

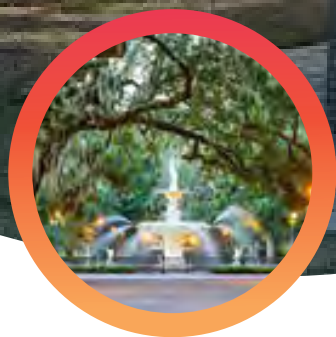


# GSAM 2024 Annual Conference

## July 19-20, 2024

South University, Savannah, Georgia  
Live, In-Person Event

ADDICTION 101, Evidence-Based Treatment, DRUG TREATMENT COURTS, Best Practices, TRANSFORMING THE BRAIN, Networking, OUD IN YOUTH, Regulations, GAS STATION PHARMACOLOGY, Savannah, OPIOID-INDUCED HYPERALGESIA, Prevention, FENTANYL, Patient Support, STUDENT COMPETITION



*Presented by the Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.*

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024

### 12:45pm - 5:00pm: SHORT COURSES

Learners may choose one of two 4-hour Short Courses to attend. There will be a 15-minute Coffee Break mid-way through each course.



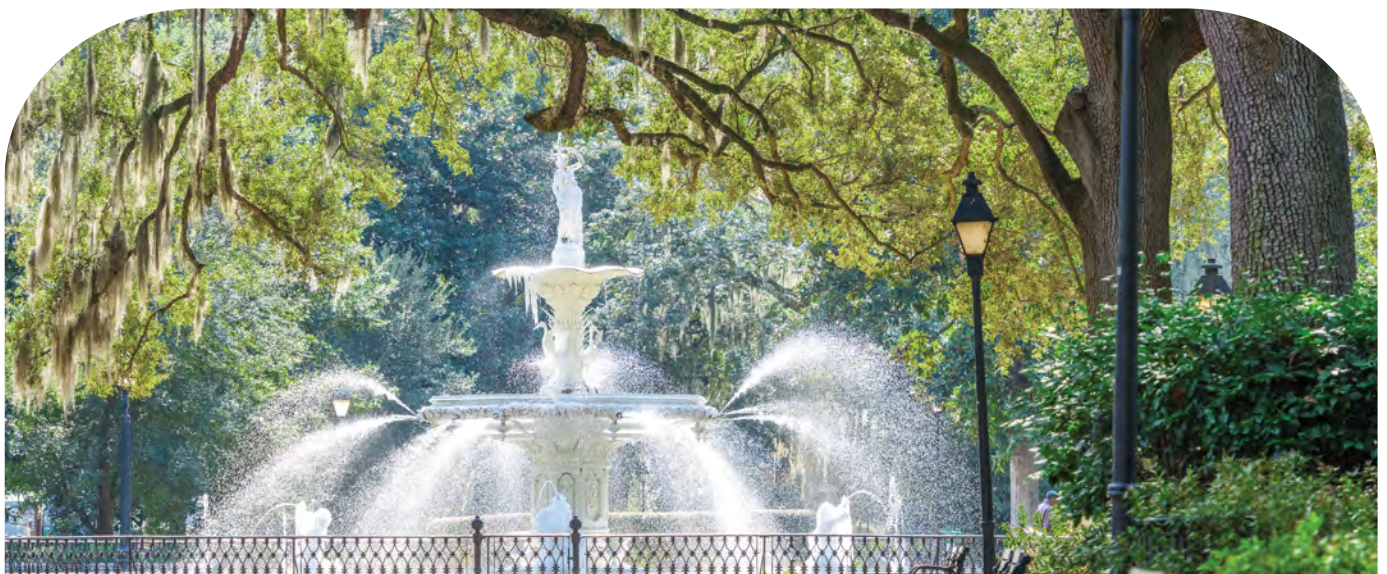
### Short Course I: “Addiction 101”

Instructor: Mary McMasters, MD, DFASAM, Addiction 101 Instructor, VASAM

This Short Course will provide detailed perspectives on the following:

1. Definition of the disease of addiction
2. Neurobiology of addiction
3. Behavioral and medical consequences of addiction
4. Treatment options in addiction

The target audience for this short course includes healthcare providers, mental health professionals (students and faculty dealing with addiction among their patients), social service providers, government agencies, community organizations, businesses, law enforcement, corrections & legal professionals. This course is for any professional interested in gaining a deeper understanding of addiction and those who are struggling with substance misuse and addiction in their workplace or community.





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**Short Course II: “Integrating Addiction Medicine with Treatment Courts Course”**

**Instructors: Debra Newman, PA-C, MPAS, MPH, Lead Provider for Outpatient SUD Services, Encompass Community Services, Steve Hanson, M.S. Ed., Senior Treatment Consultant for All Rise/Treatment Court Institute, and Megan Wheeler, MS, Director of Standards and Conference Programming, All Rise**

This 4-hour, live course provides the education needed for prescribing clinicians to strengthen skills in partnering with treatment court and advocating for patients who are involved in treatment court. The course will include didactic presentations, small group discussions, FAQs, and challenging case studies.

ASAM is partnering with All Rise through an Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) grant initiative to allow medical providers active with and new to the drug treatment court field access to training to help guide them in successful integration of services for individuals with substance use disorders involved in the justice system.

The target audience for this introductory level activity includes physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners who practice addiction medicine and interact with treatment courts and other aspects of the justice system.

This activity addresses the following ACGME Competencies: Patient Care, Medical Based Knowledge, Practice Based Learning, Interpersonal and communication Skills, Professionalism and Systems-based Practice.

**5:00pm - 6:00pm: WELCOME RECEPTION**



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**7:15am - 8:00am: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**7:30am - 8:00am: GSAM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**8:00am - 8:15am: WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**



**Michael Hall, MD**  
President, GSAM

**8:15am - 9:45am: Keynote: “Transforming the Brain from Addiction to Recovery”**



**Paul H. Earley, M.D.**  
Medical Director, Georgia Professionals Health Program, Inc.

Research prior to 2010 identified the mesolimbic dopaminergic system (MDS) as the core addiction driver. More recent research describes, with increasing clarity, how neural circuits and centers downwind from the MDS respond, engendering the classic cognitive, behavioral and emotional symptoms that characterize this condition.

This lecture will explore these effects, mapping each to specific changes patients must undergo to attain a sustained remission from this devastating illness. We will map each effect type to specific recovery skills, providing a roadmap for effective care.

**9:45am – 10:30am: “Fentanyl and Highly Potent Synthetic Opioids: What to Know About Medical Management and Overdose Prevention and Intervention”**



**Kelly S. Ramsey, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, DFASAM**  
NYSAM President, ASAM BOD Member & Region I (NYS) Director

Fentanyl and other highly potent synthetic opioids (HPSO) are responsible for the majority of overdose deaths in the US. The management of opioid use disorder (OUD) and overdose response have become more complex in the era of HPSO. This presentation will discuss nascent best practices for managing OUD in the era of HPSO use and innovative approaches to overdose prevention and intervention in the context of polysubstance use and polysubstance overdose.

**10:30am – 10:45am: COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45am – 11:30am: “Prevention, Evaluation and Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in Youth”**



**Stephen M. Taylor, MD, MPH, DFAPA, DFASAM**  
Chief Medical Officer, Pathway Healthcare Services, LLC

This presentation will review what is known about the prevention, evaluation and treatment of adolescents with substance use disorder. It will include a discussion of evidence-based prevention interventions, and then review risk factors and warning signs of adolescent SUD. There will also be a review of evidence based psychosocial, behavioral and pharmacotherapeutic treatment approaches to adolescents with SUD, including a review of NIDA’s long established (but surprisingly little known) Principles of Drug Adolescent Addiction Treatment.



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**11:30am – 12:15pm: “Opponent Process and Opioid-induced hyperalgesia (OIH)”**



**Brent Boyett DMD, DO, DFASAM**  
Addictionologist, North Mississippi Neuroscience Institute

Opioid-induced hyperalgesia (OIH) is defined as a state of nociceptive sensitization caused by exposure to opioids. The condition is characterized by a paradoxical response whereby a patient receiving opioids for the treatment of pain could actually become more sensitive to certain painful stimuli. We will be looking at the role of the physician and showing that while treating pain, we may actually be making it worse. We will consider the importance of the bio-psycho-social approach rather than depending entirely on pharmacological management.

**12:15pm - 1:15pm: Networking Luncheon**

**1:15pm - 1:45pm: Student Poster Presentations**

**1:45am – 2:30pm: “Gas Station Pharmacology: Commonly Used Drugs in the Gray Zone of Legality and Safety”**



**J. Luke Engeriser, MD, DFAPA, DFASAM**  
Deputy Chief Medical Officer, AltaPointe Health

There are numerous substances sold in gas stations and convenience stores that are commonly used by our patients. These drugs have varying clinical risks associated with use and have differing potentials for addiction and physiologic withdrawal. Regulation of these compounds is complex with differing federal and state rules regarding sale and use.

**2:30pm – 3:30pm: Panel Discussion with Annual Conference Speakers**  
**Moderator: Michael Hall, MD, President GSAM**

The moderated Panel Discussion will further examine addiction medicine during recovery, patient support, OUD in Youth, OIH, synthetic opioids, fentanyl and gas station pharmacology. Attendees will be given the opportunity to engage with the panelists on these topics and ask questions related to addiction medicine more broadly.

**3:30pm – 3:45pm: Student Awards & Closing Remarks**

**Joint Accreditation Statement:** Learners are eligible for up to 10 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (Physicians). Additionally, Nurses, Pharmacists, PAs and other healthcare professionals are eligible for up to 10 CEUs. View the full [Accreditation & Credit Designation Statements](#) here. Learners can view the [Educational Goals and Objectives](#) for each session here.

# HOST CITY & VENUE

Savannah, Georgia is a coastal city best known for its southern hospitality, lively riverfront, and oak-lined streets. A top cultural destination in the Southeast, Savannah offers historical tours, unique museums, and many live music and theatre venues.

South University is a private academic institution dedicated to providing educational opportunities for the intellectual, social, and professional development of a diverse and growing student population. South University's main campus, located in Savannah, offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in Nursing, Pharmacy, Business & Technology, Healthcare, Criminal Justice and Public Health.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

GSAM has secured group rates/courtesy blocks at three local hotels. Please note, transportation is not provided to and from South University, but Uber/Lyft is readily available. Parking at South University is available free-of-charge.



**Courtyard Savannah Midtown** is the closest to South University (~2 miles from campus)

**Hotel Address:** 6703 Abercorn Street Savannah, Georgia 31405

**Rate:** \$171 per night, plus applicable taxes

**Parking:** \$8 Self Park

Reserve a room.

For those who prefer to stay in Downtown Savannah, there are two hotels offering a group rate (~6.5 miles from campus).



**Aloft Savannah Downtown Historic District**

**Hotel Address:** 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA, 31401

**Rate:** \$189 per night, plus applicable taxes

**Parking:** \$35 Valet

Reserve a room.



**Fairfield Inn & Suites Savannah Downtown/Historic District**

**Hotel Address:** 135 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Savannah, GA, 31401

**Rate:** \$209 per night, plus applicable taxes

**Parking:** \$35 Valet

Reserve a room.

# REGISTRATION

	Early Bird Registration (by May 19, 2024)	Regular Registration (May 20–July 5, 2024)
GSAM/ASAM Member	\$179	\$209
GSAM/ASAM Resident Member	\$119	\$149
Non-Member	\$279	\$309
Student	\$79 Fee Waived- Presenting Poster Fee Waived - South University Student	\$109
Additional Flagship or Event Sponsor	\$179	\$209

Registration fee includes: Coffee Break, Welcome Reception and four (4) CME on 7/19/24, all plenary sessions on 7/20/2024 (6 CME), continental breakfast, coffee break, networking luncheon, access to PPTs post-event. Late Registration (July 6th-July 19th) will be available for an additional \$100 fee.

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