

# Faculty Focus: Scott McIntosh, Ph.D.

## What does your research focus on?

I have been Principal Investigator of an NIH-funded R01 and Co-Investigator of multiple tobacco cessation randomized controlled trials and initiatives. As Co-Director of the Smoking Research Program, current and previous tobacco control initiatives have included: RCTs; State-Funded health system training contracts (CTFFL, COE, CEI); pilot studies and collaborations.

My research and project work focuses on “technology assisted behavioral change”: telephone quitline coaching; web assisted tobacco intervention (WATI); and facilitating clinician behavior change such as guideline-based tobacco dependence screening and treatment, and a variety of other clinical behaviors in a variety of settings: medical health systems; behavioral health systems; maternal & child health; diet & physical activity; prevention of type 2 diabetes domestic & global projects.



## Why did you choose to do research in public and community health?

I worked in a college research lab with a mentor who did smoking cessation trials, followed by graduate research work (Masters and PhD) concerned with substance abuse in the context of social ecological systems (family, health care, peers, legal, religious, school, and culture). Years later, that mentor connected me with Deborah Ossip in Public Health Sciences, so I was able to return to a focus on tobacco dependence treatment research.

## What do you enjoy most about University of Rochester?

Collaborative opportunities; rich culture for multi-disciplinary team science.

## What opportunities are there for students to engage in your projects, both current and future?

We have data sets from many studies across a wide variety of behavioral health concerns and populations.