

Recently Funded Research Projects

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Faculty at the Mandel School are committed to advancing knowledge pertaining to social work practice, service delivery and policy through scholarly publications and extensive research and training grant activities. During the 2008-2009 academic year, over three-fourths of our faculty had current research or training grants totaling almost \$4,000,000 in annual funding. New projects include four multi-year research awards from the National Institutes of Health in the areas of Alzheimer's disease, substance use, autism, and co-occurring mental and substance use disorders.

Faculty research grants, especially multi-year grants from the National Institutes of Health, offer excellent learning opportunities for doctoral students as research assistants or research interviewers as well as opportunities for doctoral dissertations.

"Therapeutic Effects of Cataract Removal in Alzheimer's Disease"

Principal Investigator: Grover C. Gilmore, Ph.D., Professor and Dean
Sponsor: National Institute on Aging (NIH)

Grant Period: June 2009-May 2014
Synopsis: A randomized control trial (RCT) to determine the effects of cataract removal on vision and quality of life in patients with Alzheimer's disease.

"Role of Personal Social Networks in Post Treatment Functioning"

Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Tracy, Ph.D., Professor and Chair
Sponsor: National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIH)

Grant Period: May 2009-April 2012
Synopsis: The study measures structural, compositional and social support characteristics of personal social networks at different stages of treatment and recovery for women in substance abuse treatment.

"A Randomized Control Study of Responsive Teachings with Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)"

Principal Investigator: Gerald Mahoney, Ph.D., Professor

Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH)
Grant Period: February 2009-January 2012

Synopsis: A pilot randomized control trial to evaluate the effectiveness of an early childhood relationship focused intervention.

"The Effects of Prenatal Cocaine Exposure in Adolescence"

Principal Investigator: Sonia Minnes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Sponsor: National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIH)

Grant Period: July 2009-June 2014
Synopsis: A study to determine whether the negative effects of prenatal cocaine exposure on brain development continue to interfere with optimal developmental outcomes.



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