

MGA 2026 Symposium

Keynote Speakers



Bethea "Annie" Kleykamp, PhD, MA is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and serves as Director of Research and Evaluation for the Maryland Addiction Consultation Service (MACS). She is also an elected member of the Board of Directors for the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) and a Consulting Editor for *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*.

Dr. Kleykamp is an experimental psychologist with more than 20 years of experience conducting addiction research. Her research focuses on the intersection of aging and substance use, with an emphasis on addressing critical evidence gaps related to tobacco, opioids, alcohol, and polysubstance use among older adults. Her work aims to increase attention to the growing older adult population and associated increases in substance use.

She earned her PhD in Experimental Psychology in 2007 from Virginia Commonwealth University and completed postdoctoral training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit and the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Nicotine Psychopharmacology Laboratory (2007-2011). Before returning to academia full-time in 2023, Dr. Kleykamp held leadership positions across the nonprofit, industry, and academic sectors, including serving as Senior Director of Quality and Science at the American Society of Addiction Medicine. These diverse experiences have shaped her translational approach to research, with a focus on generating evidence that informs clinical practice, health systems, and public policy for the rapidly growing population of older adults affected by substance use.



Orlando Wright, PhD is a behavioral scientist with a Master of Social Work and a PhD in Behavioral Science. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the

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