

Jeffrey Schaler

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Addiction is a Choice

Professor Jeffrey A. Schaler is the world's leading disbeliever in 'addiction'. He is an existential psychotherapist and full time professor in the Department of Justice, Law and Society at American University's School of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. His book *Addiction is a Choice* (2000) argues:

1. No drug (including alcohol and tobacco) is 'addictive'.
 2. Drugs are not intrinsically safe or dangerous, good or bad.
 3. Disease refers to cellular pathology, not behavior.
 4. 'Loss of control' is an unfalsifiable, hence unscientific, hypothesis.
 5. 'Addiction' is ethical, not medical.
 6. Focussing on the existential reasons for 'addiction' can help drug users address and resolve the problems in living they try to solve with drugs.
- Whether you agree, disagree, or are undecided, you are welcome to discuss Professor Schaler's argument and evidence with him in this important seminar.

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