Science Café Speaker Series 2020

Join us for the following lectures in lay-friendly language. Lectures last approximately one hour and questions and discussion from the audience are welcome!

Progress on Alcohol and Nicotine Research

**Tuesday, March 3: Predict the Future Alcoholic!**
*Tatiana Shnitko, Ph.D.*

College students are at high risk for development of alcohol use disorder. Why? Join us at the first lecture in our 2020 Science Café series and find out!

**Tuesday, March 10: What Drives Someone to Drink? Looking for the "Drunk" (Epi)gene**
*Rita Cervera-Juanes, Ph.D.*

Learn about the role the genome and the environment play in establishing risk for alcohol abuse. What are the consequences of repetitive drinking on the genome, and how can this lead to dependence?

**Tuesday, March 17: Pregnant While Under the Influence**
*Virginia Cuzon-Carlson, Ph.D.*

It is well-known that drinking alcohol while pregnant can lead to adverse effects in the fetus, but many women still drink at some point during their pregnancy. Is there any "safe" way to drink while pregnant?

**Tuesday, March 31: Vaping: It's All About the Nicotine (Mostly)**
*Eliot Spindel, MD, Ph.D.*

Is vaping leading to a new generation of nicotine addicts and why is that dangerous? Why are so many kids using Juul? Are e-cigarettes safe to use during pregnancy? Is there anything good about e-cigarettes?