The past year has brought with it a unique shift in health care policies and mental health diagnostic codes, ultimately impacting the field of gambling and addictive disorders. From the Affordable Care Act to the highly-anticipated American Psychiatric Association’s *DSM-5*, these changes are driving conversations and raising questions about their impact on recovery from and prevention of addiction.

How will the Affordable Care Act impact mental health services — and will insurance cover treatment for gambling disorders? How has research on brain activity enhanced our understanding of how addiction should be diagnosed and treated? How can we make responsible gaming programs more effective and more widely known? What are the implications of a new diagnostic code on health care providers and researchers specializing in gambling disorders? Are addiction treatment providers properly trained to address gambling disorders? How are researchers experimenting with communications technology to reach young adults?

The 14th annual NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction will examine these questions and more as stakeholders from around the world gather to discuss how these topics impact the way we approach gambling disorders and responsible gaming. National leaders in public health, the gaming industry and academia will present on key topics that unite the field of gambling disorders and responsible gaming, including:

- The Affordable Care Act and its impact on the treatment of gambling disorders
- The evolving definition of pathological gambling as seen by the changes in the *DSM-5*
- The latest research on the brain, youth gambling and mood disorders
- How to conduct ethical research on Native American populations
- What regulators and researchers can learn from scientists about responsible gaming best practices
- The debut of a new credential for clinicians specializing in gambling disorders
- How to develop and market effective responsible gaming programs

Whether you’re in the health care sector, the gaming industry, government or academia, the NCRG Conference will help you advance your professional development by providing:

- The latest information on treatment for gambling disorders and addictions
- Continuing education units for clinicians
- Ideas for building and enhancing responsible gaming programs
- Opportunities for researchers to present their work in the annual poster session
- A critical perspective that will help gaming regulators and public officials develop and evaluate policies that address gambling disorders
- Interactive pre-conference workshops

We look forward to having you join us this September in Las Vegas! In the meantime, follow the NCRG Conference on Twitter (@theNCRG,#NCRGConference).
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**Featured Speakers**

**William E. Narrow, M.D., M.P.H.,** is associate director of the Division of Research at the American Psychiatric Association and research director of the DSM-5 Task Force. Previously, he served as senior advisor for epidemiology in the Office of the Director at the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. Narrow's research interests are centered on the epidemiology of mental disorders, mental health services research, and child and adolescent mental disorders. He also is interested in issues of disorder thresholds, functional impairment and disability.

**Anne M. Fletcher, M.S., R.D.,** is an award-winning health and medical writer, speaker and consultant on the topics of weight management and lifestyle change, as well as treatment and recovery from addiction. Known for her ability to weave together her inspiring findings from real-life success stories with state-of-the-art information about health issues, Fletcher is the author of eight books, including *Inside Rehab: The Surprising Truth about Addiction Treatment – and How to Get Help That Works* and *Sober for Good: New Solutions for Drinking Problems – Advice From Those Who Have Succeeded.*

**Kafui Dzirasa, M.D., Ph.D.,** is assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences in the division of geriatric psychiatry at the Duke University School of Medicine. His research interests focus on understanding how changes in gene function lead to the neurocircuitry deficits underlying psychiatric disorders such as attention deficit disorder, schizophrenia, bipolar depression and addiction. Dr. Dzirasa was a featured speaker at the National Institutes of Health’s Celebration of Science event in 2012.

**Erma J. Vizenor, Ph.D.,** was elected chairwoman of the White Earth Reservation in 2004, the first woman to lead the largest tribe in Minnesota. She has worked her entire career in education on the White Earth Reservation. She holds a master’s degree in community decision-making and lifelong learning and a doctoral degree in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University.

**Shirley Beckett Mikell, NCAC II, CAC II, SAP,** is director of certification and education and National Certification Commission staff liaison at NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. She has worked in the addiction profession for more than 30 years, beginning as a counselor in Charleston, S.C., where she also served as trainer, manager and mentor for fellow addiction professionals. At NAADAC, Beckett Mikell has been responsible for certifying individuals who seek a national credential and assisting those who seek to maintain their credentialing.

**Jon E. Grant, J.D., M.D., M.P.H.,** professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience at The University of Chicago (UC), is the principal investigator of the NCRG Center of Excellence in Gambling Research at UC. Previously, he served as professor of psychiatry at the University of Minnesota. His research interests include therapeutic interventions for impulsive-compulsive disorders; neurocognitive correlates of impulsive-compulsive behavior; and the neural basis of cognitive, emotional and behavioral dysfunction.
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
REGISTRATION

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS – 2 CE Hours
Using the DSM-5 in Clinical Practice
Leader: Jon Grant, J.D., M.D., M.P.H., The University of Chicago

Are you prepared for the changes in the DSM-5? Revisions in the diagnostic codes for gambling and substance use disorders mean that healthcare providers specializing in addiction need to consider the implications for their clinical practice. Dr. Jon Grant, coauthor of the supplemental guidebook for the DSM-5, will lead an exploration of the clinical issues posed by these changes.

New Gambling Credential for Counselors through NAADAC
Leader: Shirley Beckett Mikell, NCAC II, CAC II, SAP, NAADAC, the Association for Alcohol and Drug Counselors

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, and the NCRG have partnered to develop a new, evidence-based credential for counselors interested in specializing in gambling disorders. Long-time NAADAC education expert and trainer Beckett Mikell will lead workshop participants in an examination of the new credential, including the exam as well as educational and supervision requirements.

Trends in Research Methodology: A Workshop for Early Stage Investigators
Leaders: Bethany Bray, Ph.D., Penn State University
         Clayton Neighbors, Ph.D., University of Houston

In order to produce the most innovative research, scientists need to draw upon collaborations and suggestions from other researchers in the field. Drs. Bray and Neighbors will examine how to efficiently assess an analytic method’s potential for your research. This session will cover how to evaluate what research questions can be addressed by a specific approach and ways to incorporate innovative methods in your grant proposals. Drs. Bray and Neighbors will specifically examine techniques and research questions that are covered by latent class analysis (LCA), causal analysis and a new methodology for analyzing intensive longitudinal data.

1 p.m.
WELCOME
Speaker: Alan Feldman, National Center for Responsible Gaming

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Uncovering the Mystery of the Brain: How Neuroscience Illuminates Addiction and Gambling Disorders
Speaker: Kafui Dzirasa, M.D., Ph.D., Duke Institute for Brain Sciences

One of the major reasons that the DSM-5 reclassified gambling disorders as part of the substance use disorders chapter is due to the body of neuroscience research demonstrating the commonalities between these addictive disorders. Consequently, grasping the neurobiology of gambling disorders is vital to understanding the interaction between this and other addictions. Dr. Dzirasa will discuss how research on the brain is advancing understanding of all the addictive disorders and will lead to effective treatment.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
The Evolving Definition of Pathological Gambling and Related Disorders: Changes in the DSM-5
Speaker: William Narrow, M.D., M.P.H., American Psychiatric Association and DSM-5 Task Force

The American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) is the authoritative guide to the diagnosis of mental disorders for health care professionals around the world. Not only does the DSM standardize diagnoses, but it also informs research, public health policy, education, reimbursement systems and forensic science. Dr. Narrow from the DSM-5 Task Force will explain the rationale for the significant revisions in the diagnostic criteria for pathological gambling and related disorders and engage in conversation about the implications of these changes for clinical practice, research and gaming regulations.

3:30 – 4 p.m.
REFRESHMENT BREAK

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4 – 5 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Inside Rehab: The Surprising Truth about Addiction Treatment — and How to Get Help That Works
Speaker: Anne M. Fletcher, M.S., R.D.
What happens inside drug and alcohol rehab centers and how treatment works are a mystery to those outside the mental health field — and sometimes even to those on the inside. During this session, medical writer and bestselling author Fletcher will discuss her book, INSIDE REHAB: The Surprising Truth About Addiction Treatment — and How to Get Help That Works. Fletcher's work offers an insider’s view of treatment that focuses on people whose stories illustrate the serious issues facing individuals in rehab. Fletcher will lead conversation on the current state of addiction treatment compared with the recommendations of experts and scientific studies.

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 1 CE Hour
Addressing the Needs of Gambling Treatment Providers
Panel: Shirley Beckett Mikell, NCAC II, CAC II, SAP, NAADAC
Anne Helene Skinstad, Ph.D., University of Iowa
Mark Vander Linden, M.S.W., Iowa Department of Public Health
As gaming continues to expand in various forms across the United States and around the world, it becomes ever more critical to ensure that treatment providers are properly trained to address gambling disorders. During this session, panelists will address a new gambling credential for alcohol and drug counselors; discuss a survey on the credentials, needs and interests of gambling treatment providers; and provide a national perspective on how governments are supporting treatment services and providers across the nation. Clinicians are encouraged to attend and join the dialogue about how to enhance their professional development.

Building a Partnership: Researching Native American Populations
Panel: Miriam Jorgensen, Ph.D., M.P.P., University of Arizona
Kate Spilde, Ph.D., M.B.A., San Diego State University
Erma J. Vizenor, Ph.D., White Earth Nation
Native American tribes provide a unique opportunity for population research in the United States, especially as it relates to gambling and gambling disorders. During this workshop-style session, learn how to forge partnerships to conduct research that is not only ethically responsible and culturally sensitive, but also will make a contribution both to the community studied as well as to the larger body of research.

The Intersection of Science and Policy: A Town Hall Meeting
Panel: Peter Cohen, The Agenda Group
Linda B. Cottler, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of Florida
Ken C. Winters, Ph.D., University of Minnesota
Gaming regulators worldwide often are tasked to develop and monitor responsible gaming practices and policies, including programs such as self-exclusion. However, the research on these types of efforts has lagged behind, leaving regulators wondering how to proceed in an effective way. This town hall meeting will provide policy makers and other gaming stakeholders the opportunity to meet face-to-face with scientists and discuss responsible gaming best practices. This session also is intended to foster a discussion about where research is needed to better inform programs and policies.

6:15 – 8 p.m.
POSTER SESSION AND RECEPTION

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8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
REGISTRATION

8 – 9 a.m.
NETWORKING BREAKFAST
Open AA/GA Meeting

9 – 10 a.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Mood Disorders: The Latest Research on Treatment

Current research suggests that approximately 40 percent of individuals with a gambling disorder also have a mood disorder like depression or bi-polar disorder. At the request of our clinical audience, this session will provide an update on the latest research, especially relevant to treatment strategies, on this fast-changing field.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Evaluating Responsible Gaming Strategies: What Regulators Need to Know

Speaker: Debi LaPlante, Ph.D., Cambridge Health Alliance and Harvard Medical School

Responsible gaming policies and practices like self-exclusion and employee education have multiplied worldwide in recent years. But how do we judge the safety and effectiveness of these programs? Dr. LaPlante will discuss the importance of using a scientific approach to evaluate responsible gaming programs, drawing on studies conducted by the Division on Addiction at Cambridge Health Alliance, which have focused on both Internet and bricks-and-mortar gambling environments.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
NCRG SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON

NCRG Chairman Alan Feldman presents the 2012 NCRG Scientific Achievement Award to Randy Stinchfield, Ph.D., associate director of the Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

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Streamline your gaming education by registering for the NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction as part of your Global Gaming Expo (G2E) 2013 package. The NCRG Conference once again will be held in conjunction with G2E this September and is offered as part of G2E’s 5 Day Super Pass registration option. Save time and money by registering for both events together at www.globalgamingexpo.com.
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Addiction Medicine: Closing the Gap Between Science and Practice
Speaker: Susan E. Foster, M.S.W., The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Columbia University

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse issued a 2012 report calling for the modernization of addiction treatment. The main concerns of the report are the inadequate integration of addiction care into mainstream medical practice, shortcomings in the education and training of addiction treatment providers and inadequate allocation of financial resources. Foster, principal investigator of the report, will discuss the findings of the study, including recent research on behavioral addictions and recommendations for modernization.

2 – 3 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Youth Gambling: New Findings from the NCRG Centers of Excellence
Panel: Jon E. Grant, J.D., M.D., M.P.H., The University of Chicago
Marc N. Potenza, M.D., Ph.D., Yale University

Both of the NCRG Centers of Excellence in Gambling Research have focused their cutting-edge investigations on adolescents and young adults. By grappling with intriguing questions, such as “Can we predict future gambling problems at an early age?” and “What is the role of family history in youth gambling?” they’ve been able to gain a better understanding of the factors at play with youth gambling. This session will provide an opportunity to hear about their exciting new findings.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Using Communications Technology to Tackle Alcohol and Gambling Problems among College Students and Young Adults
Panel: Clayton Neighbors, Ph.D., University of Houston
Matthew Martens, Ph.D., University of Missouri – Columbia
Mary Larimer, Ph.D., University of Washington

College students and young adults are at higher risk for problems with alcohol and gambling than the general adult population, and yet they are the least likely to seek help. That’s why it’s vital to develop creative interventions that utilize the latest communications technology and appeal to this generation. This panel will report new findings from studies testing the effectiveness of interventions for this population. They’ll also address implications for doing interventions with all age ranges and discuss what has been learned from similar approaches taken with alcohol.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION – 1 CE Hour
Impact of the Affordable Care Act on the Treatment of Gambling Disorders
Speaker: Representative from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Changes in health care policies are driving a larger conversation about what recovery and prevention should include for those with addictive disorders. What impact will the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have on mental health services? Will treatment for gambling disorders be covered, and if so, how will insurance coverage impact therapy options? A representative from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will address these and other questions about the ACA and its implications for prevention and treatment of mental health disorders.
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
NCRG at G2E SESSION — 1 CE Hour
Behind the Screen: Characteristics of Internet Gamblers Who Trigger Responsible Gambling Interventions
Speaker: Heather Gray, Ph.D., Cambridge Health Alliance
As the conversation about Internet gambling grows, discussions continue about the impact that new technology can have on gambling disorders and responsible gaming. Dr. Gray will report on a study looking at what responsible gaming interventions can tell us about those who gamble online and may have potential gambling problems. The study provides additional confirmation that a set of monetary and non-monetary behaviors distinguishes individuals who might be experiencing gambling problems from other Internet gamblers who are not experiencing such problems: namely, frequency and time spent gambling.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
G2E OPENING DAY KEYNOTE ADDRESS FEATURES SECOND CITY

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
NCRG at G2E SESSION
Cause Marketing: Lessons for the Effective Promotion of Responsible Gaming
Panel: Jim Gentleman, SK+G
The casino industry has produced numerous responsible gaming products that encourage customers to “keep it fun.” But do guests always absorb the message of responsible gaming? During this session, learn how other causes and industries have approached the communication of their public interest messaging. Success, obstacles and implications for the gaming industry will be discussed.

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- Canadian Problem Gambling Certification Board
- National Association of Social Workers
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During more than a decade of funding research on gambling disorders, the NCRG observed that substantial, multilayer research grants are the most effective vehicles for producing seminal research on gambling disorders. To make such grants more widely available, the NCRG Centers of Excellence in Gambling Research were created in 2009. Based on top-tier research institutions across the country, the NCRG Centers of Excellence located at The University of Chicago and Yale University employ a long-term, institutional approach to conducting innovative and multidisciplinary research and education programs.

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**Deadline for Application: June 15, 2013**

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2. Download the application from the address above and submit it along with a completed registration form to Christine Reilly at creilly@ncrg.org
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Please contact the NCRG at 202-552-2689 with any questions.
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Deadline: Aug. 1, 2013

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• A recent publication in a scientific, peer-reviewed journal that represents seminal work in the field.

Guidelines for Submitting a Nomination

The nomination package must include the following:

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Submit nomination materials in PDF format to Christine Reilly, senior research director at the NCRG, at creilly@ncrg.org by Aug. 1, 2013. The selection committee, composed of distinguished scientists in the addictions field, will select one recipient for the 2013 NCRG Scientific Achievement Award. The award will be presented during the NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction in Las Vegas on Monday, Sept. 23, 2013.

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The NCRG showcases new research on gambling disorders during a poster session and reception held annually at the NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction. The poster session on Sept. 22, 2013 is an opportunity for investigators to report their empirical research and converse with conference attendees about their findings. We especially encourage young investigators to submit abstracts.

Subject Matter
Posters can focus on any aspect of gambling disorders and must report on empirical research. Abstracts will be reviewed for scientific merit. An award for the outstanding poster will be presented at the conference.

Submission Guidelines
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By submitting a poster, at least one author must agree to attend the conference and to participate as the poster presenter. No individual can be first author on more than one abstract.

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To make sure you have the most up-to-date information to effectively address gambling disorders, the American Gaming Association (AGA) and the National Center for Responsible Gaming (NCRG) have online resources that can help:

- [www.americangaming.org](http://www.americangaming.org) – The AGA provides a comprehensive look at gambling in the U.S., including the AGA’s Code of Conduct for Responsible Gaming, a model for international responsible gaming programs, and programs such as Responsible Gaming Education Week.

- [www.ncrg.org](http://www.ncrg.org) – As the AGA’s affiliated charity, the NCRG provides highlights of the latest in gambling research and responsible gaming programs, with tools to help you educate employees, patrons and youth about responsible gaming.

- [blog.ncrg.org](http://blog.ncrg.org) – Gambling Disorders 360°, the NCRG’s blog, translates the latest research findings into practical, real-world applications and is frequently updated. You can also find the latest news from the NCRG including responsible gaming program highlights and ways you can be more involved with the organization.

- Coming soon, the AGA and NCRG will be offering some of its resources in Spanish, French, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean to reach an even wider segment of global gaming stakeholders.

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Type or print clearly. Name, title, company, city and state will appear on the badge.
Complete one form for each attendee. Photocopy for additional registrants.

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Degrees (Check all that apply)
- B.S.
- B.S.W.
- M.D.
- M.Ed.
- M.F.T.
- M.P.H.
- M.S.
- M.S.W.
- Ph.D.
- Psy.D.
- Other _________
Certification/License (Check all that apply)
- CAS
- CEAP
- CPGC
- LADAC
- LCMHC
- LCSW
- LMFT
- LP
- LPCC
- MAC
- NCAC
- NCC
- NCGC
- RN
- Other _________

Company

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☐ If you have special needs, please check this box and a member of our staff will contact you.

2. Registration Information (prepayment is required)
Includes all seminars, materials, poster session, breakfast, breaks, lunch and receptions.

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☐ Check here if you will be seeking CE Hours from this event.

Promotion Code: ____________________

3. Payment Information
Registration forms received without payment will not be processed. Your completed form and payment must be received together by Sept. 16.

Online registration will be accepted through Sept. 16. After Sept. 16, please register at the conference.

Make checks payable to Reed Exhibitions in US dollars.

☐ Check (NCRG Fed. ID: 52-1967802) ☐ Invoice required ☐ Purchase Order

☐ If you are paying by purchase order, please check this box if your payment is being sent separately by your organization.

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