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TRI Recruits Amy Mericle, Ph.D.

A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D. has announced the addition of Amy Mericle, Ph.D. to TRI's Section on Treatment Systems. Mericle will work under Deni Carise, Ph.D. to further develop and evaluate TRI's electronic patient assessment and referral system, "CASPAR," under a NIDA replication and evaluation grant.

Mericle received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago with dissertation research analyzing HIV/AIDS risk behavior among participants in the Northwestern Juvenile Project, a program headed by Linda Teplin, Ph.D. at Northwestern University. She completed post-doctoral studies at the University of California, San Francisco where she worked with Barbara Havassy, Ph.D. studying complications of co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. Mericle earned a BA and MSW from the University of Michigan.

"Dr. Mericle's appointment signifies TRI's commitment to bringing the CASPAR system to wider application in the field," McLellan said. "Evaluation results suggest the system improves matching of patients to the auxiliary services they need for recovery, and if these new studies confirm these results, Dr. Mericle will be part of the TRI team working to perfect CASPAR for introduction to the field at large," he said.