

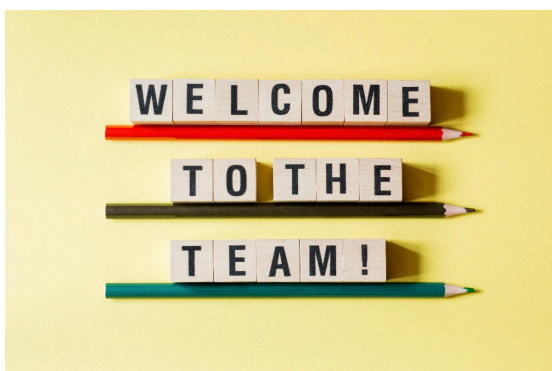
# February 2026 Monthly E-Newsletter

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## Notable Mentions

Snow more February, hello March!



**Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2026**  
Rutgers University INTS Presenters

**Wednesday, March 4, 9:45 am – 11:15 am**

Pre-Conference Workshop #4, **HOLIDAY 5: An Introduction to Computational Modeling in Tobacco Policy and Regulatory Science Research**  
**Presenters:** Scott Leischow, *Rafael Meza*, Andrew Brouwer, Abigail Friedman, *Jihyoun Jeon*, Jamie Hartmann-Boyce, Kristen Hassmiller-Lich, David Levy, Dana Carroll, Thuy Le, Mitch Zeller

Pre-Conference Workshop #5, **HOLIDAY 3: Multi-Level Exploration of Adolescent and Young Adult Use of Non-Combustible Nicotine Products Through the Socio-Ecological Model**

**Presenters:** Megan E. Roberts, *Cristine Delgado*, Eugene Talbot, Dae-Hye Han

### Internal updates

Join us in welcoming our new Temporary Research Assistant, Micah Steinerman!

### SRNT Conference INTS Presentations

SRNT is just around the corner. INTS faculty and staff are presenting a record of over 70 unique presentations this year! Take a look at the schedule of INTS presentations for this upcoming SRNT 2026 conference on our website by clicking [here](#).

### Spring Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Training

TDP's Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) Training has two sessions coming up this Spring! The virtual training will take place this spring on **March 23-24**, as well as **May 4-5**. If you are new to INTS or haven't taken the training yet, you can register (at no cost to you) for one of the upcoming Spring sessions [here!](#)

## Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training

Select disciplines can  
earn approximately  
**32**  
CE credit hours\*

\*Visit [tobaccoprogram.org](http://tobaccoprogram.org) for  
comprehensive CE credit hour information

### Upcoming Events & Important Reminders



## 2026 SRNT Conference

Wednesday, March 4-7,  
Baltimore, MD

### INTS Friends & Family Reception Thursday, March 5, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

PACA room (3rd floor in the South Foyer, Hilton Baltimore  
Inner Harbor)

This informal gathering offers an opportunity to connect with colleagues, collaborators, and guests in a relaxed setting during the conference. We hope you will join us! RSVPs are welcome for planning purposes, but are not required. Please [click here to RSVP](#). This event is limited to INTS members and invited guests. Thank you for understanding!

### INTS Happy Hour Friday, March 6, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Pickles Pub, 520 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230

Will you be attending the SRNT conference? Get together with the rest of the INTS team attending the conference at Pickles Pub. There is no need to RSVP, and we hope to see you all there!

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**Save the Date:**  
**Rutgers Day**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.**

Rutgers Day is just around the corner, and INTS will have a table again this year! Are you interested in helping us plan our Rutgers Day table, activities, giveaway items, or signing up for a time slot? Please reach out to [Paige](#) and [Caitlin](#) to get involved!

## Grants & Awards



Congratulations to Stefanie Gratale for her recent award!

**Stefanie Gratale** received a new grant from the New Jersey Health Foundation as Principal Investigator for her project titled, “What’s Motivating Young Adults’ Tobacco Use: Examining the Role of Policy and Risk Perception in Tobacco Use Among Young Adults in NJ.” This project is for 1 year, starting on 03/02/2026 and ending on 02/26/2027.

## Recent Publications



Below are the most recent publications from INTS faculty and staff:

**Gioenco DP, Wackowski OA, Mercincavage M, Spillane TE, Delnevo CD.** Examining the implementation of court-ordered cigarette 'corrective statements' displayed in a regional sample of US tobacco retailers. *Tob Control*. Published online January 29, 2026. doi:10.1136/tc-2025-059804.

**Bover Manderski MT, Delnevo CD, Hrywna M.** Use of Images to Assess Awareness and Use of Emerging Nicotine Pouch Products. *Nicotine Tob Res*. Published online January 26, 2026. doi:10.1093/ntr/ntaf023

**Donaldson SI, La Capria K, DeJesus A, Ganz O, Delnevo CD, Allem JP.** Describing ZYN-Related Content on TikTok: Content Analysis. *Nicotine Tob Res*. Published online January 22, 2026. doi:10.1093/ntr/ntaf016.

**Donaldson SI, DeJesus A, Wang E, Ganz O, Chen-Sankey J, Allem JP.** Evaluating policy compliance among leading tobacco brands on Instagram. *Tob Control*. Published online February 11, 2026. doi:10.1136/tc-2025-059609.

**Diaz D, Bover Manderski MT, Wackowski OA.** Understanding the Role of Numeracy and Education in Perceptions of E-Cigarette Harm and Chemical Exposure. *Nicotine Tob Res*. Published online February 19, 2026. doi:10.1093/ntr/ntag031.

**Wackowski OA, Garmon J, Altunbilek A, Johnson A, Ganz O, Ntansah CA, Fryer CS, Villanti AC, Sterling KL.** News Coverage of the Proposed Menthol Cigarette Ban in the United States (2022-2024) - a Content Analysis. *Nicotine Tob Res*. Published online February 18, 2026. doi:10.1093/ntr/ntag036.

Naik J, Lawrence I, Schaer D, Velez D, Kota K, Chen C, Parikh P, Azab A, Bhalla R, Dave P, Kim D, Kim S, Noman S, Patel M, Patel S, Priest S, Prister J, Ross CT, **Steinberg MB.** YOOMI: Effect of AI-Guided Gamified Physical Therapy Exercise Software on Inpatient Mobility. *J Am Geriatr Soc*. Published online January 22, 2026. doi:10.1111/jgs.70310.

## 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. **Please inform Paige and Mary if you intend to take any supplies, and sign out the amount on the sign-out sheet on the wall of the storage room.** 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**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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