Happy 4th of July

Special Announcements

- The Graduation Ceremony once again, was a stellar event. This year we over-exceeded our normal attendance and it made for a fun time as the graduates came together with family and friends to celebrate their achievements.

- There will not be a July 2014 newsletter, so the next publication will be released for the month of August 2014.

- The office of the Head would like to thank everyone who attended the Department’s Annual Welcome picnic on July 1st. It was a great success because of you.

Upcoming Events

- The next Research Colloquium will take place on July 24 to kick off the next year with speaker Dr. Reza Tadayon-Nejad.

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

- Save the date for our Annual Research Extravaganza Tuesday October 21, 2014 (more information coming in our next issues).

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

Dr. Olusola Ajilore was quoted in an article about using UIC’s CAVE to study structural brain abnormalities associated with depression in the July/August issue of Discover Magazine.

Natania Crane, a Ph.D. candidate, was just awarded a Research Fellowship Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for her project, “Neurocognitive, Affective and Psychosocial Correlates of Adolescent Substance Use,” sponsored by Drs. Scott Langenecker and Robin Mermelstein.

Dr. Jennifer Francis received the Merton Max Gill Teacher of the Year Award.

Dr. Julie Janecek was awarded a grant from the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology entitled “Impact of Neuropsychological Evaluation on Healthcare Utilization in Adults with Sickle Cell Disease” to investigate the utility and cost effectiveness of neuropsychological services.

Dr. Subhash Pandey is listed as a notable biomedical research investigator by the Office of Research and Development, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington DC for his valuable contribution to VA biomedical research. Click here to read more.

Dr. Ghanshyam Pandey was designated as a University Scholar for AY 2014-15. The University Scholar program was designed to identify outstanding faculty who are among the very best in their fields. Dr. Pandey joins a select group of colleagues in receiving this recognition.

Dr. Alessandra Passarotti has received a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse entitled, “Brain Mechanisms of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder as Risk Factor for Drug Abuse.” Dr. Scott Langenecker is a co-investigator on this project.

Dr. Mani Pavuluri received the Jay Hirsch Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Graziano Pinna was an invited speaker at the Universidade Federale de Sao Paulo, Escola Paulista, Sao Paulo, Brazil on May 6, and again at the Universidade Federale de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil on May 7.

Dr. Neil Pliskin was invited to visit the Beijing Center (affiliated with the University of Chicago) at the end of June to attend the Workshop on Rehabilitation Following Electrical Injury with fellow researchers and scholars from the University of Chicago and institutions across China.

Dr. Joshua Rodgers received recognition from faculty by presenting the Laughlin Foundation Award for outstanding work by a senior resident.

Dr. Cherise Rosen has been appointed co-director of the Chicago Hallucination Consortium (CHC). The CHC is an inter disciplinary community interested in developing efforts that will advance the scientific, educational, and clinical application of new strategies, formulations, and therapeutic approaches to these human experiences. If you are interested in participating in upcoming meetings/events or in being part of our e-mail listserv, please contact us by e-mail at challucinationc@gmail.com.

Dr. Cherise Rosen has been invited to serve on the advisory council of the Chicago Hearing Voices Network, the Midwest branch of the USA Hearing Voices Network.

Dr. Cherise Rosen recently gave the presentation, “The Maastricht Interview: A Phenomenologically Informed Clinical Intake” at the Psychosis in Community Mental Health Workshop hosted by the Midwest branch of the USA Hearing Voices Network.
Educational News

The new academic year is underway with 16 new child and adolescent trainees, CAP residents, psychology interns, social work interns and psychology externs. We will have nurse trainees as well. Please say hello!

Recent Publications

Drs. Olusola Ajilore, Melissa Lamar, Anand Kumar, and colleagues at the University of Southern California and University of California, Los Angeles, published “Disassociation of verbal learning and hippocampal volume in type 2 diabetes and major depression” in the *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. Click here to read more.

Drs. Daniel Fitzgerald, Luan Phan, and colleagues at the University of Chicago and University of Michigan published “Effects of oxycodone on brain responses to emotional images” in *Psychopharmacology*. Click here to read more.

Stephanie Gorka, Ashley Huggins, Drs. Daniel Fitzgerald, Brady Nelson, Luan Phan, and Stewart Shankman published an article in the *Journal of Affective Disorders* entitled, “Neural response to reward anticipation in those with depression with and without panic disorder.” Click here to read more.

Dr. Lech Kiedrowski published a paper in the *Journal of Neurochemistry* entitled, “Proton-dependent zinc release from intracellular ligands.” Click here to read more.

Drs. Scott Langenecker, Rachel Jacobs, and Alessandra Passarotti published “Current Neural and Behavioral Dimensional Constructs Across Mood Disorders” in *Mood and Anxiety Disorders*. Click here to read more.

Drs. Vanessa Meyer, Daniel Fitzgerald, Erin Sunderman, Leah Rubin, Pauline Maki and colleagues at Cook County Health and Hospital System, Rush University Medical Center, Scott & White Memorial Hospital, and Texas A&M Health Science Center published an article in the *Journal of NeuroVirology* entitled, “Crack cocaine use impairs anterior cingulate and prefrontal cortex function in women with HIV infection.” Click here to read more.

Dr. Luan Phan and colleagues at the University of Michigan and Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School published an article in *The Neurobiology of Learning and Memory* entitled, “Cannabinoid modulation of prefrontal-limbic activation during fear extinction learning and recall in humans.” Click here to read more.

Drs. Sara Weisenbach, Michelle Kassel, Julia Rao, Annie Weldon, Olusola Ajilore, Scott Langenecker, and colleagues at the University of Michigan and the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center published a paper entitled, “Differential prefrontal and subcortical circuitry engagement during encoding of semantically related words in patients with late-life depression” in the *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. Click here to read more.