Message from the Chair

Things are moving along in the Department. Post- 'State of the Department' presentation, we are working on many fronts including UI Behavioral Health, the educational review, and managing our operations more efficiently. We are also planning the next Research Extravaganza and concurrently working on new recruits on the clinical and research fronts. All this, as we balance the budget.

Special Announcements

Save the Date: Graduation of the Psychiatry, Social Work, and Psychology classes of 2015 is planned for Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 6-10pm. This year’s event will be held at the University Club of Chicago (76 East Monroe, Chicago, IL, 60603). Be on the lookout for RSVP and menu information.

Upcoming Events

Grand Rounds (SPH/PI, Room 109)
March 4, 2015: Dr. David Konczal, UIC, “To Help Professionals Understand the Health Effects of Marijuana on the Brain and Body”
March 18, 2015: Dr. Anantha Shekhar, Indiana University School of Medicine, title TBD
March 25, 2015: Dr. Ramin Parsey, Neurosciences Institute School of Medicine, Stony Brook Medicine, “Brain Imaging in Mood Disorders”

Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar Series (NPI, 7th Floor Auditorium)
March 6, 2015: Dr. Brian Mickey, University of Michigan, “Genetically-Based Brain Phenotypes for Mood Disorders”
March 13, 2015: Dr. Kelly Ryan, University of Michigan, “Cognitive Predictors of Employment Outcomes in Bipolar Disorder”
March 20, 2015: Dr. Derin Cobia, Northwestern University School of Medicine, “Recent Advances in the Neuroimaging of Psychosis?”
March 27, 2015: Neurology/Neuropsychiatry/Neuropsychology Services, UIC, “Neurobehavioral Case Presentation”
Faculty/Research News

**Dr. Michael Naylor** presented at a Senate briefing in Washington, D.C. entitled, “Reducing Overreliance on Psychotropics and Increasing Use of Evidence-Based Psychosocial Treatments for Children and Youth in Foster Care.” The briefing was hosted by Senator Tom Carper (D-Delaware) and sponsored by First Focus, Center for Healthcare Strategies, and Voice for Adoption.

**Dr. Michael Naylor** testified in front of the House Ways and Means Committee, Human Resources Subcommittee in May 2014 on the use of psychotropic medications in foster children. [Click here to watch the video recording of the hearing.](#)

**Dr. Subhash Pandey** received a VA Senior Research Career Scientist Award that recognizes VA health services researchers who are leaders in their field.

**Dr. Leah Rubin** was quoted in a *New York Times* article on maternal depression. [Click here to read the article.](#)

**Dr. Stevan Weine** participated in the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) in February 2015. Dr. Weine is conducting DHS- and NIJ-funded research on CVE, including how to integrate mental health into CVE. Dr. Weine was interviewed by NPR’s *All Things Considered* and *Bloomberg Radio* about this Summit.

Clinical News

Join us in welcoming Dr. Kalyan Rao, Assistant Professor in Clinical Psychiatry. Dr. Rao received his BS (Psychology) from Michigan State University in 1999 and his MBBS from PSG Institute of Medical Science and Research in India in 2007. Dr. Rao did his Psychiatry Residency at Indiana University, as well as his Addictions Psychiatry Fellowship. He then became an inpatient attending MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn Illinois before joining UIC. Dr. Rao will provide patient care services for the Department of Psychiatry in inpatient and outpatient settings as an attending psychiatrist in the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program. He also has an appointment in the Department of Anesthesiology as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology where he will be providing outpatient care in the Pain Clinic. Dr. Rao is board-certified in both General Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry. He is interested in mood and anxiety disorders, such as bipolar disorder, major depression, and PTSD, as well as substance use disorders, ADHD, and schizophrenia.

Educational News

Congratulations to the Child and Adolescent Program and the Psychology Program, who successfully matched candidates for all spots in the upcoming academic year!

**Adult Track:** Ashley Friend-Kendall (Northwestern University)  
Stephanie Gorka (University of Illinois at Chicago)  
Jonathan Stange (Temple University)

**Child Track:** Nora Bunford (Ohio University)  
Katie Burkhouse (SUNY Binghamton)  
William Hartmann (University of Michigan)

Psychiatry Match date is near; March 20, 2015; we are seeking to fill 10 PG-1 year interns for FY16.
Recent Publications

Dr. Olusola Ajilore and colleagues published “Clinical Characteristics of Patients with Late Life Bipolar Disorder in the Community: Data from the NNDC Registry” in *The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. [Click here to read more.](#)

Drs. Alessandra Passarotti, Natania Crane, Donald Hedeker, and Robin Mermelstein published “Longitudinal Trajectories of Marijuana Use from Adolescence to Young Adulthood” in *Addictive Behaviors*. [Click here to read more.](#)

Drs. Mani Pavuluri and Amber May published an article in *AIMS Neuroscience* entitled, “I Feel, Therefore, I am: The Insula and Its Role in Human Emotion, Cognition and the Sensory-Motor System.” [Click here to read more.](#)

Drs. Reza Tadayonnejad, Shaolin Yang, Anand Kumar, and Olusola Ajilore published “Clinical, cognitive, and functional connectivity correlations of resting-state intrinsic brain activity alterations in unmedicated depression” in the *Journal of Affective Disorders*. [Click here to read more.](#)