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Elias Klemperer, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Psychological Science at the Vermont Center on Behavior and Health, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont (UVM). As a behavioral scientist and licensed clinical psychologist, his research broadly falls within tobacco regulatory science and tobacco control. He primarily focuses on nicotine reduction, dual use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes, and interventions for people who are not ready to quit smoking. Dr. Klemperer uses a range of research methodologies, including clinical trials, controlled laboratory studies, meta-analysis, and fine-grained naturalistic research. He has experience conducting both fully-remote and in-person trials. In addition to his work in tobacco, Dr. Klemperer has an emerging line of research examining the treatment of opioid use disorder among people who are incarcerated, which reflects his clinical work in correctional settings. As the Associated Director of the Vermont Center on Behavior and Health (VCBH), he oversees two pilot project programs which support fellows and junior faculty in conducting pilot research to seed future NIH funding. Dr. Klemperer is the primary mentor for one Clinical Psychology pre-doctoral fellow, serves on multiple Master's thesis and Doctoral dissertation committees, and works regularly with pre- and post-doctoral trainees within the VCBH. Dr. Klemperer received his PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Vermont and completed his clinical internship at Yale University in 2019. He joined the University of Vermont faculty in 2020.