



## AGENDA

**Please note all times are ET**

- 12:45 pm**      *Zoom Line Open*
- 1:00 pm**      **Welcome & Introductions:** Wilson Compton, MD, MPE, Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); Director (*Acting*), Office of Research Training, Diversity and Disparities (ORTDD)
- 1:05 pm**      **NIDA Priorities:** Nora D. Volkow, MD, Director, NIDA, NIH
- 1:20 pm**      **Discussion**
- 1:25 pm**      **Keynote Address: On the Path to Brain Discoveries Forget the Stats and Rules**  
Yasmin Hurd, PhD, Director, Addiction Institute at Mount Sinai, Icahn School of Medicine
- 1:40 pm**      **Discussion**
- 1:45 pm**      **NIDA Diversity Initiatives:**  
**Agenda:** NIDA Diversity and Health Disparity Initiatives and Funding Opportunities.
- Albert Avila, PhD, Deputy Director, ORTDD; Director, Office of Diversity and Health Disparities (ODHD), NIDA
  - Katrina Foster, PhD, Health Science Administrator, Clinical Research Grants Branch (CRGB), DTMC, NIDA
- 2:00 pm**      **Discussion of NIDA Diversity Initiatives**
- 2:15 pm**      **Focus on Women and Sex/Gender**  
**Agenda:** NIDA's Research Priorities and Initiatives to Increase Gender Diversity in SUD Research and the Scientific Workforce and Opportunities for Emerging SUD Research Scientists.
- Holly Moore, PhD, Program Officer, Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Branch (BCN), Division of Neuroscience and Behavior (DNB), NIDA
  - Keisher Highsmith, DrPH, Health Scientist Administrator, Services Research Branch (SRB), Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research (DESPR), NIDA
- 2:30 pm**      **Discussion of Focus on Women and Sex/Gender**

**2:45 pm Grant Application and Review:**  
**Agenda:** Developing a Successful NIH Grant Application: Tools and Tips for New Applicants.

- Dharmendar Rathore, PhD, Chief, SRB, Division of Extramural Research (DER), NIDA
- Ivan Navarro, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, SRB, DER, NIDA

**3:00 pm Discussion of Grant Application and Review**

**3:15 pm BREAK**

**3:30 pm Career Stage Planning Rooms - Breakout Rooms will take place concurrently.**  
*Presentations will take place from 3:30 to 3:45 pm and discussion will be 3:45 to 4:00 pm.*

**Breakout Room 1: Predoctoral**

**Agenda:** NIDA Funding Opportunities for Pre-Doctoral Students and How to Prepare for your Next Career Steps.

- Guifang Lao, MD, PhD, Health Scientist Administrator/Training, Clinical/Medical Branch (CMB), DTMC, NIDA
- Ann Anderson, MD, MPH, Medical Officer, CRGB, DTMC, NIDA

**Breakout Room 2: Postdoctoral**

**Agenda:** Postdoctoral Funding Mechanisms and other Opportunities Supported by NIDA as Well as Transition Preparation and Timing.

- Aria Crump, ScD, Deputy Chief, Prevention Research Branch (PRB), DESPR, NIDA
- Sarah Duffy, PhD, Associate Director for Economics Research, Deputy Chief, SRB, Division of Epidemiology, DESPR, NIDA

**Breakout Room 3: Early Stage Investigator**

**Agenda:** Funding Mechanisms and Programs that Can Help you Establish your Independent Research Program.

- Roger Sorensen, PhD, MPA, Chief, Integrative Neuroscience Branch (INB), DNB, NIDA
- Yu (Woody) Lin, MD, PhD, Program Official, INB, DNB, NIDA

**4:00 pm Adjourn**