



Moderator



Anita McRae-Williams, M.A., the outreach program manager in the Division of Extramural Research at the National Institute of Health's (NIH's) National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) has moderated NIH webinars and teleconferences for the NIH extramural grantee community for the past 9 years. An NIH employee for 26 years, she previously served as press officer/media spokesperson for Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, the NIH director from 1991 to 1993.

Speakers



Will Aklin, Ph.D., is director of the Behavioral Therapy Development Program within the Division of Therapeutics and Medical Consequences at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Maryland. Dr. Aklin completed his clinical residency at Yale University School of Medicine and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit. He has received numerous awards and honors, including Early Career Investigator Awards from the College on Problem of Drug Dependence (CPDD) and the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT). Dr. Aklin's areas of research include the development of treatments targeting specific neurobehavioral processes (e.g., impulsivity, risk-taking, decision-making), the examination of theory-derived treatment targets and mechanisms of behavior change, adherence, and studies that integrate behavioral/pharmacological treatment. Dr. Aklin has extensive clinical research experience in behavioral and cognitive-behavioral treatment for substance dependence, adaptive brief interventions, and adherence trials. He joined NIDA in 2008.



Jonathan W. King, received his Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Carnegie Mellon University. His postdoctoral work in cognitive neuroscience at the Department of Cognitive Science at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) focused on language processing and working memory in both younger and older adults. Dr. King later joined the faculty in the Department of Psychological Sciences and the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He joined the Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group (IRG) at the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 2006 and is currently working as the program director for Cognitive Aging, Behavioral Genetics, and Human Factors in the Division of Behavioral and Social Research (BSR) at the National Institute on Aging (NIA). While at BSR, he has coordinated new initiatives in cognitive interventions to remediate age-related cognitive decline and the use of behavioral economic approaches both to promote health behavior change in older adults and to increase the uptake of comparative effectiveness research. His portfolio includes cognitive aging and cognitive interventions; human factors in older adults, especially driving; technology use by older adults; statistical methods for aging research; genetics of social behavior; and interplay of genetics and social, psychological, and behavioral processes across the lifespan. Dr. King is also the co-coordinator for the NIH Science of Behavior Change Common Fund Program.