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**STEWART-MARCHMAN-ACT FOUNDATION AND UNIVERSITY OF
FLORIDA PRESENT ABSTRACT AT ANNUAL RESEARCH SOCIETY ON
ALCOHOLISM'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation's research partnership with University of Florida McKnight Brain Institute has resulted in an abstract presentation in June 2009 at the Annual Research Society on Alcoholism's Annual Conference, a national forum for communication among researchers who share common interests in alcoholism. The Society's purpose is to promote research that can lead the way toward prevention and treatment of alcoholism.

Jeff Boissoneault, a graduate student in the Department of Psychiatry, presented **Differential Incidence of Head and Neck Trauma Among Alcohol and Stimulant Dependent Individuals.**

The University of Florida's McKnight Brain Institute has been conducting addictions research at the Vince Carter Sanctuary in Bunnell, Florida since 2007 under the supervision of Drs. Mark Gold and Sara Jo Nixon. Dr. Nixon adds, "The research being conducted at the Vince Carter Sanctuary will significantly impact our understanding of the initial deficits and the process of recovery. Perhaps, most importantly, it will allow us to better understand the individual needs of clients and develop more effective individualized programs. Given the rich databases already available, we anticipate several professional publications within the next year."

Also serving on the research team is research associate Maureen Weiss, RN. Ms. Weiss has extensive experience working with underserved populations in both clinical research and program development.

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