

June 2025 Monthly E-Newsletter



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Notable Mentions

Let's (heat) wave June goodbye, and say hello to July! Take a look at some of the key moments from this month:



Internal updates

Congratulations to **Stefanie Gratale** for her promotion to Assistant Professor Tenure Track! This promotion will be effective starting July 1, 2025. We also want to congratulate **Jeannie Garmon** for her appointment as Assistant Professor (RWJMS/Department of Family Medicine & Community Health) as well as her appointment to Assistant Director of Administration at INTS.



Tobacco 21

Thirteen temporary data collectors started with us this month and are being trained by **Chris Ackerman** to assist with our Tobacco 21 project! The Tobacco 21 (or T21) project seeks to better understand compliance and enforcement of tobacco age-of-sale laws over time and how implementation of these laws can be improved. The project, led by Associate Professor **Mary Hrywna**, will collect data in New Jersey, North Carolina, and Nevada.



International Communication Association (ICA) Conference
Associate Professor **Olivia Wackowski** and Post Doctoral Fellow **Caitlyn Weiger** recently attended the International Communication Association (ICA) conference held in Denver from June 12-16, 2025. Celebrating their 75th anniversary, this year's ICA conference theme was "Disrupting and Consolidating Communication Research." Pictured here with their colleague, Seth Noar, a Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

INTS 5-Year Review Site Visit July 10, 2025



INTS is currently undergoing its first five-year review, a practice instituted by the Chancellor to conduct a formal review of every school, center, and institute at

Rutgers Health every five to six years. As part of the review process, a committee of internal and external faculty members reviewed documents and data, gathered input from internal constituencies, selected external reviewers, and arranged for a site visit, which will ultimately culminate in a final summary report for senior leadership.

Three external reviewers will visit INTS in person on **Thursday, July 10th**, to meet with various stakeholder groups throughout the day, including members of the review committee, INTS leadership, other faculty, staff, and trainees. **Please plan to be present in person for the INTS 5-year review site visit to ensure that the conversations are relevant, meaningful, and productive to our review!** Thank you!

Grants & Awards



Congratulations on the following new grant awarded this month!

Ollie Ganz received a new R21 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, titled "Filling the Gaps: A Multi-Method Investigation of Premium Cigar Use and Marketing to Inform the Regulation of Cigar Products." This project is intended to start on July 1, 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](#).

Staff Headshots and Biographies



If you still haven't taken a headshot or submitted a biography for our upcoming website updates, please do so as soon as possible!

As we continue to capture headshots for our updated website, we also want to begin collecting biographies. Please view the tips below to draft/edit your bio accordingly and **send it to Paige before August 4, 2025.**

- Third person POV
- Job title/responsibilities
- Education history
- Skills\specializations

- Hobbies and interests outside of work
- Between 75 - 150 words

We are still capturing headshots if you do not have one already. If you have a professional headshot that you would prefer to use, or you are looking to get an updated one, send your headshot to [**Paige Gerald**](#) or schedule your appointment by messaging her via Teams or email.

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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