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Message from our Chair

The Third Annual Erminio Costa Lecture delivered by Huda Akil, Ph.D. from the University of Michigan was a huge success. The lecture on the neurobiological perspectives of risk and protective factors in depression and anxiety was well attended and very well received. In addition to the presentation, Dr. Akil spent much of the day interacting with neuroscientists in the department, discussing science and offering informal mentorship. The event raised the bar for all future invited lectures in the department and the COM.

We have successfully recruited three well-trained clinician educators for the women’s mental health, mood and child programs – Drs. Melissa Wagner, Stephen Pesanti and Kelly Volpe respectively. They will start at UIC (Dr. Volpe is finishing her child fellowship) over the summer – early fall. On the education side, we are planning the graduation of our residents, fellows and psychology interns in June and preparing for the arrival of our new trainees soon.

Upcoming Events

*Upcoming Grand Rounds*

Wednesday May 10th - Dr. Mark Wright, Dept. of Psychiatry, UIC

Wednesday May 17th - Erika Manczak, MA & Nicholas Affrunti, MA

Wednesday May 24th - Natania Crane, MA, Meghan Quinn, MA & Elissa Hamlet, MA, Dept. of Psychiatry, UIC

Wednesday May 31st - Dr. Ed Riley, Distinguished Professor, Dept. of Psychology, San Diego State University
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On February 9, Dr. Joshua Nathan was a panel member for the UIC College of Medicine “Healers for Humanity” seminar. The program involved a “brief video of true accounts and reflections of medical trainees on empathy, compassion, and culturally competent care they have encountered during their training,” followed by a panel discussion by leaders in the health professions. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Memoona Hasnain and organized by medical student Ashley Patel, both from the Patient-centered Medicine Scholar’s Program. It was partially funded by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

Below story of the news published in USA today college included an interview with our very own Dr. Subhash Pandey. http://college.usatoday.com/2017/02/13/different-booze-different-buzz-myth-really/

Our own Stephanie Gorka on WBEZ’s 91.5 "Morning Shift" talk show – speaking on fear and anxiety in the current climate. https://www.wbez.org/shows/morning-shift/how-fear-affects-our-bodies-and-minds/b74a411a-0a39-461b-9c46-197aae4b308e

Shastri Swaminathan, MD, a UIC Clinical Associate Professor, and Chair of Psychiatry at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, was awarded NAMI Chicago’s Community Health Advocate of the Year Award. He was given the award at the 2017 Light the Darkness fundraising event March 30, 2017 at The Geraghty. Joshua Nathan, MD was in attendance with other members of the Illinois Psychiatric Society.

Joshua Nathan, MD, with residents Tammy Tamayo, MD, and Hristos Karanikas, MD, participated in the Illinois Psychiatric Society’s 2017 Advocacy Day trip to Springfield, along with resident and attending physicians from all over the state – 45 total. They met with the IPS lobbyist, talked with several representatives, and watched the General Assembly in action. We advocated for House Bill 311 (“Network Adequacy and Transparency Act”), and House Bill 68 (Amendment to the Heroin Crisis Act improving Mental Health Parity), and opposed House Bill 281 (amending the Administration of Psychotropic Medications to Children Act). They ended the day with hor d’oeuvres with a few legislators. Thank you Team UIC!

Congratulating first year medical student Emily Green, and her faculty mentor Marilyn Griffin MD. for receiving an AACAP summer fellowship! This is especially noteworthy considering that the number of national awards was reduced from 11 last year to eight this year due to funding. Project title: “Retrospective Comparison Chart Review Of Differences In Treatment Of Homeless Vs Housed Children Who Are Prescribed Stimulant Medications “.

Davi Lakind, a UIC graduate student who has been working with us at IJR and will be joining our internship this July, received this year's Delaware Project Student Award for her outstanding research in Dissemination and Implementation Science. The award is jointly sponsored by the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science and the Association of Behavior and Cognitive Therapies. Davi will receive a $1,000 stipend to attend the Academy meeting in May in Boston and the ABCT meeting in November in San Diego. She will also serve as the liaison between the Academy and the Delaware Project for this next year.
**Faculty Research News (Cont.)**

Dr. Dennis R. Grayson was elected to the Faculty Senate for the 2017-2018 school year. In addition, Dr. Grayson was awarded a Pilot Grant from the CCTS, along with co-investigators Drs. Alessandro Guidotti and Alan Kozikowski (College of Pharmacy), to synthesize and test new DNA methylation inhibitors that are efficacious and more readily penetrate the blood brain barrier.

**Stephanie Gorka**, PhD, received her Career Development K23 5-year Grant Award from NIH-NIAAA, “Brain-Behavior Reactivity to Threat and Alcohol Abuse Risk in Young Adults”.

**Katie Burkhouse**, PhD, received a Klingenstein Third Generation Fellowship Award in Depression, “Targeting Biomarkers of Risk among Offspring of Depressed Parents through a Family Cognitive Behavioral Preventive Intervention.”

A paper from Annmarie MacNamara, Heide Klumpp, Amy Kennedy, Scott Langenecker, and K. Luan Phan ("Transdiagnostic neural correlates of affective face processing in anxiety and depression") was selected as a Finalist for the Don Klein Award from the Anxiety and Depression Association of America.

Jonathan Stange, Ph.D., was awarded a Young Investigator Travel Scholarship from the International Society for Research on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology to attend the biennial ISRCAP meeting in Amsterdam

Geri Fox, MD received the Maria Devens Award for Promoting Wellness at the Chicago Medical Student Council Awards Ceremony on 4/11/17. Dr. Fox is pictured below with other award winning faculty members Doug Cotanche and Fred Zar, along with Lisa Anderson-Shaw.

Dr. Graziano Pinna, was presented as a speaker in the Chicago Society for Neuroscience Symposium on "Social Neuroscience" chaired by Stephanie and John Cacioppo, the talk titled "Social isolation and behavioral deficits: A translational pharmacological approach for PSI, PTSD, and depression"

http://chicagosfn.org/annual-meeting/chicago/

**Dr. Eleonora Gatta**, presented at the Chicago chapter of the Society for Neuroscience: " Emerging role of one-carbon metabolism in the epigenetic downregulation of GABA_A receptor delta subunit in the cerebellum of alcoholic subjects”.

**Dr. Andrea Locci**, presented at the Chicago chapter of the Society for Neuroscience: " NEUROSTEROID BIOSYNTHESIS MEDIATES THE ANXIOLYTIC AND ANTI-FEAR EFFECTS INDUCED BY THE ENDOCANNABINOID, N-PALMITOYLETHANOLAMINE (PEA)”.

Discover magazine listed Dr. Rasenick’s research into why antidepressants take so long to work as one of their top 100 stories for all of 2016:

https://uifightdepression.psych.uic.edu/pioneering-research/why-antidepressants-are-so-slow-to-act”
Education News

We are pleased to announce the results of our 2016-2017 recruitment season. We matched with 10 excellent applicants. Thank you to all who participated in the process. We could not achieve this without your ongoing support.

Residency Training and Education

Incoming PG-1 Residents 2017

Jennifer Adams, MD
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Hao Cheng, MD
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Alexia Copenhaver, MD
Rush Medical College of Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Martin Hinrichs, MD
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City, OK

Sara Kashani, MD
Northwestern University The Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Christopher Papa, MD
University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Luke Petry, MD
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Caleb Reyes, MD
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas TX

Sean Riley, MD
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison WI

Aishah Yassineh, MD
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL
Recent Publications


Overcome Prejudice at Work by Ranna Parekh, MD, and Carl C. Bell, MD, with Karen Weintraub $6.00
http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00AQ1UUNU/ref=as_li_tf_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=harvardhealthpub&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=B00AQ1UUNU
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