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Recent News

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March 10, 2009. Online Casino Sphere.

[McGill Youth Gambling Centre launches free support group for family members of adolescent/young adult gamblers](#)

March 06, 2009. Montreal Express.

[Council: Economic stress isn't turning more to gambling addiction](#)

March 09, 2009. NJBiz.com.

[Online gambling safe from EU regulation](#)

March 11, 2009. Out-law.com.

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Featured Research

[Is lottery gambling addictive?](#)

Guryan, J., & Kearney, M.S. (2009).

This paper presents an empirical test for the addictiveness of lottery gambling. To distinguish state dependence from serial correlation, we exploit an exogenous shock to local market consumption of lottery gambling. We use the sale of a winning ticket in the zip code as an instrument for present consumption and test for a causal relationship between present and future consumption. This test of addiction is based on the definition of addiction commonly used in the economics literature. Our data from the Texas State Lottery suggests that after 6 months, roughly half of the initial increase in lottery consumption is maintained. After 18 months, roughly 40 percent of the initial shock persists, though estimates become less precise. These estimates provide an upper bound on the degree of addictiveness in lottery gambling. They also highlight the potential effectiveness of innovations and advertising campaigns designed to increase lottery gambling.

Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

**Call for Nominations: Tibor I. Barsony Bursaries**

The Responsible Gambling Council is inviting nominations for the Tibor I. Barsony Bursaries to be awarded at the Discovery 2009 conference.

The awards are designed to support mainly full-time students who undertake a noteworthy project or study related to the prevention of problem gambling. A maximum of three \$1,000 bursaries will be awarded to students attending post-secondary institutions in Ontario.

To nominate a student, write a letter of not more than one page outlining the reasons for proposing the individual for the award and his/her contributions to the field.

Correspondence must be received by April 3, 2009:

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#### Upcoming Events

[Banff Conference on Internet Gambling](#)

March 27 - 28, 2009 - Banff, Alberta, Canada

[Responsible Gambling Council Discovery 2009 Conference](#)

April 19 - 22, 2009 - Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

[Western Regional Problem Gambling Awareness Conference](#)

May 1 - 2, 2009 - Vancouver, Washington, USA

[2009 Massachusetts Conference on Gambling Problems](#)

May 12, 2009 - Worcester, Massachusetts, USA

[Nordic Conference on Problem Gambling, Treatment and Prevention](#)

May 18 - 20, 2009 - Helsinki, Finland

[14th International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking](#)

May 25 - 29, 2009 - Stateline, Nevada, USA

[2009 Annual Conference North American Gambling Regulators Association](#)

June 2 - 5, 2009 - Washington, D.C., USA

[23rd National Conference on Problem Gambling Prevention, Treatment, Responsible Gaming, Research and Recovery](#)

June 25 - 27, 2009 - Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

[Gambling and Addictions Symposium 2009](#)

September 3 - 4, 2009 - Montréal, Quebec, Canada

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Hope you've enjoyed this edition of Newscan. We'll see you again next week!

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