A message from our Department Head,
Dr. Anand Kumar

There is a lot happening in our department! Dr. Henry Dove and the Education Committee are launching our Education Forum on September 17th. The event, which is the first of its kind to be organized by a department in the COM, will include plenary sessions, several small groups, and discussions that focus on junior faculty development and new developments and trends in academic psychiatry.

On Tuesday, October 21st, we are launching the University of Illinois Center on Depression and Resilience – UICDR. This is a major initiative for clinicians, researchers, and educators involved in mood disorders work in the University. The keynote speaker for this event will be former United States Congressman Patrick Kennedy. This year, the Research Extravaganza will be integrated into the launch event and poster sessions and the reception will be part of that special day. We look forward to your full and enthusiastic participation in both these events. These are exciting times for us!

Upcoming Events

◊ Grand Rounds seminars will start back up on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 1:00pm in the auditorium of the School of Public Health and Psychiatric Institute (SPHPI), located 1601 West Taylor Room 109. Please visit our department’s webpage for the link to our 2014-2015 Academic year Grand Rounds speakers. http://www.psych.uic.edu/images/stories/documents/Grand%20Rounds%20Brochure.pdf

◊ Save the date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014, our Annual Fall Retreat for Faculty and Residents at Cheney Mansion (all day event for residents).

◊ Save the date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Our Annual Research Extravaganza (more information coming in our next issue).

◊ Save the date for the (NNDC) National Network of Depression Centers Conference 2014 on October 22nd through October 24th, 2014 (more information coming in our next issue).
Faculty/Research News

- **UIC Center** released a health fair manual to promote integrated care. The Center on Psychiatric Disability and Co-Occurring Medical Conditions, directed by Dr. Judith Cook, released "Promoting Wellness for People in Mental Health Recovery," a guide to planning and conducting successful health fairs for people with serious mental illnesses [http://www.cmhsrp.uic.edu/health/designing_health_screening.asp](http://www.cmhsrp.uic.edu/health/designing_health_screening.asp). The manual is being used around the U.S. to conduct community health screening for children and adults.

- **Drs. Judith Cook & Lisa Razzano** are part of a team awarded a 5-year, $4.8 million transformation grant by SAMHSA. Under this grant, UIC researchers will examine employment outcomes and create a supported employment education and training web portal for use by the state and local mental health agencies. Other team members include Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centers and Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare, located in Chicago.

- **Dr. Geri Fox** taught a week-long course entitled "Stories that Stick: Learning Life-Span Development by Watching Real Kids Grow Up" at the Door County Summer Institute, sponsored by Medical College of Wisconsin, in Egg Harbor, WI.

- **Christina James**, LCSW, has been accepted to start Level I training in Sensorimotor Psychotherapy, starting in October. Sensorimotor Psychotherapy is a body-oriented talking therapy that integrates verbal techniques with body-centered interventions in the treatment of trauma, attachment, and developmental issues.

- **Dr. Harish Krishnan** presented a novel poster highlighting his work on alcohol tolerance and dynamic interaction with histone acetylation and DNA methylation at the 3rd International Conference and won first place (pictured below).

- **Dr. Scott Langenecker**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and psychology, appeared on ABC 7 news at 5 p.m. to discuss depression and suicide in a report about the untimely death of Robin Williams. The story is available on the ABC 7 website: [http://abc7chicago.com/health/robin-williams-death-highlights-suicide-awareness-prevention-/254846/](http://abc7chicago.com/health/robin-williams-death-highlights-suicide-awareness-prevention-/254846/)

- **Dr. Amber May** pre-matched into the UIC Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellowship beginning next June. She was chosen to participate in the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) Educational Outreach Program for General Psychiatry Residents during the annual meeting this October.
Faculty/Research News (cont.)

- A great representation of Department of psychiatry at the 3rd International Conference on Addiction Research and Therapy in Chicago. **Dr. Subhash Pandey** delivered a keynote talk on ‘Neuroepigenetics and Alcoholism’ during the conference held at Hilton-Chicago/Northbrook, IL from August 4-6, 2014. He also chaired a symposium on ‘Molecular and Epigenetic basis of Alcoholism’ with several other UIC faculty. In addition, **Drs. Harish Krishnan, Christina Floreani, Tara Teppen** and **Huaibo Zhang** from Dr. Pandey’s laboratory presented their work during the poster session on August 5.

- **Dr. Subhash Pandey** hosted Dr. George Koob, the Director of the National Institutes of Health — National Institute in Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The primary purpose of the visit was to meet with Dr. Pandey’s research group and discuss our plans for basic and translational research in the department and the University. Dr. Koob gave a talk entitled, “What Science Can Contribute to the Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Alcoholism” on Monday, August 18, 2014 (pictured below).

- Effective August 2014, **Dr. Neil Pliskin** is now the President of the Neuropsychology Division of the American Psychological Association (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology).

- **Dr. Minjie Wu** and her CFAR mentor **Dr. Pauline Maki** received the Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research (CNIHR) award from the Nobel Laureate and President of IAS Dr. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi and Director of NIH Office of AIDS Research Dr. Jack Whitescarver. The award was presented at the 20th International AIDS Conference, Melbourne, Australia, on July 20-25, 2014 (pictured below).
Educational News

The Department of Psychiatry is sponsoring our inaugural Education Forum on September 17, 2014. We have planned what we hope will be an informative day that will showcase best practices in medical education and faculty development. We are fortunate to have an excellent faculty comprised of external and internal educators. Our keynote address will be given by Carol Bernstein M.D., who is the Vice Head for Education in psychiatry, Professor of Psychiatry and past President of the American Psychiatric Association. She will speak on “The Future of Psychiatric Education and Confronting the Challenges through Preparation”.

Our second speaker will be Howard Liu M.D., the Director of Faculty Development and Education at the University of Nebraska/Creighton Medical School, Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and renown Child Psychiatrist. He will present on the importance of having a healthy faculty development and mentoring program to support education. He and our own Dr. Geri Fox will then team lead a workshop on giving appropriate and impactful feedback to trainees. There will be 4 additional such workshops running concurrently. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. We ask that you reserve the afternoon as we plan what we think will be an enriching educational experience.

1:00PM -6:30PM

Moss Auditorium and the College of Medicine Research Building (COMRB) Small Group Rooms

10:30am-11:30am “Consult with the Expert.” One hour session for junior faculty and advanced trainees working on educational research or work projects related to education. (Bernstein/Liu)

12:00pm-1:00pm Luncheon with keynote speakers. Open to interested faculty and trainees.

1:00pm-2:10pm Grand Rounds speaker for the day Carol Bernstein M.D. Former President (first woman) of APA, Professor of Psychiatry at NYU and Vice Head for Education. Will speak on future challenges for medical education and how to maximize resources to support the education mission.

2:15pm Howard Liu M.D. Creighton and Univ. Neb COM. Vice Head for Education in Psychiatry and Institutional Director of Faculty Development. Keynote address will focus on the role of faculty development in facilitating and maintaining a stimulating educational community.

3:30pm-5:30pm Breakout groups facilitated by faculty from the Department of Medical Education and Department of Psychiatry. List of Faculty facilitators to follow.

5:30pm -6:30pm Reception in the lobby of Moss Auditorium
Recent Publications

- **Dr. Rachel Jacobs**, Lisanne Jenkins, Laura Gabriel, Alyssa Barba, Kelly Ryan, **Dr. Sara Weisenbach**, Alvara Verges, Amanda Baker, Amy Peters, Natania Crane, Ian Gotlieb, Jon-Kar Zubieta, **Dr. Luan Phan**, **Dr. Scott Langenecker** & Robert Welsh published, “Increased Coupling of Intrinsic Networks in Remitted Depressed Youth Predicts Rumination and Cognitive Control.”  
  doi: 1371/journal.pone.0101366  
  http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0104366  
  http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/622484/?sc=top

- **Dr. Stevan Weine's** short essay on the visions of the poet Allen Ginsberg was published on the Critical Inquiry blog.  
  http://critinq.wordpress.com/2014/07/31/allen-ginsbergs-magical-evolving-visions/