Message from the Head

UIC Psychiatry is excited to welcome the new incoming class of residents for 2014 (see page 4). We place a high value on education and teaching and are eager for the new residents to share their knowledge and experience with trainees throughout Psychiatry and the College of Medicine. UIC residents have a desire to learn and the capacity to become future leaders in Psychiatry. UIC’s education mission and dedication to training creates a strong foundation for future careers. We look forward to seeing what the new residents will bring to our community. Congratulations class of 2014!

Upcoming Events

Grand Rounds (SPH/PI, Room 109)

April 9, 2014: Dr. Francisco X. Castellanos, NYU Lagone Medical Center, “Intrinsic Functional Connectivity As a Tool for Understanding Pathophysiology in ADHD”

April 16, 2014: Matt Calamia and Alvaro Verges, UIC, “Sex, drugs, and factor analysis: measuring personality and psychopathology in a sample of abstinent Bulgarian drug users”

April 23, 2014: Dr. Jair C. Soares, University of Texas-Houston Medical School, “Bipolar Disorders: Neurobiological Mechanisms and Therapeutic Implications”

April 30, 2014: Dr. Meryl Butters, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, “Mood Matters: The Links Between Late-life Depression and Future Dementia”

Please see link of Grand Rounds booklet 2013-2014

Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar Series (NPI, 7th Floor Auditorium)


April 11, 2014: Dr. Kent Kiehl, University of New Mexico, “The Usual Suspects Magnetized: When Law and Neuroscience Collide”

April 25, 2014: Dr. Keith Thulborn, UIC, “Metabolic MR Imaging is the New Black: What 9.4T MRI May Tell Us About Aging and Brain Function”
Faculty/Research News

Dr. Olusola Ajilore was featured in *Nature Medicine* in an article about Cave Automatic Virtual Environments (CAVE) for his work in collaboration with colleagues in the School of Engineering to study the neurobiology of depression. [click here to read more.](#)

Dr. Maria Caserta was elected to the University of Illinois at Chicago Senate for a 3-year term beginning in September 2014.

Dr. Judith Cook and colleagues at the UIC Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy received a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for a randomized controlled trial study of self-directed care for adults with serious mental illnesses.

Dr. Pauline Maki is President-Elect of the North American Menopause Society (NAMS) and was featured on the cover of *My Menopause* magazine.

Dr. Joshua Nathan was approved for the Council for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) Curriculum and Instruction Grant.

Dr. Subash Pandey received the 2014 departmental faculty of the year award. He was recognized in an award ceremony organized by Dean Azar, College of Medicine.

Dr. Luan Phan and his lab’s research on error-related negativity and brain response in veterans with PTSD was recently featured in a story at the VA Office of Research and Development. [click here to read more.](#)

Michael Wilson, MA, graduate student for Dr. Jasmin Vassileva, received a Junior Investigator Travel Award for his oral presentation, “Sex differences in cognitive and motor impulsivity among users of different classes of drugs in protracted abstinence” at NIDA’s Woman & Sex/Gender Differences Symposium at the 76th annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD).
Clinical News

In November of 2013, the Memory and Aging Clinic opened at UI Health. Directed by Drs. Michael Schrift and Laura Pedelty, the clinic provides a team approach to care for older adults with existing or suspected of having dementia who may also be experiencing changes in mood. In one visit, the patient will be seen by an interdisciplinary team of experts including a neurologist, neuropsychiatrist, and neuropsychologist to help understand and treat medical, psychological, and social concerns. The clinic also has specialists from other disciplines including geriatrics, physical therapy, pharmacy, nursing, radiology, and social work, who are available to participate in a patient’s evaluation.

The Memory and Aging Clinic’s primary focus, meeting the needs of patients and their families, is accomplished by providing cooperative teamwork with true multi-specialty integration. Once the patient has completed their evaluation, the physicians discuss the direction of the patient’s care together. We are committed to helping our patients live well with memory loss and will follow patients in the clinic to manage symptoms, discuss the impact of their medical conditions on their memory and ways to increase their overall quality of life.

The clinic is open Wednesday afternoons (12:00-5:00) in 4E of the Outpatient Care Center. Look for more information on the UIC Memory and Aging Clinic soon!

Educational News

Two first-year medical students (Nnenna Okoye and Mamatha Challa) have been awarded summer fellowships by AACAP. The awards include a stipend for summer research, as well as an all-expenses paid trip to the annual AACAP meeting to present their research. There were only 3 Spurlock awards and 10 CFAK awards given nationally, and our institution received one of each! These students and their faculty mentors are active participants in our Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation-Jay G. Hirsch Fellowship Program.

- Recipient of an AACAP fellowship supported by the Campaign for America’s Kids (CFAK): Nnenna Okoye, mentored by Toya Clay, MD

- Recipient of the AACAP Jeanne Spurlock Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse and Addiction for Minority: Mamatha Challa, mentored by Mani Pavuluri, MD, PhD
  Tentative project title: Treatment of substance abuse in adolescents with emotion dysregulation in the UIC/IJR pediatric mood disorders program.

Mark your calendars: Spotlight On Faculty Development in Education and Training, the Department’s Educational Summit, on September 17, 2014, from 1-6pm for faculty, trainees, and education coordinators. The focus will be on building effective faculty development programming in education and training, followed by a reception. The summit will include a keynote grand rounds speaker, followed by a panel discussion and workshops showcasing best practices for faculty development and teaching.
Educational News (cont.)

UIC welcomes 10 new residents to the Department of Psychiatry!

**Stefan M. Bumol, MD**  
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine  
Nashville, TN

**Hristos Christopher Karanikas, DO**  
Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences  
Kansas City, MO

**Daniel J. Lee, MD**  
University of Illinois College of Medicine  
Chicago, IL

**Nathan P. Schulz, MD**  
Ohio State University College of Medicine  
Columbus, OH

**Hugh Kim Seller, MD**  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, WI

**Angela Devi Shrestha, MD**  
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine  
East Lansing, MI

**Jennifer Marie Sprague, MD**  
Wayne State University School of Medicine  
Detroit, MI

**Corey Joseph Thompson, MD**  
University of Illinois College of Medicine  
Chicago, IL

**Timothy George Yovankin, MD**  
Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin  
University of Medicine & Science  
North Chicago, IL

**John Paul Zulueta, MD**  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
Chicago, IL
Recent Publications

Drs. Gurvinder Arora, Fedra Najjar, and colleagues have published a paper in the *Journal of Clinical Psychopharmacology* titled, “Tactile hallucinations with fluoxetine and methylphenidate.”

Drs. Judith Cook, Jane Burke-Miller, and colleagues published, “Do HIV-Positive Women Receive Depression Treatment that Meets Best Practice Guidelines” in *AIDS and Behavior*. [click here to read more](#).

Drs. Sonam Dohia, Daniel Fitzgerald, Luan Phan, and colleagues published an article titled, “Modulation of Resting-State Amygdala-Frontal Functional Connectivity by Oxytocin in Generalized Social Anxiety Disorder” in *Neuropsychopharmacology*. [click here to read more](#).

Dr. Patricia Graczyk and a colleague published, “A Response to Intervention Model to Promote School Attendance and Decrease School Absenteeism” in *Child and Youth Care Forum*. [click here to read more](#).

Drs. Rachel Jacobs, Henry Jacobs, and colleagues published a paper in the *Journal of Cognitive Psychotherapy* titled, “Increasing Positive Outlook Partially Mediates the Effect of Empirically Supported Treatments on Depression Symptoms Among Adolescents.” [click here to read more](#).

Drs. Annmaria MacNamara, Luan Phan, and colleagues published a paper titled, “Focal and aberrant prefrontal engagement during emotion regulation in veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder” in *Depression and Anxiety*. [click here to read more](#).

Dr. Luan Phan and colleagues published a paper titled “Anterior insula responds to temporally unpredictable aversiveness: an fMRI Study” in *Neuroreport*. [click here to read more](#).

Dr. Luan Phan and associates published “Increasing pharmacological knowledge about human neurological and psychiatric disorders through functional neuroimaging and its application in drug discovery” in *Current Opinion in Pharmacology*. [click here to read more](#).

Dr. Luan Phan and colleagues published an article in *Neurolmage* entitled, “Volitional regulation of emotions produces distributed alterations in connectivity between visual, attention control, and default networks.” [click here to read more](#).

Drs. Neil Smallheiser, John Davis, and colleagues published an article in *Health Information Science and Systems* entitled, “Design and implementation of Metta, a metasearch engine for biomedical literature intended for systematic reviewers.” [click here to read more](#).

Drs. Neil Smallheiser, Giovanni Lugli, Hui Zhang, Hooriyah Rizavi, Edwin Cook, and Yogesh Dwivedi published “Expression of microRNAs and other small RNAs in Prefrontal Cortex in Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, and Depressed Subjects” in *PLOS One*. [click here to read more](#).

Drs. Neil Smallheiser, Hui Zhang, and Yogesh Dwivedi published a paper in *Frontiers in Psychiatry* entitled, “Enoxacin elevates miRNA expression in frontal cortex and prevents learned helplessness in rats.” [click here to read more](#).

Dr. Neil Smallheiser has an article in press in the *Philosophical Transactions of Royal Society B* entitled, “The RNA-centered view of the synapse: noncoding RNAs and synaptic plasticity.”

Drs. Clement Yu, Neil Smallheiser, and colleagues published their “Rule-based deduplication of article records from bibliographic databases” in *Database: The Journal of Biological Databases and Curation*. [click here to read more](#).