

# Psychological Sciences Colloquium Series



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**Investigating the role of risk factors  
in addiction-related behavior.**

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Adolescence is a period of developmental alterations that may contribute to an increased likelihood to use drugs. Furthermore, association with drug-abusing individuals or the perception of drug abuse by peers are risk factors for the initiation and escalation of abuse. Therefore, we examined the long-term ramifications of drug exposure in adolescence and the role of social environment in adolescent drug response. Our studies suggest that repeated drug use in adolescence produces neuroadaptations that may contribute to addiction. Additionally, social housing conditions alter the response to drugs. The results extend the understanding of potential consequences of drug use in adolescents.

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