Message from our Chair

Things are moving along in the clinical, educational, and research realms. Our psychology internship matched well with highly qualified candidates. Our clinical programs remain very productive with high rates of compliance and patient satisfaction. The Second Annual Erminio Costa memorial Lecture will be held on April 13th with Michael Meaney, Ph.D. as the keynote speaker. I will be presenting the 2016 ‘State of the Department’ to our faculty, trainees and staff on March 17th at the department meeting.

Faculty/Staff Research News

Dr. Joshua Nathan and residents Timothy Yovankin and Hristos Karanikas participated in the Illinois Psychiatric Society Advocacy Day. The travelled to Springfield with other attending and resident psychiatrists, met with state senators and representatives. They help push for action on mental health funding and insurance regulatory bills.

Photo 1: Dr. Nathan, Dr. Karanikas and Northwestern residents in front of Capitol Building.

Our KTGF Jay G Hirsch child and adolescent psychiatry medical student fellows, along with Marilyn Griffin, M.D., participated in the Klingenstein conference at Yale in February of this year.
Faculty/ Staff Research News (Cont.)

Here are our Match results for the 2016-2017 Clinical Psychology Internship. We matched all 5 available spots with our most highly rated applicants!

**Joining us next year will be:**

**Child Track:**
- Nicholas Affrunti, University of Louisville,
- Erika Manczak, Northwestern University

**Adult Track:**
- Natania Crane, University of Illinois at Chicago,
- Elissa Hamlat, Temple University,
- Meghan Quinn, Northwestern University

**Dr. John Davis** has been selected to receive the third annual ASCP Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP). The award is named after Dr. Don Klein, who is the epitome of clinical psychopharmacology from his earliest days as a psychiatrist with the advent of modern psychopharmacology in the 1960’s. The ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday June 1, 2016, whereas Dr. Davis will also be the plenary speaker. Congratulations to Dr. John Davis.

**Dr. Neil Pliskin** will give 2 talks the first and second weeks of March. The Colloquium speaker at Rosalind Franklin University: Health Care Reform and the Future of Neuropsychology. Also at the Construction Safety Expo and Conference ([http://www.constructionsafetycouncil.org/ConfFlyer.pdf](http://www.constructionsafetycouncil.org/ConfFlyer.pdf)): Electrical Injury.

**Dr. Mark Rasenick** was featured in the Science Magazine for a story about his recent delegation to Cuba to create a neuroscience exchange program. Click link: [http://science.sciencemag.org/content/351/6272/458.full](http://science.sciencemag.org/content/351/6272/458.full)


**Dr. Amy Lasek, Dr. Christopher Holden,** and Dr. Celeste Napier (Rush University) will be giving a public lecture on March 23 on the science of addiction, hosted by the Chicago Council on Science and Technology. Click link: [http://www.c2st.org/event/2016/02/science-addiction](http://www.c2st.org/event/2016/02/science-addiction)
Upcoming events

Psychiatry Department’s Grand Rounds line up for March is:

3/2/16: Christina James, LCSW, MPP, UIC
3/9/16: Raymond Curry, MD Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs- UIC
3/16/16: Social Worker Intern Clinical Presentation: Haley Nicole Davis, Juliana Estall, M. Amanda Myers, UIC
3/23/16: Mary McKernan McKay, PhD, New York University
3/30/16: Benjamin L. Handen, PhD, BCBA-D, Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders

Grand Rounds is located in the School of Public Health and Psychiatric Institute 1601 W. Taylor street in the auditorium room 109.

SAVE THE DATES!

2nd Annual Erminio Costa Memorial Lecture

Keynote Speaker: Michael J. Meaney, Ph.D.

James McGill Professor,
Department of Psychiatry, Neurology & Neurosurgery
Douglas Hospital Research Centre, McGill University
“Environmental Regulation of the Neural Epigenome: Implications for Translational Medicine”

Wednesday, April 13th, 2016
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Location TBD

Graduation of the Psychiatry and Psychology Classes of 2016

Saturday, June 4th, 2016
6:00 PM-10:00 PM
University Club of Chicago, 76 East Monroe, Chicago, IL 60603
**Recent Publications**

**Bell CC.** “Commentary on the Usefulness of Clinical Research,” Abnormal and Behavioural Psychology, Volume 2, Number 1: [http://dx.doi.org/10.4172/abp.1000106 2016; http://www.omicsgroup.org/journals/ArchiveABP/articleinpress-abnormal-behavioural-psychology.php]


**Bell CC.** CDC’s warning to women about drinking and birth control is long overdue. theGrio, February 6, 2016; [http://thegrio.com/2016/02/06/cdc-warning-women-drinking-birth-control-african-americans/]


**Bell CC.** Specialty Focus - Depression “African American suicide is rare, but research is still needed.” Clinical Psychiatry News, March 1, 2016. [http://www.clinicalpsychiatrynews.com/specialty-focus/depression/single-article-page/african-american-suicide-is-rare-but-research-still-needed/7db104a7cb0ed1f118598132c54963b4.html]


**Dr. Amy Lasek** co-authored a paper with colleagues at The Scripps Research Institute that was accepted for publication on March 1: Schweitzer, P., Cates-Gatto, C., Varodayan, F.P., Nadav, T., Roberto, M., Lasek, A.W., and Roberts, A.J. Dependence-induced ethanol drinking and GABA neurotransmission are altered in Alk deficient mice. (2016) Neuropharmacology, **in press**.
