DYADIC CONFLICT AND ALCOHOL IN ROMANTIC COUPLES

ARE THESE LINKS PARTICULARLY STRONG IN WOMEN?

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Brief Abstract: Alcohol use is strongly influenced by interpersonal factors. Dr. Stewart will discuss the links between conflict in romantic couples and alcohol use/alcohol-related problems and explore gender differences in those links. She will present two studies from her lab on dating couples (one multi-wave longitudinal; the other in-lab experimental) that illustrate that these links may be particularly strong in women.

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