Schools Smoking Cessation in AA Measuring Alcohol Consumption	Hingson Compton Hawkins Ahluwalia Sawyer Sommers
2002	Gambling Pain and Addiction NIDA Clinical Trials Network Smoking among Alcohol/Drug Users Drug Courts Betty Ford Plenary	Shaffer Compton Tai Hughes Cohen Amaro
2001	OBOT Alcoholism Genetics ETOH Education of Health Professionals Cultural Competence Parity	Strain, Fiellin, McNicholas Gordis Schuckit Lewis Westermeyer Wellstone
2000	College-age Binge Drinking New Pharm for ETOH Workplace Drug Testing Post-marketing Abuse Liability 12 Step	Wechsler O'Malley Bush Schnoll Morgenstern
1999	Wisdom of AA Drug Courts Cost Effectiveness Addiction and Brain Managed Care	Valiant Love McLellan Hyman Baird
1998	Spiritual Dimensions Adolescent Treatment Biological Basis of Addiction Impaired Health Professional Federal Perspective on Prevention Outcomes Research	Chappel Winters Leshner Trinkoff Adger Gerstein
1997	Managed Care Women and Children Complimentary Therapy Physician Leadership Treatment in Correctional Setting	Kraus Haack Trachtenberg Lewis Taylor

1996

Policy Advocacy
Stage Paradigm
Harm Reduction
Opioids, Cocaine
Community and State Programs

Lewis
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Drucker
Kreek
Frantz

