Message from the Chair

Please come celebrate with us on July 1 for the annual Department of Psychiatry picnic! We are looking forward to spending the afternoon enjoying the warm weather in appreciation of the hard work done by all of our faculty and staff throughout the year!

Special Announcements

Save the Dates!

Friday, June 6, 2014, 12-2pm in PI 430
Retirement Celebration Potluck
Come and celebrate the retirement of members of the Department of Psychiatry! Congratulations to Elaine Cowherd, Dorothy Gawel, Miljana Petkovic, and Aldona Zailskas!

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 behind SPH/PI
Department Picnic

Upcoming Events

Grand Rounds (SPH/PI, Room 109)
June 4, 2014: Dr. Neill Epperson, Penn Center for Women’s Behavioral Wellness, “Sex Differences in Neuropsychiatric and Medical Disorders: Hormonal and Stress Contributions Across the Lifespan”

Please see link of Grand Rounds booklet 2013-2014

Neuroscience Seminar Series (SPH/PI, Room 366)
June 9, 2014: Dr. Dhaval Bhatt, University of North Dakota, “Brain and Glial Acetyl-CoA Pathways as Targets for Attenuating Neuroinflammation and Neurodegeneration”
Faculty/Research News

**Dr. Julie Carbray** was invited to serve on the expert panel for the Mount Sinai Collaboration to Advance Pediatric Quality Measures (CAPQuaM). CAPQuaM is an AHRQ-CMS Center of Excellence within the federal Pediatric Quality Measures Program, and Dr. Carbray is serving on the Expert Panel on Follow-Up after Mental Health Hospitalization of children and adolescents.

**Dr. Judith Cook** gave a presentation entitled, “Mental Illness and Substance Abuse as Social Determinants of HIV Outcomes and Risk Behaviors” to the Women’s Interagency HIV Study and the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study Semiannual Joint Executive Committee Meeting in Rockville, MD.

**Dr. Judith Cook** gave a presentation entitled, “Reinstitutionalization, its Association with Gun Violence, and the Undermining of Community Mental Health in the U.S.” at Simon Frasier University, Centre on Gender, Social Inequities and Mental Health in Vancouver, BC, at the end of May.

**Dr. Christina Floreani**, a 3rd year psychiatry resident working with Dr. Subhash Pandey, received a 2014 American Psychiatric Association (APA) Research Colloquium junior investigator award for her presentation in entitled “The neurobiology of Early Adversity: Effect of Adolescent Alcohol Exposure on Hypoxia Inducible Factor Expression in Rat Brain.”

**Dr. Melissa Lamar** was chosen to participate in the 2014-2015 American Psychological Association Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP). LIWP’s mission is to prepare, support, and empower women psychologists as leaders to promote positive changes in institutional and organizational life and to increase the diversity, number, and effectiveness of women psychologists as leaders.

**Drs. Melissa Lamar, Laura Pedelty**, and **Michael Schrift** presented at May Mini Rounds to discuss the new Memory and Aging Clinic. The Clinic represents a new level of integrated care for those experiencing changes in behavior and cognition.

**Dr. Roberta Paikoff-Holzmueller** (pictured on right) has been named the Faculty Fellow of the Year from the UIC Honors College for 2013-2014. [Click here to read the announcement.](#)

**Dr. Graziano Pinna** joined the editorial boards of *Progress in Neuropharmacology and Behavioral Psychiatry* and *Biochemistry and Physiology*. Click here to read his profiles [1](#) [2](#).
Faculty/Research News (cont.)

**Dr. Minjie Wu** has been granted the Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research (CNIHR) Award for her proposal entitled, “Brain Aging in HIV-infected Women: The Role of Reproductive Aging and Cardiovascular Risk Factors” from the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research and the NIH-funded Centers for AIDS Research. Dr. Wu will work with her CFAR mentor (Dr. Pauline M. Maki) and collaborators from the Chicago Women’s Interagency HIV Study (WIHS) and UIC Department of Psychiatry.

**Dr. Adrian Zhubi** received his Master’s in Neuroscience degree, with a thesis titled, “Alterations of Epigenetic Mechanisms in post-mortem Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) subjects.”

Clinical News

There is a new product from the Center on Psychiatric Disability and Co-Occurring Medical Conditions: An online Diabetes Education Toolkit that helps patients with serious mental illness and their caregivers manage diabetes through a library of user-friendly educational handouts and podcasts covering diabetes basics, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and managing the complications of diabetes. An interactive chart cross-walks library content with the American Diabetes Association's standards of care. Instructions for how to use the toolkit are provided.

Recent Publications

**Drs. Roberto Carlos Agis-Balboa, Alessandro Guidotti, and Graziano Pinna** published “5α-reductase type I expression is downregulated in the prefrontal cortex/Brodman’s area 9 (BA9) of depressed patients” in *Psychopharmacology*. Click here to read the paper. Click here to read press about their work from the Italian Associated Press.