



**National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)**  
***Mentored K Awardees Meeting:***  
***Making the Transition to Independence***

July 24–25, 2008  
Grand Ballroom Salons A/B  
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center  
Bethesda, Maryland

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**Day 1 – July 24, 2008**

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions  
*Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse*
- 8:30 a.m. NIDA Progress, Priorities, and Plans for the Future  
*Nora D. Volkow, M.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse*
- 9:30 a.m. Grant Writing  
*Frances R. Levin, M.D., Columbia University*
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Breakout I: Led by Division Directors  
(Brief overview followed by Q & A)
- Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research (DESPR)–*Wilson M. Compton, M.D., Director* [Salon A]
  - Division of Basic Neuroscience and Behavioral Research (DBNBR)–*David M. Shurtleff, Ph.D., Director* [Salon D]
  - Intramural Research Program (IRP) [Salon D]  
*Barry J. Hoffer, M.D., Ph.D., Scientific Director*
  - Center for Clinical Trials Network (CCTN) [Salon D]  
*Betty C. Tai, Ph.D., Director*
  - Division of Clinical Neuroscience and Behavioral Research (DCNBR)–*Joseph Frascella, Ph.D., Director* [Brookside A]
  - Division of Pharmacotherapies and Medical Consequences of Drug Abuse (DPMCDA) [Brookside B]  
*Francis J. Vocci, Ph.D., Director*

11:30 a.m. Lunch (on your own)

12:45 p.m. Pathways to a Successful Career in Research  
*Marina R. Picciotto, Ph.D., Yale University*

1:30 p.m. Lessons Learned Along the Way  
*Lauren Wakschlag, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago*  
*Gonzalo E. Torres, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh*  
*Laura M. Bohn, Ph.D., Ohio State University*

2:45 p.m. Poster Session in Salon D

- Even numbered posters will be presented from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Odd numbered posters will be presented from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn Day 1



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**Day 2 – July 25, 2008**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Beyond the K: New Investigators and Funding Mechanisms/  
Trends in Funding  
*Susan R. B. Weiss, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse*
- 9:15 a.m. Peer-Review Workshop  
*Eliane M. Lazar-Wesley, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse*
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Career Advancement Skills  
*Kathleen T. Brady, M.D., Ph.D., Medical University of South Carolina*  
*Kathryn A. Cunningham, Ph.D., University of Texas*  
*Nicholas Ialongo, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 p.m. Team Science: New Horizons for the Research Enterprise  
*Edward W. Holmes, M.D., University of California, San Diego;*  
*National Medical Research Council, Singapore*  
*Caryn Lerman, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania*
- 2:30 p.m. Break

- 2:45 p.m. Breakout II: Informal Q & A with NIDA Staff
- Peer Review–Office of Extramural Affairs, [Salon A]  
*Teresa E. Levitin, Ph.D., Director*
  - Grants Management–Grants Management Branch, [Salon B]  
*Carol F. Alderson, Deputy Grants Management Officer*
  - Genetics Research–Division of Basic Neurosciences [Brookside A]  
and Behavioral Research  
*Joni L. Rutter, Ph.D., Associate Director*
  - Health Disparities Research–Special Populations Office [Salon D]  
*Ana Anders, M.S.W., Senior Advisor on  
Special Populations*
  - HIV/AIDS Research–AIDS Research Program, [Salon D]  
*Jacques Normand, Ph.D., Director*
  - Women and Sex/Gender Research–Women and Sex/  
Gender Differences Research Program [Brookside B]  
*Cora Lee Wetherington, Ph.D., Coordinator*

3:45 p.m. Questions and Wrap Up

4:00 p.m. Adjourn Day 2