

February 2025 Monthly E-Newsletter



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Notable Mentions

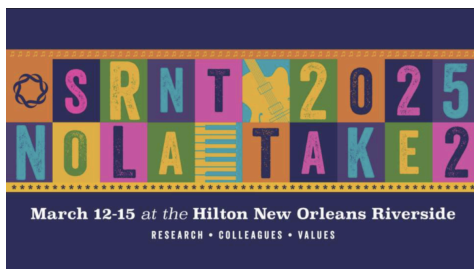


And just like that, February has come to a close! With only two months into the new year, INTS has made significant strides in advancing our impactful work, with even more exciting initiatives on the horizon in the months ahead.

Here's a quick glance at some of the highlights and key moments from the past month and beyond:



- **Heidi Seabrooks-Smith joined INTS full-time!** Heidi started full-time with INTS as a Program Coordinator on February 24.
- **Staff rang in the Lunar New Year together as a team.** Thanks to the party planning committee, we celebrated the Lunar New Year with games, great food, and even better company.
- **2025 SRNT abstract acceptances are in.** INTS faculty and staff will be presenting a record-breaking number of presentations at the annual SRNT meeting, with over 40 papers and posters!



Grants & Awards



We want to congratulate the individuals below for their recent awards and accomplishments!

- **Associate Professor Olivia Wackowski** was conferred with the status of Fellow of the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT). This distinction is conferred by the Society on members in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of nicotine and tobacco research and of service to SRNT. 2025 SRNT Fellows will be recognized at next month's Annual Meeting. Congrats, Dr. Wackowski!
- Congratulations to **Siyan Meng**, PhD student in Public Health working with Assistant Professor Julia Chen-Sankey, on being recognized for her outstanding conference abstract! Siyan is presenting *Cannabis Vape Product Advertisement Exposure is Associated with Cannabis Vape Product Use and Perceptions among U.S. Young Adults* at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine held in San Francisco. This presentation submission was recognized as a Meritorious Abstract!

Register For TTS Training This March

Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training

Select disciplines can
earn approximately

32

CE credit hours*

*Visit tobaccoprogram.org for
comprehensive CE credit hour information

Did you miss the January Rutgers Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) training? You still have a chance to register for the March 2025 TTS training!

If you are new to INTS or haven't taken the TTS training previously, we encourage you to attend this training, which is at no cost to INTS members. The training includes virtual self-paced courses, with two virtual Zoom courses on March 24 and 25. Click the link below to register by March 7 to attend.

tobaccoprogram.org

Upcoming Events & Important Reminders



Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT)

Planning to attend the SRNT conference in spring 2025? Early bird registration ends **Friday, February 28, 2025.**

[Learn more](#)

Schedule your headshot

Message **Paige Geraldts** via MS Teams or email to schedule your headshot before **March 7, 2025**.

Once you have your new headshot, you can update your professional profiles on LinkedIn, email, MS Teams, and more!



2025 Annual Retreat on Cancer Research in New Jersey

Submit an abstract by March 16, 2025, and apply by May 15, 2025, to attend.

[Apply here](#)

INTS will be at Rutgers Day on April 26!

If you are interested in participating in Rutgers Day, reach out to **Mary Hrywna** to see how you can get involved.



INTS Journal Club Meetings



The inaugural Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Journal Club meeting that took place this month was a success! The INTS Journal Club aims to foster a safe and judgment-free environment to review publications and events relevant to INTS DEIA goals, which include:

- Programming
 - Recruiting
 - Training
 - Journal Club
 - Workshops
 - Conferences
- Team Interests
 - Collaborative discussion plans
- Resources
 - Teams Channel

The Journal Club, led by **Kymberle L. Sterling and Heidi Seabrooks-Smith**, aims to meet several times a year, ideally in person, with virtual options as well.

If you were not able to attend the inaugural meeting and would like to attend future meetings and be added to the INTS DEIA Teams channel, **please contact Heidi Seabrooks-Smith**.

Communications Strategies



Do you have any ideas or important items to share each month? Reach out to **Paige Gerald**s, the marketing and communications coordinator, to share your items and ideas or if there is anything we want to consider for wider promotion. Additionally, help us grow by following INTS on **LinkedIn**, **Twitter** (**X**), and **Bluesky**, and interacting with us on social media!

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