Alcoholism and Addictions Research Group

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Overview:
Dr. Theodore Jacob currently holds positions as a Senior Research Career Scientist at the Veterans Administration Palo Alto Health Care System and as a Research Professor at the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology. For the most part, his research has focused on the etiology, development and course of alcoholism, other substance use disorders, and the various psychiatric disorders and psychosocial problems that often accompany addictions.

Key Research Projects:

Offspring of Alcoholic Twins The major goals of this project are to (1) to determine how genetic and environmental factors influence the development of alcoholism and related disorders among young adult offspring of alcoholics (2) to identify moderators associated with childhood and young adulthood that qualify alcoholism risk among offspring of alcoholics.

Alcoholism Course Through Midlife This study focuses on (1) the course of alcoholism from onset of problem drinking to midlife with special emphasis on the 40-60 year age period, and (2) the identification of individual, interpersonal and contextual influences predictive of long term drinking trajectories and of transitions between problem drinking, nonproblem drinking and abstinence.

California Toddler Twin Study
The primary purpose of this study is to determine the role of genetic and environmental influences on the social and emotional development of toddlers at high risk for adverse outcome on the basis of parental alcohol and/or other drug abuse.

Openings:
Advanced (2nd, 3rd year) students with previous research experience and a strong interest in research are well suited for this Research Group. Student involvement will include data management of previous data collections, conducting literature reviews, helping in preparation of manuscripts and aiding in the development of new grant applications.

Apply:
Interested Students may submit the following to Dr. Jacob tjacob@pgsp.edu by April 11, 2008:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. A writing Sample