



Dr. Jill Becker, Patricia Y. Gurin Collegiate Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan, will be the keynote speaker at the 4th Annual NIDA T32 retreat on October 22nd, 2021. Dr. Becker's research focuses on neural mechanisms of addiction with an emphasis on sex differences. Dr. Becker's laboratory utilizes rat models to investigate the effects of stimulants on behavior and their underlying neurobiological mechanisms. Recent work has examined the role of ovarian hormone modulation of the striatum and accumbens in motivation in female rats. Dr. Becker has a strong history of funding from NIH and NSF and has more than 150 peer-reviewed publications in excellent academic journals. She has received many honors and awards, including the Health Education Visionary Award from the Society for Women's Health Research and was chosen for the Neal Miller Distinguished Lecture from the American Psychological Association.

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