

Joint Doctoral Program in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use

PhD Student Panelists:

Anna Blyum

Sarah Clingan

Brittany D'Ambrosio

Charles Marks



School of Social Work

UC San Diego

*Division of Global
Public Health*

Prepares Researchers

In cutting-edge data analytics/methods to reduce the national and global burden of substance use

With knowledge and skills to advance evidence-based and applied substance use interventions and policies

With a focus on global health research on the inter-connectivity of psychological, pharmacological & environmental factors related to addictions

Funding

Provides \$20,000/year for up to 4 years in tuition and Teaching Associate salary

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4 Year Timeline

Year 1: 24 semester units at SDSU

Year 2: 36 quarter units at UC San Diego

Year 3: Advance to Candidacy

Year 4: Dissertation Defense

Course Topics:

Etiology and Pharmacology of Substance Use;

**Theoretical & Global Approaches to Substance Use Research,
Prevention, and Treatment;**

**Advanced Multivariate Data Analysis: Applications to
Substance Use**

Graduates are prepared to:

Work in professional fields (e.g. academic and non-academic, military, public, private arenas) where applied addiction research is needed

Lead intervention research in primary prevention, harm reduction, addiction treatment/recovery, criminal justice, social work and policy arenas using a collaborative, trans-disciplinary approach

Anna Blyum, MS

Doctoral student, JDP IRSU at
SDSU/UCSD



BIO

E. Muskie Graduate Fellowship alumnae from Kazakhstan; BAs in Foreign Languages and Physical Training; MS in Urban Policy Analysis and Management from The New School, NYC

Prior to JDP: Senior PO for Central Asia, Afghanistan and Pakistan at the Colombo Plan ICCE, credentialed International Certified Addiction Professional (ICAP I)

Working on PhD with research interest: interface between substance use and delinquency in youth and evaluation of prevention and treatment policies and interventions related to this population.

Project Coordinator, UCSD for the International HIV ATTC Ukraine

Sarah Clingan

Doctoral Student in the IRSU
JDP at UCSD/SDSU
(Inaugural cohort)



BIO

BA in Psychology, California State University,
Long Beach

MA in Psychological Research, California State University,
Long Beach

Thesis Topic: Factors that impact the opiate
overdose epidemic

Research: Sex trading, drug use, drug treatment
Drug and Alcohol counselor for over a decade

Current Research



Brittany D'Ambrosio

Doctoral Student in the IRSU
JDP at UCSD/SDSU



BIO

BA in Psychology, Siena College

MA in General Experimental Psychology,
St. John's University

Masters Thesis: *The Impact of Intensive Outpatient Programs and Group Therapy on Patients' Reported Abstinence at 6-Month Follow-Up.*

Research Interests: Substance Use Stigma, the Impact of Stigma on Treatment Initiation & Retention, and Harm Reduction

Charles Marks

Doctoral Student in the
IRSU JDP at UCSD/SDSU



BIO

BA in Mathematics, Oberlin College

MPH, University of Southern California

Thesis Topic: Substance Use Criminalization
& Mass Incarceration

Current Research Topics: Public Health
Emergency Response Policy, Border Health,
Injection Initiation, Substance Use Stigma, Rural &
Indigenous Health Care Access

Dissertation Direction: Rural and Indigenous Health in Payahüünadü

