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Area of Expertise

My research looks at ways to use motivational interviewing and technology as behavioral health interventions. My experience ranges from brief interventions for underage drinking, to adults in the criminal justice system, to heavy drinkers in hospital settings, to cancer risk screening interventions, to community-based health navigation.

My current projects are testing ways to improve health navigation, cancer risk screening, vocational success for veterans with a criminal history, alcohol interventions for adolescents and young adults, and health advocacy for people at risk of interpersonal violence. I also serve as intervention designer, trainer and supervisor for other studies of brief motivational interventions for substance use and related behaviors.

Qualifications

BA in Psychology, Biola University

MA in Psychology, San Diego State University

PhD in Psychology, University of New Mexico

Recent Publications

Increases in social support co-occur with decreases in depressive symptoms and substance use problems among adults in permanent supportive housing: an 18-month longitudinal study

Tan, Z., Mun, E. Y., Nguyen, U. S. D. T. & Walters, S. T., Dec 2021, In: BMC Psychology. 9, 1, 6.

A stepped randomized trial to promote colorectal cancer screening in a nationwide sample of U.S. Veterans

Vernon, S. W., del Junco, D. J., Coan, S. P., Murphy, C. C., Walters, S. T., Friedman, R. H., Bastian, L. A., Fisher, D. A., Lairson, D. R. & Myers, R. E., Jun 2021, In: Contemporary Clinical Trials. 105, 106392.

Modifications to the HEALing Communities Study in response to COVID-19 related disruptions

Walters, S. T., Chandler, R. K., Clarke, T., El-Bassel, N., Glasgow, L. M., Jackson, R. D., Oga, E. A., Samet, J. H., Walsh, S. L. & Zarkin, G. A., 1 May 2021, In: Drug and Alcohol Dependence. 222, 108669.

Ecological Momentary Assessment of Alcohol Consumption and Its Concordance with Transdermal Alcohol Detection and Timeline Follow-Back Self-report Among Adults Experiencing Homelessness

Mun, E. Y., Li, X., Businelle, M. S., Hébert, E. T., Tan, Z., Barnett, N. P. & Walters, S. T., Apr 2021, In: Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research. 45, 4, p. 864-876 13 p.

Individual-Level Predictors of the Working Relationship between Probation Officers and Probationers

Sloas, L., Lerch, J., Walters, S. & Taxman, F. S., 1 Dec 2020, In: Prison Journal. 100, 6, p. 709-725 17 p.

The HEALing (Helping to End Addiction Long-term SM) Communities Study: Protocol for a cluster randomized trial at the community level to reduce opioid overdose deaths through implementation of an integrated set of evidence-based practices

The HEALing Communities Study Consortium, 1 Dec 2020, In: Drug and Alcohol Dependence. 217, 108335.

Use of a health advocacy model for survivors of interpersonal violence

Grace, J., Walters, S. T., Gallegos, I., Thompson, E. L. & Spence, E. E., 1 Dec 2020, In: International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. 17, 23, p. 1-13 13 p., 8966.

Supersized Alcopop Consumption Associated With Homelessness and Gang Membership

Rosshem, M. E., Lerch, J. A., Walters, S. T., Livingston, M. D. & Taxman, F. S., Nov 2020, In: Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research. 44, 11, p. 2373-2378 6 p.

Reducing drinking among people experiencing homelessness: Protocol for the development and testing of a just-in-time adaptive intervention

Businelle, M. S., Walters, S. T., Mun, E. Y., Kirchner, T. R., Hébert, E. T. & Li, X., Apr 2020, In: JMIR Research Protocols. 9, 4, e15610.

Protective behavioral strategies are more helpful for avoiding alcohol-related problems for college drinkers who drink less

Li, X., Clarke, N., Kim, S. Y., Ray, A. E., Walters, S. T. & Mun, E. Y., 2020, (Accepted/In press) In: Journal of American College Health.

Sponsored Projects

Clinical Trials Network: The Texas Node

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University of Texas Southwestern Med

18/07/11 → 31/08/12

Development and Testing of a Just-in-Time Adaptive Smart Phone Intervention to Reduce Drinking among Homeless Adults

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NIAAA: Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

15/06/18 → 31/05/20

Development and Testing of a Just-in-Time Adaptive Smart Phone Intervention to Reduce Drinking among Homeless Adults

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National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

15/06/18 → 31/05/21

Development of Web-Based Vocational Services for Veterans with Felonies (aka "About Face")

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Department of Veteran's Affairs

29/04/13 → 31/03/15

Estimating Comparative Effectiveness of Alcohol Interventions for Young Adults

Mun, E., Suzuki, S., Walters, S. & Zhou, Z.

NIAAA: Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

1/01/18 → 30/04/22

HEALing Communities Study (HCS)

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1/06/19 → 31/03/23

Health Advocacy Project for Interpersonal Violence Victims

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Office of the Gov - Criminal Justice Div

1/10/18 → 30/06/19

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1/10/18 → 30/09/21

Health Navigation Incentives for Dual Diagnosis Patients (Medicaid Waiver 1115)

Walters, S., Nejtck, V., Thombs, D. & Spence-Almaguer, E.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

28/05/13 → 31/01/18

Increasing Awareness of Cardiovascular and Diabetes Risk among High School Blood Donors

Fulda, K., Franks, S., Fernando, S. & Walters, S.
Carter BloodCare Foundation
1/10/13 → 30/09/14

In-Person Computer Intervention to Increase Probation Compliance

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NIDA: National Institute on Drug Abuse
1/06/13 → 20/08/13

In-person vs. Computer Interventions to Increase Probation Compliance

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National Institute on Drug Abuse
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Motivational Interviewing /Feedback for College Drinkers

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National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
10/03/06 → 28/02/10

TESSA: Technology Enhanced Screening and Supportive Assistance

Spence-Almaguer, E., Fulda, K., Walters, S. & Thompson, E.
DHHS - Office of Women's Health
15/08/15 → 31/07/18

Texas Center of Minority Health, Education, Research and Outreach - Project 3

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NIMHD: Natl Institute on Minority Health
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True Worth Place Implementation Support Services

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True Worth Place
1/08/14 → 10/05/15

Veteran's Administration Intergovernmental Personnel Act Agreement

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VA North TX Health Care System

20/07/18 → 20/07/20