

July & August 2025 Monthly E-Newsletter



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Notable Mentions

What a bummer, it's time to say goodbye to summer! ☀️



Internal updates

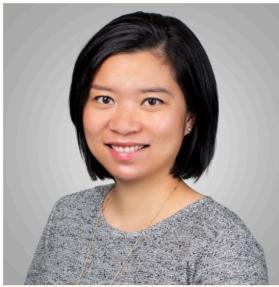
Join us in welcoming our new faculty member, Associate Professor **Jamie Tam**, Post-Doctoral Associate, **Sarah Skolnick**, Temp Administrative Coordinator, **Tanya Ferguson**, and Post-Doctoral Associate **Geyi Wang**! We also want to congratulate the following individuals for their recent promotions: **Marisa Tomaino** as Senior Data Analyst and **Inartaly Valentín-García** as User Support Specialist 1.



National Conference on Tobacco or Health 2025

Several CRST team members attended the National Conference on Tobacco or Health in Chicago from August 26–28. They presented research and surveillance findings, engaged with attendees, and distributed merchandise at our CRST booth. Thank you to everyone who helped make our presence a success!

Upcoming Events & Important Reminders



RARC Interest Group on Cannabis Meeting
September 25



RARC Interest Group on Cannabis Meeting Featuring Drs. Julia Chen-Sankey and Meagan Robichaud – September 25 (In-Person):

INTS Members Julia Chen-Sankey and Meagan Robichaud will present “Marketing of Hemp-Derived Cannabis Products in the U.S.: An Analysis of Product Packaging, Social Media Advertisements, and Retailer Websites” on **Thursday, September 25, at 12:00 PM in Room D203, UBHC Building (671 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway).**

TTS Training October 20-21

Registration is now open for the upcoming Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Training session! If you are new to INTS or were unable to attend one of our earlier sessions this year, we encourage and invite you to attend.

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)



Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training

Select disciplines can earn approximately
32
CE credit hours*

*Visit tobaccoprogram.org for comprehensive CE credit hour information

Grants & Awards



Congratulations on the following new grants awarded this month!

Michelle Bover-Manderski received a new R21 from the National Cancer Institute, titled "Influence of Menthol Cigarette Smoking on Lung Cancer Screening Eligibility in a National Prospective Study." This project started on August 1, 2025.

Melissa Mercincavage received a new R37 from the National Cancer Institute, titled "A Randomized Trial of Charcoal-Filtered Cigarettes on Product Perceptions, Smoking Behaviors, and Toxicant Exposure." This project started on August 14, 2025.

INTS Merchandise



Do you have any upcoming tabling events where you need merchandise to distribute? For any merchandise needs, we have a fresh stockpile of outreach materials in the 4th floor storage room, including: INTS-branded hand sanitizer, lip balm, pens, mints, tablecloths, and Rutgers-branded bucket hats. For future merchandise needs for marketing purposes, feel free to reach out to [Paige Gerald](#).

Communications Strategies



Do you have any ideas or important items to share each month? Reach out to [**Paige Gerald**](#), 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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