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### Recent News

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### Featured Research

[Gamblers Anonymous and the 12 Steps: How an informal society has altered a recovery process in accordance with the special needs of problem gamblers](#)

Ferentzy, P., Skinner, W., & Antze, P. (2009).

This paper discusses how Gamblers Anonymous (GA) members approach the 12 Steps of recovery, originally advanced by Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) as a spiritual solution to alcoholism. GA's approach finds unique expression in its fourth step, which in AA involves a written "moral inventory." In GA, members are expected to make a financial inventory alongside the moral one. Pecuniary matters are important to gamblers given the debt loads many of them carry. Debt, which is technically a Step 4 and Step 9 (making amends) issue, in practice is typically addressed early in

the program, with preceding steps addressed later. The spiritual process central to 12 Step programs will normally not proceed in the expected manner when gamblers are substituted for substance abusers. For one, the process is not as linear for gamblers. GA members often work on the ninth step well before addressing those coming before it. The process assumes a pragmatic, and even haphazard, flavor. GA has altered a time-honored process of recovery — by means of grassroots wisdom and practice — to apply to the realities of problem gambling. While the paper's primary focus is GA's unique approach to the 12 Steps, this is addressed in the context of the changing nature of GA as a whole. Shifting spousal and gender roles along with a greater appreciation of the 12 Steps themselves are all endemic to a GA fellowship that seems to be in transition. While these changes have had some effect, many aspects of GA's approach to the 12 Steps remain intact: the focus on debt entails solutions seemingly unique to the special needs of problem gamblers.

### **Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations**

#### [Call for Papers: Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand 2010 International Gambling Conference](#)

Proposals for presentations and sessions are now being accepted for The Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand 2010 International Gambling Conference being held February 24-26, 2010 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand. The conference will examine new technologies and their implications for the future of gambling along with the groups of people who may be targeted or impacted by these technologies. Enhancing measures needed to prevent and reduce harms associated with current and emerging forms of gambling will also be examined. Presentations should include new and original work that reflects the conference theme. Workshop presentations may be supported with visual materials, handouts, and activities. Alternatively to both paper and workshop presentations, presentations may be made through an audio or visual format. Individuals whose lives have been impacted by problem gambling and would like the opportunity to tell their story and express their views are also welcome.

Deadline for submissions is November 27th, 2009.

### **Upcoming Events**

[Job Posting: Director of Responsible Gaming, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority](#)  
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

[Fonds Québécois de la Recherche Sur la Société et la Culture: Gambling and Addictions Symposium 2009](#)

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

[National Institute of Health and Welfare: Gambling, Gender and Society International Research Conference](#)

September 24, 2009 - Helsinki, Finland

[Council of Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey 27th Annual Statewide Conference on Compulsive Gambling](#)

September 25, 2009 - Princeton, New Jersey, USA

[Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation's Responsible Gambling Conference 2009](#)

October 5 - 6, 2009 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

[National Centre for Responsible Gaming Conference on Gambling and Addiction](#)

November 15 - 17, 2009 - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

[National Association for Gambling Studies 19th Annual Conference](#)

November 18 - 20, 2009 - Canberra, ACT, Australia

[Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand 2010 International Gambling Conference](#)

February 24 - 26, 2010 - Auckland City, New Zealand

[National Council on Problem Gambling 24th National Annual Conference](#)

June 10 - 12, 2010 - Portland, Oregon, U.S.A

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

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