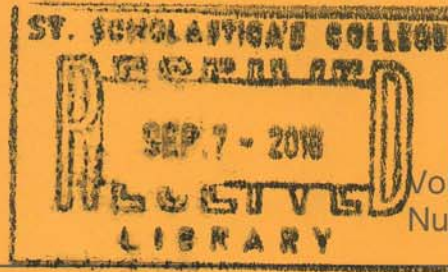




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Pathological personality traits are associated with impairment in romantic relationships. By examining differences in levels of pathological traits in identical twins, this study found suggestive evidence that personality pathology may have causal implications for romantic relationship satisfaction.

- 348 Heavy Marijuana Use but Not Deprivation Is Associated With Increased Stressor Reactivity

Kathryn R. Hefner, Mark J. Starr, and John J. Curtin

Animal models of addiction etiology propose that heavy, chronic drug use causes changes in the brain that result in heightened stressor reactivity. Consistent with this thesis, heavy marijuana users displayed exaggerated response to the threat of unpredictable electric shock compared to individuals with minimal history of marijuana use. Furthermore, stressor reactivity was increased among users who reported greater stress-coping motives for their marijuana use and users with cannabis use disorder diagnoses.

- 359 A Multimodal Investigation of Contextual Effects on Alcohol's Emotional Rewards

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Research has indicated a link between alcohol consumption in unfamiliar social settings and problematic patterns of drinking. This study provided a potential explanation for this link, indicating that people may get more out of drinking in unfamiliar social settings. More specifically, results suggested that alcohol was associated with greater mood enhancement when it was consumed in relatively unfamiliar (e.g., with strangers) versus familiar (e.g., with close friends) drinking contexts.

- 374 A Longitudinal Twin Study of Callous-Unemotional Traits During Childhood

Jeffrey Henry, Ginette Dionne, Essi Viding, Amélie Petitclerc, Bei Feng, Frank Vitaro, Mara Brendgen, Richard E. Tremblay, and Michel Boivin

Early genetic factors account for a substantial part of CU traits' development in school-age childhood, but new genetic factors emerge later during this period. Environmental factors also have contributions, over and above genetic factors. There is a need to understand the nature of genetic risk associated with CU traits, especially with regard to how genetic factors vary over time. Late interventions aiming to reduce CU traits could be effective as targeting the right risk factors at the right time is critical.

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Max M. Owens, Michael Amlung, Monika Stojek, and James MacKillop

Negative urgency, the tendency to act out when experiencing negative emotion, is associated with several psychiatric disorders but has received little laboratory investigation. This study provides laboratory support for the validity of negative urgency by demonstrating it is positively associated with greater emotional and behavioral reactivity in response to acutely stressful events. In addition, negative urgency was systematically related to severity of alcohol misuse. Collectively, these findings validate the construct of negative urgency in relation to stress reactivity and inform the understanding of self-control deficits in relation to disorders associated with excessive consumption.

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Katherine T. Foster, Brian M. Hicks, and Robert A. Zucker

This study suggests that alcohol use problems from childhood through young adulthood likely develop from high levels of impulsivity, uninhibited behavior, and the self-medication of negative emotional experiences like anxiety and depression. By contrast, high levels of social withdrawal and inhibition that often accompany depression and anxiety appear to reduce risk for alcohol use problems during this period.

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Heidemarie Laurent, Sherryl H. Goodman, Zachary N. Stowe, Meeka Halperin, Faaiza Khan, Dorianne Wright, Benjamin W. Nelson, D. Jeffrey Newport, James C. Ritchie, Catherine Monk, and Bettina Knight

Research on the mechanisms perpetuating antenatal and postnatal depression has been limited by a focus on symptoms at a given time, rather than the course of symptoms over time. In a series of two independent but complementary studies, we investigated bidirectional associations between the course of mothers' ante- and/or postnatal depressive symptoms and their hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis activation during stress. In Study 1, we showed that women's prenatal HPA hyperactivation predicted escalating depressive symptoms from pregnancy through the first postpartum year, and in Study 2 we found that escalating postnatal depressive symptoms among mothers with a lifetime depression diagnosis predicted HPA hyperactivation during interactions with their infants; together, these findings support a role of HPA dysregulation in perpetuating depressive symptoms among at-risk mothers.

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Jeremy Hogeveen, Marie K. Krug, Matthew V. Elliott, Cameron S. Carter, and Marjorie Solomon

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