Message from the Chair

Emerging from the summer, we are busy preparing for the Research Extravaganza, the posters, the faculty presentations and the Keynote address. Luan Phan and his team are working hard preparing for the event. The office of education is preparing for the residency recruitment season and our clinicians are busy with their teaching and patient care activities. Recruitment for clinician-educator positions in the women’s mental health and neuropsychiatry programs is ongoing and we will keep you posted as things crystallize. Grand Rounds will officially begin on 9/23/2015. We are also working closely with the Kennedy Forum Illinois and our University of Illinois Center on Depression and Resilience (UI CDR) will have a visible role in their second Annual Gala later this year.

Have a great Labor Day weekend!

Upcoming Events

- **Labor day** will be celebrated on Monday September 7, 2015. Please be safe and enjoy our holiday.

- Our department’s **6th Annual Research Extravaganza** is scheduled for Wednesday September 16, 2015 from 1:00 pm until 5:00pm at the UIC Student West Center located 828 S. Wolcott ave. This year’s faculty presenters are: Drs. **Subhash Pandey**, (”The Emerging Field of Epigenetics in Neuroscience of Alcoholism”), **Alex Leow** (”Recent Advances in Computational Neuroimaging: What Can Graph Theory Teach us about the Human Brain?”) and **Jennifer Duffecy** (”Supportive Accountability: A Framework for Adherence to Behavioral Intervention Technologies”). Our Key note speaker this year will be **Dr James Leckman**, Neison Harris Professor of Child Psychiatry and Psychiatry, Psychology and Pediatrics at Yale University. (”Primary Prevention in Child Psychiatry: The Transformative Power of Children and Families”)

- Grand Rounds seminars will start back up on Wednesday September 23, 2015 with Dr. Jon Grant University of Chicago (“Body Focused Repetitive Behaviors: Phenomenology, Biology and treatment”) 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 2015-2016 Academic year Grand Rounds speakers.
Faculty/Research News

Dr. Marilyn Griffin: At the Annual Faculty Meeting of the College of Medicine, held on August 7, 2015, Marilyn Griffin, MD was elected as a member of the Committee on Admissions for 2015-2018. Among the duties and responsibilities, the Committee on Admissions is responsible for accepting students to the College, based on policies and standards established by its membership.

Dr. Melissa Lamar: Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association meeting (top link provides information in English; bottom link in Spanish) I am organizing a clinical panel on ‘Dignified Diagnosis’ with contributors that will include Darren Gitelman, MD, Senior Medical Director, Advocate Memory Center, Advocate Healthcare System; Rita Shapiro, DO, Neurologist/Geriatrician, Assistant Professor, Jesse Brown Veteran’s Administration and Sandra Weintraub, PhD, ABCN/ABPP, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Neurology and Psychology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

http://go.illinois.edu/alzheimer_association_research_symposium_eng
http://go.illinois.edu/alzheimer_association_research_symposium_esp

Dr. Melissa Lamar: highlights work from her group on detecting dementia using Artificial Intelligence and digital technology: Souillard-Mandar and Rudin co-wrote the paper with MIT Professor Randall Davis and researchers Dana Penney of Lahey Hospital, Rhoda Au of Boston University, David Libon of Drexel University, Catherine Price of the University of Florida, Melissa Lamar of the University of Illinois Chicago, and Rod Swenson of the University of North Dakota Medical School.

The article is linked below: http://groups.csail.mit.edu/mug/pubs/Souillard2015MLJ.pdf

Dr. David Lott presented a workshop in August on Contingency Management at the National Conference on Addictive Disorders in St. Louis and participated in a roundtable discussion with Senator Dick Durbin and others on Heroin on August 7, 2015 in Naperville, Illinois.

Dr. Subhash Pandey and the CARE team presentation link below: published in dailylillini news regarding CARE presentation at BOT meeting on July 9th, 2015: http://www.dailyillini.com/article/2015/07/board-of-trustees-discuss-changes-for-university

Dr. Luan Phan’s research on PTSD research was highlighted in the below article in Psychiatric News-Psychopharm:

Dr. Neil Pliskin became a fellow of the American Psychological Association along with completing his term as President of the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology, Division 40 of the American Psychological Association. He delivered a presidential address at the APA convention in Toronto, Ontario entitled: "The Future of Neuropsychology: Of Silos, Handhelds, and CPT Codes". For those captivated by the title and wanting to hear the presidential address in its entirety, it can be found on YouTube: http://youtu.be/taQkja5Oes

Dr. Kathy Rospenda: was quoted in a recent Reuters article, “Toxic coworkers linked to worse mental health for college students.” The article can be read at http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/07/23/us-health-coworkers-college-idUSKCN0PX2DB20150723.

Dr. Leah Rubin: was highlighted by International Society of Neuro Virology (ISNV:) http://isnv.org/blog/index.php/2015/08/03/womens-mental-health-and-hiv/
Recent Publications

http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15374416.2015.1050724#.VdywRbQk--I


http://psychnews.psychiatryonline.org/doi/full/10.1176/appi.pn.2015.PP8a3 and in VA Research Currents:
http://www.research.va.gov/currents/0715-5.cfm

May, Amber and Blitzstein, Sean are contributing authors for Case Files: Psychiatry, 5th edition, which has been recently published.
[http://www.amazon.com/Case-Files-Psychiatry-Fifth-LANGE/dp/0071835326/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1440552852&sr=8-1&keywords=case+files+psychiatry](http://www.amazon.com/Case-Files-Psychiatry-Fifth-LANGE/dp/0071835326/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1440552852&sr=8-1&keywords=case+files+psychiatry)