



RUTGERS TRAINING IN ADDICTION RESEARCH PROGRAM

TARP Annual Symposium

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

In-person: Room 010, Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine (CABM), 679 Hoes Ln W, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Zoom (starts at 1:00 p.m.): [click here!](#)

Meeting ID: 958 3482 9230; Password: 852899

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Trainee Lunch with Dr. Debra Bangasser

This gathering is open to all TARP and RARC trainees. We will provide food and drinks. If you're interested in attending, please register [HERE](#).

1:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Opening Remarks – TARP Overview

Chris Pierce, TARP Director

1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Presentations from Graduate Student Trainees

Moderated by Sergej Grunevski

Ugne Ziausyte

Maia Choi

Shayna O'Connor

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Presentations from Postdoctoral Trainees

Moderated by Brigitte González Olmo

Maxwell Madden

Akhil Sharma

Susanna Delgado Ocaña

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Debra Bangasser, Ph.D.

Professor of Neuroscience

Georgia Research Alliance Distinguished Investigator

Director, Center for Behavioral Neuroscience

Georgia State University



4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Undergraduate Poster Session and Reception

This session offers undergraduate students the opportunity to showcase their addiction research, connect with faculty and peers, and compete for monetary prizes. Space is limited, so if you are interested in presenting, please complete the form [HERE](#).