The Alcohol Research Group

Celebrating Sixty-Years of Innovation

Brief biographies and selected products of ARG people over the years
Wendell R. Lipscomb, MD, MPH (1920-2004) was many things – a pilot, a physician, a researcher, and a musician. He received his pilot’s license at the age of 16, despite the racist sentiment at that time, and became an instructor for the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. In 1947, he graduated from San Diego State then enrolled in medical school, graduating in 1953. After serving in the Korean War, he completed a MPH at the University of Michigan. In 1959, Lipscomb received a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (3M-9158) to the California Department of Public Health to conduct the California Drinking Practices Survey, which launched the Social Research Group, now the Alcohol Research Group. Lipscomb also worked as a psychiatrist. After leaving ARG, he was in private practice in Berkeley, CA, retiring in 2004 and soon dying in a tragic accident.


Ira Cisin (1919-1987) completed an undergraduate degree in journalism and a PhD in statistics. Having worked in public health, he was hired by Lipscomb to direct the California Drinking Practices survey in 1959, which he did for two years before accepting a position at George Washington University where he grew his career as a researcher. Cisin was known as one of the leading researchers in national surveys of drinking practices and drug abuse.


Genevieve Knupfer (1914-2005) graduated from Wellesley College in 1935 before continuing her studies at Columbia University, receiving an MA and PhD (1946) in sociology, and later an MD in 1951 from the University of Rochester. She opened a private practice in psychiatry in Redwood City, CA while continuing her interest in sociology. In 1959, she joined the California Drinking Practices survey, precursor to the Social Research Group (later the Alcohol Research Group), leading the project from 1962 to 1968. Genevieve later returned to ARG to play a productive role in alcohol research in the 1980s. She was an advisor to WHO’s alcoholism program for many years and an active participant in the social movements of the 1960s and 70s. In 2003 Genevieve Knupfer received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the ATOD Section of the American Public Health Association at its meeting in San Francisco, which her daughter Katherine McClellan accepted for her.

Raymond Fink was a Cornell alumnus (Ph.D., 1956) and a pioneer in survey research. He was Associate Director of the California Drinking Practices Study when it was in the Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, California State Department of Public Health. Much of his work from the California Drinking Practices Survey relied on analyses conducted by Walt Clark, some of it on an Oakland pilot study (B9). Afterwards he became Associate Director of the Division of Research and Statistics of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York. Earlier he worked at the University of Denver Opinion Research Center, the Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Social Science Research (BSSR) before moving into a career in health research that included his work with the California State Department of Public Health and later the New York Medical College.

Don Cahalan (1912-1992) was a pioneer in US survey research and a market researcher who completed a midlife PhD at George Washington University (GWU), working on a national alcohol survey. In 1968 he came to California to lead the Drinking Practices Study, which became the west coast office of the Social Research Group of GWU (Later the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley). Under Don’s direction, that office moved to the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, with Don a professor at the School until his retirement in 1977. Over the course of his career at ARG, he was lead author on several influential books, including *American Drinking Practices* with Ira Cisin and Helen Crossley, and *Problem Drinking among American Men* with Robin Room, as well as numerous articles, chapters, and opinion pieces. After retiring he wrote two books for a more general audience, including a book overviewing and making recommendations about ATOD prevention efforts and how they were organized across the U.S. He remained interested in ARG and its library till late in life.
Robin Room came to ARG (then the Social Research Group) as a summer assistant in 1963 working with Genevieve Knupfer, Walter Clark and others, later becoming Center Director from 1977-1991. Robin left ARG to take the position of Vice President for Research at the Addiction Research Foundation, Ontario (1991-1998); after a brief stay in Oslo, he became founding Director of the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs (SoRAD) and Professor at Stockholm University, where he retains an affiliation. After retiring as director, he became founding Director in 2006 for the Center for Alcohol Policy Research (CAPR), at Turning Point, Melbourne, where he was Professor at the University of Melbourne, and then at its current location at La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, where he is still a Senior Scientist and professor at La Trobe. Robin has received numerous awards including co-winning the Jellinek Memorial Award for Alcohol Studies, for which he also serves as a Board Member, and is Editor-in-Chief of Drug and Alcohol Review.


Walter (Walt) Clark was working on his doctoral studies when he became a summer research assistant at ARG. His interest and area of expertise was observational studies of people’s behavior. It was only when he joined ARG that his focused turned to alcohol, when he was a research assistant on the California Drinking Practices survey which began in 1959. Later, he accepted a position as an associate professor at a Canadian university. However, after several years there he realized the academic life was not one he wanted to pursue. He returned to ARG and began his lifelong career as an epidemiologist and alcohol researcher. Walt went on to publish multiple articles along with co-authoring with Mike Hilton the seminal book, *Alcohol in America*.


Tracy Cameron was supported by the Center and focused her research on crime, casualties and especially drink-driving.


Richard Bunce was a research sociologist at the Social Research Group when housed at UC Berkeley’s School of Public Health. He is perhaps best known for his article Social and political sources of drug effects: the case of bad trips on psychedelics


Nancy L. Day was a UCB-SPH predoctoral fellow at the Social Research Group who worked on alcohol and mortality for her dissertation at UC Berkeley’s School of Public Health (also obtaining an MPH). She is Emerita Professor of Psychiatry and Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh, where she had an illustrious career making major contributions to the FASD literature and drinking during pregnancy.


Kaye Middleton Fillmore (1941-2013), joined ARG early after completing her Sociology dissertation at Rutgers involving a 20-year follow-up of Straus & Bacon’s classic Drinking in College sample, later extended to 27 years. This ambitious longitudinal study presaged a lasting commitment to longitudinal studies epitomized by her NIAAA-funded Collaborative Alcohol-Related Longitudinal Project initiated at ARG that involved numerous longitudinal datasets and many international partners, and which she took to UCSF in 1998. In 1999, Kaye was co-winner of the Jellinek Memorial Award. The award’s citation noted Kaye’s ‘contribution to basic understanding about the life course of drinking and of alcohol problems in a multinational context’. Soon after, she published an editorial in Addiction questioning the prevailing orthodoxy that light or moderate alcohol consumption was protective as regards ‘premature death in general and cardiovascular disease in particular’. In 2009, Kaye joined the Institute for Scientific Analysis and in that year was also awarded a highly competitive NIH Challenge Grant funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. While at ARG she wrote a number of widely cited, seminal articles including “When Angels Fall” and one based on a Berkeley survey that characterized social harms from other drinkers, initiating the new paradigm based on the vantage point of the recipient of alcohol’s secondhand harms.


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**Ron Roizen** After a stint with Fried Wittman on an NIMH survey on alcoholism treatment facilities, coming to the SRG (later ARG) Ron worked from the early 1970s on with Genevieve Knupfer, Don Cahalan, Walter Clark, Robin Room, and played a role with the T32 fellowship, in 1991 completing his dissertation in Sociology on *The American Discovery of Alcoholism: 1933-1939* ([http://www.roizen.com/ron/disshome.htm](http://www.roizen.com/ron/disshome.htm)). Later he worked for some time with Kaye Fillmore at UCSF. Ron is semiretired and living in Wallace, ID where he is active in the Blog sphere on numerous topics including filling in Historical gaps in the early life of Jellinek.


Judith (Judy) Roizen (1941-2016) earned her PhD in Medical Demography from the University of London (School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine). She worked at the Social Research Group when at University of California at Berkeley, and later at Brunel University, the University of the South Pacific, and the University of Exeter (Institute of Population Studies). She was known for her work on alcohol use, crime and violence.


Lorraine Midanik After her doctorate the School of Hygiene and Public Health at The Johns Hopkins University, Lorraine had a long history of working with ARG, early on and throughout her career (for many years as a consultant to our Center). She taught her first course at UC Berkeley in 1984 while serving as a health evaluation analyst at Kaiser Permanente. She was on the faculty of the UCB’s School of Social Welfare for 27 years, retiring as Dean and Professor Emerita. Her research interests (often involving ARG collaborations) included the biomedicalization of social problems (including alcohol problems), alcohol, drug and health policy, and epidemiology of alcohol and drug use, including methodological and measurement studies.


**Craig Reinarman** is Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies Emeritus at the University of California, Santa Cruz. The author of a number of books, chapters and numerous peer-reviewed publication, a number of these produced during his time at ARG, starting as a postdoctoral fellow, from 1984 to 1987. His interests have spanned law, crime, and social justice; drugs in society; and political sociology. Several of his books have been co-authored by Harry Levine.


**Harry G. Levine** is a professor in the Department of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York. His sociological and historical research focuses on drugs, alcohol, food, policing, and social policy. He was involved with the Social Research Group (later ARG) from 1977, when working on his dissertation at UC Berkeley through 1983. Subsequent to his ARG period, he has often worked with Craig Reinarman, and was involved with him on several books.


**Patricia Morgan** came to the Alcohol Research Group (then SRG) in 1979 after completing her doctoral dissertation (1978) in Sociology at UC Santa Barbara. In addition to survey analysis, she co-edited *Alcohol Society and the State II* with Single and de Lint, and had a sustained interest in alcohol and drug policy. She remained involved with ARG scientist Lee A. Kaskutas when she became a professor in the UC Berkeley School of Public Health.


Beatrice (Bea) R. Treiman (1917-1990) was a survey researcher who came to the Social Research Group (now ARG) from the National Opinion Research Center where, with Lois Kriesberg she had conducted a study of public attitudes and practices in the field of dental care. Beatrice worked here between 1975 and 1979, initially with Don Cahalan on two mailed surveys, one in San Francisco and one in Marin County, each of which used an ascending graduated frequencies measure.

Denise Herd is Professor of Behavioral Sciences and Director, Health and Social Behavior as well as Division Head for Community Health Sciences in the School of Public Health, UC Berkeley for which she served as associate dean for seven years. She is also the Associate Director of the Haas Institute for a fair and inclusive society at UC Berkeley. Her research interests have included epidemiology with a focus on multicultural health; images of alcohol and violence in rap music; activism in African American communities; health disparities; drinking and drug use patterns and programs; and social movements. She came to ARG and its Center around 1982 while pursuing her doctorate in Medical Anthropology from UC San Francisco and remained a contributor to ARG through 1993.
Andrea Mitchell came to what was then the Social Research Group when it was located on Bonita Avenue, Berkeley, as a research assistant, but took over as the librarian of a rapidly growing research library collection when Edith Darknell moved on from Berkeley. Andrea then completed a master’s degree at the library school at UC Berkeley, continuing to build the ARG library. She pursued connections with librarians at other specialist alcohol/drug/addiction libraries, and was one of the founders, and is now the Executive Director, of Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists (SALIS) an international society founded in 1978. She was the librarian at ARG from the seventies to 2008. In 2004 She won the Prestigious RSA Seixas Award For Service.


Michael (Mike) E. Hilton is a sociologist and was an ARG postdoctoral fellow who then worked as a Center scientist, writing insightful epidemiological and policy papers and co-editing with Walt Clark the book Alcohol in America. He later obtained from NIAAA the Impact of Alcoholic Beverage Warning Labels R01 grant, and initiated that multiple cross-sectional, quasi-experimental study with Lee Kaskutas. He recruited Tom Greenfield to continue as PI when he in 1991 moved on to NIAAA. At NIAAA Mike was first a project officer (eventually for the ARG Center after sufficient time had elapsed), later becoming Deputy Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention, his present position.


Friedner (Fried) D. Wittman trained as an Architect at UC Berkeley, and after working at ARG, helped form the Prevention Research Center with Jim Mosher and of Larry Wallach, then joined the UC Berkeley Institute for the Study of Social Change where he was director of the Community Prevention Planning Program. He maintains a private consulting firm (CLEW Associates). After retiring from UC Berkeley, he rejoined ARG as an Affiliate Scientist and has been working with Doug Polcin and Tom Greenfield, writing articles and submitting NIAAA grant applications.


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Raul Caetano is a psychiatrist originally from Brazil, who joined ARG in 1982 as a scientist after briefly working in London, England, later becoming Center Director in 1993. He combined his center work with an R01 grant that augmented the 1995 NAS population sample with Black and Hispanic individuals. He left ARG and the center in 1998 to become Regional Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Texas, Dallas campus. On retirement from UT he joined the Prevention Research Center, where he now works as a Senior Scientist. Much of his career at ARG and later has involved studies of drinking patterns and problems in relation to race/ethnicity (especially Latin groups), and characterizing and assessing alcohol use disorders by varying nosological schemes. In 2016 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from RSA.


Constance (Connie) Weisner came to ARG in 1979 when completing her DrPH from UC Berkeley. She was ultimately Senior Scientist and Center Component Director, for many years leading ARG’s Community Epidemiological Laboratory (CEL), a long-running project in Contra Costa County, before becoming faculty in the Department of Psychiatry, UCSF and Kaiser Permanente Division of Research, where she still works. During her career in addition to numerous R-mechanism grants, she held a prestigious NIAAA Merit Award, and has served as a member of the National Advisory Council of NIDA, the International Expert Advisory Group on Alcohol and Drug Dependence of WHO, and MacArthur Network on Mental Health and the Law. She has also been a member of the National Advisory Council of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. In 2019 she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from RSA.


Richard Speiglman got a doctorate in criminology at UC Berkeley then worked at ARG, later with Kaye Fillmore at UCSF and then on an R01 grant he led at The Marin Institute (TMI) on criminal justice handling of diversion to treatment and AA under Proposition 36. He returned briefly to ARG in the mid 1990’s, working on Martha Beattie’s managed care project and has been an Affiliate Scientist. He is a senior research analyst at the Child and Family Policy Institute of California, and has had a project with the National Center for Youth Law and University of California, Berkeley, on state policies and practices support legal permanency for teens in foster care.


Larry Wallack obtained an MPH and DrPH (1982) from the SPH, UC Berkeley and was a postdoctoral fellow at ARG. Following his time at ARG he helped found the Prevention Research Center. During this period, his studies included effects of promotion of alcohol and drug products by industry producers, and emphasized media advocacy. He later became director of the Berkeley Media Studies Group, also served on the faculty of UCB’s School of Public Health 1983 to 2000 (now emeritus), winning a number of awards for teaching and service. Subsequently, for nine years Wallack was Dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University, where he is a professor of public health. He serves on the board of the Prevention Institute.

James (Jim) F. Mosher completed his JD at UC Berkeley in 1975. After time at ARG he was a founding member of the Prevention Research Center. Later he worked at the Trauma Foundation at the General Hospital in San Francisco and then founded The Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems. While a principal in Alcohol Policy Consultations in Felton CA, he worked on NIAAA’s Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) and has recently been adding marijuana policy information to it. He currently has an adjunct appointment at the Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health (in Health Behavior and Society).


Genevieve (Jennie) M. Ames while getting her doctorate in medical anthropology at UCSF, was a UCB-SPH/ARG pre-doctoral fellow who went on to help found the Prevention Research Center, becoming later its associate director and director of its independent T32 training program. She was also an affiliate professor in the Medical Anthropology Program, Department of Anthropology, UCB.

Her primary research focus was the influence of cultural, social and physical environments on the etiology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of alcohol and other drug-related problems, especially focused such problems in the context of the family and with occupational cultures, such as the U.S. military, auto assembly plants, municipal employees, construction and restaurant workers, and young adults entering the work force.


Jim Baumohl is a professor emeritus of social work at Bryn Mawr College with a background in social welfare, sociology, and history, who retired from full-time teaching in 2018. While completing his doctoral degree in Social Welfare at UC Berkeley, he was a predoctoral fellow and staff member at the Alcohol Research Group from 1986 and later went to McGill University in Montreal, joining Bryn Mawr in 1990. Apart from his academic and research career, Jim has organized tenants in single-room occupancy hotels; run a shelter; supervised street outreach workers; and directed a multi-service agency. At ARG he studied the international history of alcohol treatment institutions. His main research interests have been the history of drug and alcohol control policy and treatment practices; social welfare policy history; and homelessness.
Roger A. Roffman got his DSW at UCB in 1983, and was an ARG pre-doctoral fellow. He had joined the University of Washington social work faculty in 1972, where he is now Professor Emeritus. There in the mid-1980s, he was the founding director of the Innovative Programs Research Group, an externally-funded research entity focusing on addiction, HIV/AIDS, and domestic violence. Earlier he was an associate in the School of Social Welfare at UCB, had worked in corrections and was assistant chief of social work services, US Army, Walter Reed General Hospital. He held numerous NIH awards during his career at UW.


Robert B. McBride was an UCB-SPH/ARG Predoctoral Fellow in 1983-84.


Cheryl J. Cherpitel After her BS in Nursing with honors at UCSF and an MPH in Public Health Nursing Administration at UC Berkeley’s School of Public Health, followed by a number of years in practice and teaching, Cheryl joined ARG after completing her DrPH in Epidemiology at UCB SPH in 1984. At ARG she has played a leading role in the Center, first as Director of Health Services Research in the late 1990s and as Associate Director till 2015. Cheryl has served as adjunct professor in SPH of UC Berkeley and is also adjunct professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Victoria. An international expert on emergency department and injury studies, pioneering numerous advances, Cheryl has been the recipient of many R-mechanism awards and subcontracts, to the present day, including the long-running Emergency Room Collaborative Alcohol Analysis Project (ERCAAP). Cheryl has led numerous cross-national ED studies, collaborating with an array of international researchers. Indeed, she is widely recognized as having standardized a globally adopted protocol for conducting such studies. Since 2011 she has directed the WHO Collaborative Center on Alcohol Epidemiology and Injury at ARG.


Tom Greenfield undertook a sabbatical at ARG from Washington State University in 1985-6, then after a postdoc at UCSF and directing research at The Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drugs for a couple of years, he became PI of ARG’s Impact of Beverage Alcohol Warning Labels R01 through the mid 1990s. He briefly directed ARG (with Co-Director Mark Temple) and the Institute of Epidemiology and Behavioral Medicine in 1992 after Robin Room left for ARF and before Raul Caetano became Center Director. In the Center between 1993 and 1999 he became Director of Population Surveys, overseeing the NAS series between 1995 and 2010 (co-director with Kate Karriker-Jaffe for 2015 NAS). From 1999 to 2015 he was Center Director, continuing to serve as ARG Scientific Director to the present. Over his career he has led numerous R-mechanism grants on cross-national and multinational studies, all-cause mortality follow-ups to the NAS, and improving self-report alcohol measurement, and secondhand harms from alcohol, among others. In 2019 Greenfield was co-winner (with Gerhard Gmel—see ARG Visitors) of the Jellinek Memorial Award for Alcohol Studies.


Mark T. Temple was a sociologist and scientist at ARG working among other projects on the multi-campus survey project, who then worked at UCSF with Kaye Fillmore on the collaborative longitudinal project. Later he returned to ARG, where he briefly served as ARG co-director with Greenfield in 1991-92, following Robin Room’s taking up the VP for Research position at ARF (later CAMH) in Toronto. He left ARG for a Northern California research position in Kaiser Permanente, and is now Director of BAMC Kaiser Permanente in Larkspur.


Robert (Bob) Straus (1918-2014) briefly served as (caretaker) Center Director between Robin Room and Raul Caetano, during the time that for a couple of years Greenfield and Temple were ARG co-directors. Bob was at the University of Kentucky, where he had an illustrious career and served on the Center Board. Earlier with Seldon Bacon he wrote the seminal book Drinking in College, having contributed noteworthy alcohol and survey research articles previously. His work led to his election to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and he established the first behavioral science department in a medical school at Univ. Kentucky, setting a model followed in many Medical Schools subsequently.


Barbara Critchlow Leigh was a social psychologist trained at the University of Washington, before coming to ARG as a postdoctoral fellow. As an ARG scientist, she was then involved in numerous projects especially the NAS-related sample of youth and a grant on risky sexual behavior with Karen Trocki (who later renewed it); an expert on expectancy research and diary approaches, she later took a research position at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington. Between 2005 and 2010 she held a K05 award from NIAAA on Sexul Behavior and HIV Risk.


Ronald (Ron) D. Stall received his doctorate in Medical Anthropology from UCSF (1984) and an MPH in epidemiology from UC Berkeley in Epidemiology the same year. He was a scientist at ARG from 1995-97, including work on the Center grant, and after was Assistant, then Associate, and finally Professor at UCSF in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, then Chief of HIV/AIDS Prevention at CDC 2000-05. He is now Professor and Director for LGBT Health Research at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health, Departments of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, and Infectious Diseases. His primary areas of research include HIV prevention and behavioral epidemiology and he has conducted numerous research projects dealing with substance abuse epidemiology, smoking, aging, mental health and housing, and health care provision, also working with high-risk HIV populations. He has continued to work with ARG scientists, such as Amy Mericle.


**Robert (Rob) Nash Parker**, a criminologist/sociologist, was a UCB-SPH ARG/PRC mid-career postdoctoral fellow 1989-1990. After this he returned to the University of Iowa, but then was the inaugural director of the Presley Center and professor in the Sociology Department of UC Riverside, where he is now emeritus professor. In 2012-13 he was a visiting scholar at the Stanford University’s Center for Behavioral Sciences and in 2016-17 he served as President of the Pacific Sociological Association. His research career has been about the impact on violence of alcohol use, alcohol abuse and access to alcohol. He has also addressed the role that the legal control of alcohol use and access to alcohol can play in violence prevention. A second and related aspect of his research has been designing studies to evaluate the impact of crime and justice policies on the prevention and reduction of violent crime.


**Jessica Warner** was a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow in 1991-1993 with degrees in history (Princeton BA, Yale PhD). Having been a senior scientist until 2014 at the Addiction Research Foundation (later CAMH), and an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, she notes that the fellowship “piqued my interest in the gin craze of eighteenth-century London.” She has authored numerous articles and a number of books. Her research has broadened to include such topics as crimes committed by women, interpersonal violence, and, in the case of John the Painter, a would-be terrorist during the American Revolution.


Lee A. Kaskutas joined ARG as study director for the Impact of Beverage Alcohol Warning Labels project while completing her DrPH at UC Berkeley, then became a component director and Associate Director for Training in the ARG Center in 2000 and Director of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health-affiliated NIAAA T32 Training Program. She also ran the Pilot Program in the Center and directed several of its components. In 2000 she also won the prestigious RSA Young Investigator Award. During her productive career she obtained numerous R-mechanism grants, conducted a seminal survey of Women For Sobriety, launched a comprehensive study for SAMHSA on Social Model Programs, re-analyzed AA data in the Contra Costa general population and treatment samples, and launched the first national Internet study of the meaning of recovery.

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Karen Trocki served for two years with the Peace Corps in Tunisia and received her masters and doctorate in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. She joined ARG in the late 1980’s and worked on and led projects on interpersonal violence, sexual risk taking, drinking context, and its consequences and played a major role in the NAS Analyses components. Lately she has been leading projects on sexual identity and alcohol use behavior. She has served on the governing council of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and was program chair for APHA’s ATOD Section. She was also chair of the science council of the Medical Research Institutes of San Francisco and the education committee of RSA.


Wayne W. Clark is the Executive Director of the California Mental Health Service Authority (CalMHSA). He received his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in an interdisciplinary program including the UCB School of Public Health, the UCB Sociology of Education program, and the UCSF Sociology of Medicine program. In 1979-80 he was a UCB-SPH/ARG pre-doctoral fellow and in 1980 was appointed San Francisco Health Department, Director of the Substance Abuse Division, a position he held for 13 years before, in 1993, becoming Assistant Director of the Mental Health Division for 9 further years. In 2002 he became Director of the Behavioral Health Division for the Monterey County Health Department. Since 2015 he has been Executive Director of CalMHSA.


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Roland S. Moore with a UC Berkeley doctorate in anthropology was briefly a UCB-SPH postdoctoral fellow in the joint ARG/PRC program in 1992, then becoming a research associate at PRC working with Genevieve Ames on drinking in the workplace. He is now the Prevention Research Center’s Center Director. His research as included work on American Indians and considerable work on tobacco and tobacco control policy, specifically ethnographic evaluations of tobacco policy in California bars, multi-unit housing, and casinos and community level prevention of underage drinking and other drug use on and around California Tribal lands.


**Alice M. Hines** has an MSW and PhD (1993) from UC Berkeley and worked while at ARG on a number of projects. Now at San Jose State University, where she is Dean, Applied Science & Arts, her research has focused on three interrelated areas: substance abuse and risk of AIDS, particularly among ethnic and cultural minority groups; methodological issues in research especially as they pertain to diverse cultural and ethnic groups; and, research on child and family-related issues.


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**Christine (Chris) Vourakis** was a UCB-SPH ARG predoctoral fellow whose dissertation was in the School of Nursing at UCSF. She is a professor emerita at the Sammual Merrit University and a Professor in the School of Nursing at California State University, Sacramento. Through 2012 she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Addictions Nursing*. She is a nationally recognized expert on mental health and addictions.

**Kim A Bloomfield** was a UCB-SPH ARG predoctoral and postdoctoral fellow whose dissertation was in the School of Public Health. After this she was a Research Fellow at the Free University of Berlin Institute for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology, where she became PI of two European Union studies, *Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol Problems among Women in European Countries and Gender, Culture and Alcohol Problems: A Multi-national Study*, collaborating with numerous international colleagues including Tom Greenfield and Sharon Wilsnack. She worked on the GENASIS R-Mechanism projects as well, and after becoming Associate Professor at the University of Southern Denmark and later Associate and then Full Professor at Aarhus University, Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Copenhagen, she became M-PI on the GENAHTO R01, together with Tom and Sharon. She also was Co-I on Robin Room’s Scandinavian tax R01.

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Rhonda Jones-Webb was a predoctoral fellow at ARG before 1989 when she completed her doctorate in Behavioral Sciences in the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley. From there she went to The Marin Institute on Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention, where with Greenfield she conducted a large-scale survey of Marin County substance use and problems. From there she went to the School of Public Health, University of Minnesota where she is Professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health, as well as a member of the Masonic Cancer Center. She also serves on the ARG Center’s Scientific Advisory Board and consults to a number of ARG projects. Her research focuses on alcohol epidemiology and policy with a special focus on race, class, and neighborhood influences, and she is a leading scholar in alcohol use and problems among African Americans, and how these are affected by contextual factors, preventive strategies and alcohol policies.

Nancy A. Piotrowski has a PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Houston, Newbery Park and was a UCB-SPH/ARG Postdoctoral Fellow, after completing a postdoctoral fellowship at UCSF focused on clinical trials for multiple substance use. At ARG she obtained a FIRST award from NIAAA at ARG (before that mechanism was eliminated). After completing that research she joined the Capela University and has been for many years the Federal Advocacy Coordinator for Division 50 (Addiction Psychology) of the American Psychological Association (of which she is a Fellow), also serving on the APA Council of Representatives (2018-19).


Laura Schmidt  Before and after obtaining her MSW and then doctorate (1999) in Sociology at UC Berkeley, Laura was an ARG scientist for many years, and ultimately senior scientist, and a component director on Welfare Reform in its Center. She also led a welfare-related R01, before taking her present position at the Phillip R. Lee Center for Health Policy Studies at UCSF, where she is also in the Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine. Dr. Schmidt is also Co-Director of the Community Engagement and Health Policy Program for UCSF’s Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. She has continued to study AOD-related policies, including with ARG researchers, and more recently other health behavior policies including marijuana laws and policies affecting sugar intake.


John D. Rogers was hired to work on the first NAS Mortality NDI Follow up R01 and stayed on to work on NAS projects, helping write the Center NAS Analyses proposal introducing Age-Period-Cohort analyses which Bill Kerr later undertook. He left ARG after his PhD in Psychology at UC Berkeley to direct the Public Research Institute at SF State University, where he conducted the fieldwork for Tom’s Improving Self-Report Alcohol Measurement R01, with 28-day diaries and biosensors. Later he was a senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and is now at the Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Research and Data Analysis section.


Joshua (Josh) A. Room served as a research assistant on a number of studies for Laura Schmidt and Lee Kaskutas in the mid to late 1990s before he completed his JD at UC Berkeley. He was admitted to the State Bar in October 2001 and went to work for the State Attorney General’s Office, where he is now a Supervising Deputy Attorney General. In 1998 he edited a special section on qualitative research on the social model approach for CDP.


Marjorie Robertson was a Senior Scientist at ARG with a major focus and grants on homelessness, homeless families, mental health and AOD disorders, and service use. She held a major NIMH study of the mental health disorders in homeless populations. In 1992 she co-edited a book on Homelessness: A National Perspective. She also worked on a US-Mexico cross-national study. For several years, she served as ARG Executive Director during the period when Tom was Center Director.


Martha Beattie An alcohol health services researcher, after being at the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University, Martha was at the Center for Health Care Evaluation, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Palo Alto, and later Chief of Evaluation in Santa Clara County Department of Alcohol and Drug Services, coming to ARG in the late 1990’s when she obtained and led a Substance Use Managed Care R01 (DA11406) from NIDA.


Jane Witbrodt After working with a number of other researchers including Richard Speiglman at TMI, Jane became a long-time ARG analyst and associate scientist, working initially with Lee Kaskutas on various projects, starting with the DEER project in 1998. She completed her doctorate at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and has worked with numerous ARG and Center scientists till the present. Her research interests include formal and informal solutions to recovery from substance use disorders with emphasis on gender, racial/ethnic and cross-cultural differences.


Tammy W. Tam  After doing her dissertation with Bengt Muthén at UCLA, Tammy was a scientist and statistician from 1993 to 2010 at ARG and in the Center Statistics and Data Services Core for many years before taking her current position as Director of the Center for the Vulnerable Child at Children's Hospital and Research Center, Oakland, where she has continued to coauthor with ARG researchers periodically.


Cheryl Zlotnick, formerly a scientist/statistician at ARG, received her MPH and doctorate in Public Health at Johns Hopkins. After ARG she worked at the Center for the Vulnerable Child, Children’s Hospital and Research Center, Oakland, and is now an Associate Professor at the Cheryl Spencer Institute for Nursing Research at the University of Haifa in the School of Nursing. Her interests continue to include families in transition, homelessness, foster care and immigrant youth, as well as services research and prevention.

E. Anne Lown was a UCB-SPH/ARG predoctoral fellow who did her dissertation with Bill Vega and then a postdoctoral fellow who became a scientist contributing to numerous studies at the Center and ARG. She focused often on IPV and race/ethnicity, as well as alcohol in relation to health outcomes (including longitudinal research with siblings of those with childhood cancer) working with Tom Greenfield, Laura Schmidt, Cheryl Cherpitel and Madhabika Nayak on various projects. She is now an Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences at the UCSF School of Nursing and has continued to work on several projects such as Bill Kerr’s Alcohol and Health R01.
William (Bill) C. Kerr  After completing his economics dissertation on alcohol at UC Davis, Bill joined Kaye Fillmore’s team at UCSF, before being recruited at ARG in 2003 to undertake methodological drink-size studies and APC analyses in the NAS series following John Rogers departure, as part of the ARG Center. Kerr has remained at ARG since then, becoming Center Associate Director in 2015 and Center Director from 2016 to the present. In addition to his Center roles, he has been PI of numerous R01s on alcohol mortality, alcohol and health conditions, and policy grants on spirits privatization and recreational cannabis legalization in Washington State, as well as leading work for NABCA and other projects.


Jason Bond joined ARG and its Center as a Biostatistician in 2001 after completing his PhD in Statistics at UCLA. He became the component director for the Statistics and Data Services (SDS) Resources Core of the Center in 2006. Over his career, he contributed greatly to strengthening ARG and its Center’s statistical capacity and to its competitiveness and success in grant applications. A versatile statistician he also published widely as coauthor and first author, and was a major co-investigator, including in the Self-report alcohol measurement event-based grant and the GENACIS and GENAHTO as well as ERCAAP multinational studies. He was an active participant in numerous Kettil Bruun Society Annual Symposia and was elected to the KBS Coordinating Committee and served in it before his retirement in 2016.


Yu Ye is a Center biostatistician who joined the Center Statistics and Data Services Core in 2002. With a background in econometrics he has overseen the cleaning, management and variable development in the NAS series, as well as conducting sophisticated NAS analyses for many years. Over the years to the present, he has played a major role as a key analyst for population surveys, for Bill Kerr’s health and policy grants, and especially for Cheryl’s ERCAAP and other multinational ER projects, plus serving as a statistician and author in numerous other ARG projects.


Sarah Zemore is a social psychologist who after her doctorate at University of Massachusetts at Amherst was initially a postdoctoral fellow in the joint UCB-SPH/ARG training program in 2003-4. She worked with Lee Kaskutas on a number of projects and ‘What is Recovery?’ A recipient of a number of R-mechanism grants, Sarah became Center Associate Director for Training and, after co-directing the T32 Training Program with Lee Kaskutas, she has become its director. She was a significant Co-I, helping write Cheryl's and Borges’ Both Sides of the Border R01, and has also been directing the Center’s Research Project on hot spots for alcohol and drug problems at the US-Mexico border, reanalyzing the Border data. She now serves as a standing member of NIAAA’s AA3 IRG.


Nina Mulia
Following an MPH at the University of Michigan, and a DrPH (2000) in Public Health/Community health Sciences, School of Public health, UC Berkeley (where she won the Don Cahalan Memorial Award for her dissertation), Nina was a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow (2001-2003). As an ARG scientist she has received a number of R-mechanism NIAAA grants as well as being Co-I on others and director of pilot studies. She has been Center project co-director for a study of socioeconomic disadvantage and disparities in alcohol problems (2011-15), and currently (2016-20) is director of a Center project on differential effects of alcohol-related policy across population subgroups.
Madhabika B. Nayak was first a postdoctoral fellow, becoming an ARG scientist involved with multiple projects. She was study director of the 3-year project on HIV-risk involving urban and rural surveys in Goa, India and, following conducting a Center pilot study, received and led an NIAAA R34 on computer-based prenatal assessment of alcohol intake and depression in multi-ethnic WIC clinics. She continues to work on numerous other ARG projects, with wide-ranging interests, especially in alcohol use by and interventions for women, gender and alcohol use patterns, social determinants and violence.


Douglas (Doug) L. Polcin is a health services researcher who was a UCB-SPH/ARG Postdoctoral Fellow in the late 1990's and then rejoined ARG in 2002 after beginning his research career at the Haight Ashbury Clinic, bringing his sober living houses grant with him. On one new grant, an R21 he obtained, he worked with Tom Greenfield, Bill Kerr, Rachel Korcha and others on an Age-Period-Cohort model of pressures to drink less and treatment seeking using the NAS series. After leading a large number of R-mechanism grants at ARG, he has moved from ARG to PHI, but until their end, has supported grants started here. 


Katherine (Kate) J. Karriker-Jaffe was initially a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow and is now a Senior Scientist at ARG. She completed her doctorate in health behavior and health education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Masters in communication from Cornell University. Having earlier been Study Director for the NAS, she currently codirects the NAS Resources Core of the Center. She has held a number of R-mechanism grants starting with one that began to geocode the NAS beginning with the 2000 NAS; she has continued to geocode the NAS till the present. A recent R01 reanalyzed Connie Weisner’s longitudinal Contra Costa data adding geocoded AA groups in the Bay Area. With Tom Greenfield she was M-PI for the recently completed Alcohol’s Harms to Others Among US Adults: Individual and Contextual Effects R01 and a Co-I on its multinational counterpart. She has recently begun a number of Subawards working with a number of collaborators, most recently Cindy Ehlers. Her work examines how community and cultural determinants contribute to racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in AOD use and consequences, and on understanding the role of neighborhood, family and individual psychosocial factors on development of risk behaviors.


Meenakashi (Mina) S. Subbaraman brings a masters in statistics from Stanford and a doctorate in epidemiology from UCB’s School of Public Health (where her dissertation won an award from the Society for Epidemiologic Research in 2012). She was a postdoctoral fellow first at Brown and then in the UCB-SPH/ARG T32 fellowship program. Mina is a senior biostatistician and co-directs of the Center’s Statistics and Data Services Core. She received an R21 and has worked on numerous ARG and external projects. Among her research interests are cannabis and alcohol policy; intersection of cannabis and alcohol use; treatment for alcohol use disorders; methods for studying mediators/mechanisms of action.


Won Kim Cook is a sociologist who got her PhD at Northwestern and an MPH from UC Berkeley. She was a UCB SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow in 2007-8 and worked as an ARG scientist, then left to take up a research position with the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum in San Francisco, but after that returned to ARG supported by her own R-mechanism and others’ projects. She has a strong interest in immigrant alcohol use and other health issues, particularly in health disparities and ethnic cultures, community-based participatory research to investigate and address them, and alcohol and other policies. Currently she is PI of a NIAAA research project on Asian American adolescent/young adult drinking. She serves on the editorial board of PMC Public Health.


Libo Li is a biostatistician in the Center Statistics and Data Services Core, also serving on numerous ARG projects. He has a masters and doctorate in quantitative psychology from UCLA where in 2009 his dissertation won an award from the American Psychological Association Division 5: Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics. From 2006-2015 he was a statistician in the UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, after which he joined ARG in 2016. His expertise is in the application of statistical methods to alcohol and drug abuse research, including longitudinal studies, treatment evaluation, measurement and psychometrics of inventories.


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**Amy Mericle** is a services researcher who received her PhD in social service administration from the University of Chicago and her MSW in interpersonal practice and research from the University of Michigan. Having earlier completed a NIDA postdoc at UCSF, Amy joined ARG when working with Doug Polcin and as a scientist and has been involved in a number of projects as a scientist. She has recently been working on a study of LGBTI Recovery residences. She also researches integrative services delivery models, social networks as predictors of treatment outcomes and service use, adolescent risk behavior, research methods and measurement issues in psychiatric services research.


**Priscilla Martinez** with an undergraduate degree in biology, Priscilla obtained her doctorate from the University of Oslo and became a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow, then obtaining a 5-year K01-Award, which currently supports her. This Career Development Award mentors her to study the relationship between alcohol use, inflammation, and health outcomes, specifically hypertension, diabetes, and depression, in the context of racial/ethnic disparities. She has taught the survey research course at UCB’s SPH and is currently co-leading the planned NAS Analyses project in the next proposed Center cycle. Research interests include immunological mechanisms of alcohol use and comorbid health problems such as mental disorders; Alcohol use among women and older adults; and racial/ethnic minority participation in surveys.


Camillia Lui completed a doctorate in community health sciences and a dual master's degree in public health and Asian American studies, all from UC Los Angeles, and came to ARG as a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow and is now a Scientist here. Camillia has been a program manager for several ROIs and now has just started a TRDRP grant on tobacco policies in community colleges. Her research applies a life-course and intergenerational perspective to elucidate social and health disparities during the transition from adolescence to adulthood as well as AOD prevention for adolescents and young adults, using qualitative and quantitative methods. She has been collaborating with community organizations in LA, translating research findings to practice. She is also involved with the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP), a statewide prevention and early intervention effort to achieve mental health equity for populations most affected by disparities—African Americans; Asian and Pacific Islanders (API); Latinos; LGBTQ; and Native American/Alaska Native groups.


Carol Cunradi was a predoctoral fellow at ARG when obtaining her doctorate in Epidemiology. At ARG, she worked extensively with Raul Caetano, in 1999 leaving to join the Prevention Research Center where she is a senior research scientist, where she has focused on IPV and alcohol and tobacco use where she currently has a TRDRP grant.
Kathryn D. Scott after serving in the peace Corps, and a doctorate at UCLA, was a postdoctoral fellow who worked on Center datasets and Martha Beattie’s project. She later worked in local and state health departments as an epidemiologist, analyst, and manager and now is an author (of Think Zebras about a public health nurse) living in Oregon.


Karen Graves worked as an analyst at ARG on the Impact of Alcohol Beverage Warning Labels evaluation R01 and other projects after working with Rhonda Jones-Webb and Tom Greenfield at the Marin Institute. Later she worked on Kaye Fillmore’s longitudinal project at UCSF and with Lee Kaskutas’ Center pilot study on drink sizes among Native American and African American pregnant women and on her randomized trials.


Patrice Vaeth was a UCB-SPH/ARG Pre-doctoral Fellow in 1993-94, who obtained her DrPH from the School in 1995. Between 1998 and 1999 she held a Post-doctoral Fellowship at the School in Behavioral Factors in Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology funded at UCB-SPH by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Throughout this time she worked closely with Lee Kaskutas. Later she had a number of positions at the University of Texas, culminating as an assistant professor (non-tenure track), Division of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences (2005-12) and Division of Epidemiology 2010-12), in the School of Public Health, University of Texas, Health Science Center at Houston, Dallas Regional Campus. She then became a scientist at the Prevention Research Center.


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Robert I Lipton was a UCB-SPH/ARG Postdoctoral fellow is now an adjunct senior research scientist at PRC. Formerly he held positions at the University of Trondheim, The University of Michigan, and with California State. His research focuses on spacial analysis related to ATOD, environmental factors such as alcohol outlets, and outcomes including assaults and violence, among other topics.


Patricia McDaniel was a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow who participated in a number of Center and ARG studies, particularly with Karen Trocki and Tom Greenfield and in Martha Beattie’s Managed Care R01, before taking a position at UCSF in the School of Nursing working considerably in the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education on tobacco policy as well as gender and violence.


Laurence (Larry) Michalak is a cultural anthropologist (PhD UC Berkeley, 1983) and specialist in North Africa and Western Europe and in the Peace Corps in Tunisia where he met his wife, Karen Trocki. Larry was a postdoctoral fellow after he retired from UC Berkeley, who has focused on religion and alcohol. He has taught and lectured on the anthropology of food, tourism, migration, globalization, and problems of economic development for many years.


Lyndsay Ammon (Avalos) has an MPH from Boston University, and a PhD in Epidemiology from UC Berkeley. She was a UCB-SPH/ARG predoctoral fellow at ARG in 2002 while getting her PhD in Epidemiology at UC Berkeley’s School of Public Health, before taking her current position at Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland where she continues work on AOD treatment and the effectiveness of a perinatal depression screening program. Her current research broadly focuses on identifying genetic and environmental factors (e.g., alcohol use, medication exposure, ambient temperature, nutrition) during the perinatal period that influence maternal, fetal, and infant health.

Laurie Drabble  With a doctorate in Social Welfare at UC Berkeley, Laurie is a professor in the School of Social Work at San Jose State University. She is also an Affiliate Scientist with ARG. Her research focuses on alcohol and other drug problems among marginalized populations of women. Some of her recent research focuses on factors that contribute, to or protect against, risk for alcohol and other drug-related problems among sexual minority women. Laurie is former executive director of the California Women’s Commission on Alcohol and Drug Dependencies and has worked statewide and nationally as an organizational consultant providing a wide range of technical assistance and training services related to women’s AOD issues, prevention strategies, strategic planning, and non-profit management. She is a Multiple PI and has been Co-I with Karen Trocki on several sexual orientation/identity research projects.


Rachael Korcha, MA (December 5, 1967 – October 30, 2019) had been working in a doctoral program at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine in Public Health and Policy (ABD 2013-17) and was an analyst, associate scientist and Co-I at ARG for many years working on numerous projects, including Doug Polcin’s and Cheryl Cherpitel’s, as well as numerous other projects. Her interests included mental health functioning and substance use, motivation to change behavior, HIV risk, and alternative substance abuse treatment approaches.


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Paul Gilbert was a postdoctoral fellow in the joint UCB-SPH/ARG training program also working in the Center. He is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community and Behavioral Health at the University of Iowa, College of Public Health and describes himself as a behavioral epidemiologist working on the distribution and determinants of risky behaviors with a primary focus of alcohol use. He also works on health and disparities related to gender, race/ethnicity, and sexual orientation and has recently received an R21, with a collaboration with Sarah Zemore. He has recently served several years on the Program Committee for the ATOD Section of APHA.


Sarah C. M. Roberts was a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow 2009-11, who worked on a number of projects while at ARG including the GENACIS project, and is now an Associate Professor with a number of grants at UCSF, where her research is on alcohol and drug use in the context of pregnancy, parenting, and abortion; gender equality and women’s health; use of evidence in public health decision-making; impact of abortion restrictions on women; and racial/ethnic disparities in Child Protective Services. She has been collaborating with Bill Kerr and Mina Subbaraman on her policy grants and also consulting on Tom Greenfield and Kate Karriker-Jaffe’s Alcohol’s Harm to Others R01s.


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Miguel Pinedo After receiving his PhD in Global Health from the UC San Diego and an MPH from UC Berkeley, he was a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow who is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education at the University of Texas, Austin. He has an interest in better understanding the intersection between migration and health, given that migration has rarely been examined as a social determinant of health. Some of his work has focused on Mexican migrants residing on both sides of the US-Mexico border, a high-risk region for alcohol and drug abuse and HIV.


Lauren Kaplan was a UBB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow who earned her doctorate in Sociology at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany. After that she was a postdoctoral fellow at Oxford University’s Department of Social Policy and Intervention before coming to ARG. While here she worked on Tom’s and Kate’s Alcohol’s Harms to Others in US Adults project. She is now at the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations in the Department of Medicine.

Sarah Beth Barnett was a UCB-SPH/ARG postdoctoral fellow at ARG who received her PhD from the University of Washington in 2016, and working at CDC. Sarah Beth’s research interests are in health services, health economics, and the use of quasi-experimental approaches to evaluate the effects of alcohol and drug policies. While at ARG she worked on the impact of Washington state’s privatization of liquor distribution and retail sales with Bill Kerr. Sarah Beth is now an Economist at the National Center for Injury Prevention; Division of Analysis, Research and Program Integration; Statistics, Programming and Economics Branch.

Kara Bensley was a postdoctoral fellow with UCB-SPH/ARG. She received her PhD from the University of Washington in Health Services. Her research focused on preventing alcohol-related harms in rural communities. Kara was awarded a New Investigator Award from APHA and CDC to study the association between alcohol, opiate, and benzodiazepine co-use and suicide. She is now an Assistant Professor in Public Health at Bastyr University in Kenmore, Washington.

Christina Tam was a recent postdoctoral fellow in the UCB-SPH/ARG training program from 2016 – 2019. Christina received her PhD from UCLA’s Social Welfare Department. Her interests are in the neighborhood mechanisms underlying alcohol use among racial/ethnic minority groups. She continued her dissertation research on how ethnic neighborhoods impact residents’ health and was awarded Center Pilot funds to extend this work using a large population survey. A second line of research focuses on alcohol and tobacco use trajectories among Asian Americans. She has been working with Kate and Tom on Alcohol’s Harms to Others in the US, with attention to contextual and race/ethnicity.

Pamela Trangenstein was a recent postdoctoral fellow at ARG for one year, after graduating from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with a PhD. Pamela’s research focused on the intersection of alcohol-related harms, disparities, and alcohol policy. During her time at ARG, Pamela led an analyses addressing outcomes associated with a number of policies and environmental exposures, including liquor licensing changes, alcohol pricing policies, alcohol availability, and cannabis advertising in social media. The Kettil Bruun Society awarded Pamela the Ole-Jørgen Skog award for Early Career Scientists in June 2018 for a cost analysis of excessive drinking at the local level. She is now an Assistant Professor at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Alexandra (Alex) Nielsen has a doctorate from the Oregon Health Sciences University and is an Associate Scientist at ARG working on the CASCADE agent simulation subcontract (PI Bill Kerr) from the University of Sheffield. She has previously developed agent based models and simulations of policy interventions to address non-medical opioid misuse and addressing a number of other health topics.
Justin Russell was a Harkness Fellow at ARG in residence for 6 months in 1993, supported by The Commonwealth Fund. Spending considerable time in the ARG library, he examined alcohol and drug policies in relation to criminal justice in the US with an aim of informing UK policies on his return. He is now Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Probation and from 2016-19 was Director General of the Offender Reform and Commissioning Group and SRO for the Prison Safety and Reform Programme in the UK Ministry of Justice. Earlier, he was a social researcher in the Home Office and has worked on a wide range of criminal justice issues including heading the violent crime unit in the Home Office, where he led the *Ending Gang and Youth Violence Programme* and the government’s strategy on ending violence against women and girls.


**Paul H. H. M. Lemmens** was a year-long ‘sabbatical’ visitor to ARG c. 1998-1999 working on the warning labels project and the NAS. Later he co-authored also with Kaye Fillmore and Ron Roizen. An assistant professor of health promotion in the School for Public Health and Primary Care at the University of Maastricht, he has wideranging interests in alcohol measurement, epidemiology, positioning of alcohol in media and culture, and has written extensively on health policy and intervention science.


**Gerhard Gmel,** from the Swiss Institute for AOD Prevention (now Addiction Switzerland), visited ARG for a period, working on general population surveys including an analysis of dimensions of alcohol problems using N3 data. He has later worked on ER projects and with the GENAHTO project led by Greenfield, Wilsnack and Bloomfield, on which he is a co-investigator. In 2019 he was co-winner (with Greenfield) of the Jellinek Memorial Award for Alcohol Studies.


**Sven Klingemann** was at ARG for 3 months during his undergraduate years, going on for a social science masters at Mannheim University and a PhD in Sociology at Indiana. From 2006-2009 he was a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is now Research Director at the Reputation Institute in Massachusetts, after various management roles in the commercial sector.
Sylvia Kairoz is now Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Concordia University in Quebec, Canada. She holds an FQRSC research chair on the study of gambling and is the head of the Lifestyle and Addiction Research Lab at Concordia University. After her doctorate, while working for several months at ARG, using NAS and Canadian population data, she undertook a multi-level US-Canadian comparison of amounts drunk in various drinking contexts. She later won the Brain Star Award of the Canadian Institute of Health Research for her innovative work on the role of social contexts in alcohol consumption. She has also contributed to GENACIS research.


Alexander Pabst, while involved in his doctoral studies at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, spent six weeks in residence at ARG in the Summer of 2009, working with Bill Kerr and Tom Greenfield. He is now a psychologist at the University of Leipzig, Institute for Social Medicine, Occupational Health and Public Health and continues to work closely on substance abuse issues with Ludwig Karaus.


Gabriel Andreucceti is a Research Associate at the Univerity of Sao Paulo Medical School, Department of Preventive Medicine with a MSc and PhD there in Epidemiology and specialized training in Forensic Toxicology. His current research interests include the development of drinking and driving strategies. In 2011-2012 he visited the ARG during his doctoral Studies and has has returned several times, working closely with Cheryl Cherpitel.


Thomas Clausen was a Fulbright Scholar at ARG from the University of Oslo Institute of Clinical Medicine’s Norwegian Centre for Addiction Research. While at ARG, he worked with Priscilla Martinez and Tom Greenfield during his 6-month sabbatical. Among his interests are alcohol intake patterns and mental health in low- and middle-income countries and treatment approaches and addictions treatment effects.


Jessica Storbjörk, now an Associate Professor of sociology, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Public Health Sciences, and Director of the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs (SoRAD). She performs research into alcohol and other drugs and addiction with special emphasis on addiction treatment and treatment systems in Sweden as well as internationally.


Jesper Sjoestedt, a medical student at Lunds University Medical School, undertook dissertation studies while at ARG, working with Cheryl Cherpitel.

...and countless others...
An Endnote about the ARG and this Biography-Bibliography

This represents an overview of people and their publications that have made the Social Research Group, and now the Alcohol Research Group, its National Alcohol Research Center and its UC Berkeley School of Health-affiliated Research Training Program so successful. It is produced in conjunction with ARG’s 60th Anniversary Celebrations, taking place on September 11 and 12, 2019, at ARG’s office, 6001 Shellmound Street, Suite 450, Emeryville CA 94608.

The ARG and SRC before it have had numerous locations and aspices over the years. Whereas the California Drinking Practices Survey was located in Berkeley, the SRC began at George Washington University, but moved to the State Department of Public Health and then to the UC Berkeley School of Public Health a bit later. Although in several physical locations before, when I first knew it in the 80’s ARG was located on Scenic Avenue on so-called Holy Hill, then at 2000 Hearst Avenue. During this period, we were under the auspices of the Medical Research Institute in San Francisco, which became CPMC Research Institute, and in this evolving organization, ARG (by now) resided in the Institute of Epidemiology and Behavioral Medicine. We then relocated to the Western Consortium for Public Health (an independent research institute but with a UCB School of Public Health governance), and upon that entity being disbanded, moved to the parallel Public Health Institute (PHI; under the same administration as WCPH, but independent of the university in its governance), where we have remained. PHI is now located in downtown Oakland. Physically ARG moved from Hearst Avenue to the Bay Center in Emeryville, and now to The Public Market office building, not far from there. Moves of auspices and physical location have taken a bit of a toll on the administrative end of ARG, but the research has, for the most part, seen little disruption, as this bio-bibliography attests.

I should note that most of the selected publications for each SRG/ARG researcher herein are those the person first or sole authored; the main exceptions are when first authors are external collaborators; but even this rule was occasionally not followed. Although some publication lists in this fashion are less complete than others, the aim was to paint a picture for the most part of work undertaken in conjunction with SRG/ARG from its earliest years to the present. Wherever feasible, a photo was included, but some images eluded discovery, and a few people did not want their pictures circulated. Also please note that the order, though in some cases chronological based on earliest work at ARG, is not entirely so and in some cases again this ‘rule’ does not hold. In a number of instances, especially with analysts and statisticians, numerous coauthored publications precede the series of first-authored papers included under their names.

Over the years, many other people have contributed to ARG’s success, especially highly productive research assistants and associates, interviewers, and research coordinators, who could not all be included here but have played and still play a vital role in our research enterprise. Also, in particular I want to honor those strongly dedicated “front office” support and infrastructure staff, without whom none of this would have been possible. They provide so many services that increase our grant success and quality of publications. In the picture below, is Judith Lubina, as one example, alas no longer with us. Many others have gone before.

Another group reflected here severely include the multiple national and international visiting scholars who have often published studies based on their time at ARG, in a number of cases using ARG and/or Center datasets. A short list of these is given above, but there have been many other visitors, on either a shorter or a longer basis.

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Tom Greenfield, August 2019