Message from the Chair

October was an exciting month for us. The Launch of our Center on Depression and Resilience was very successful. The event was held in the Moss auditorium in the college of medicine research building (COMRB) and was attended by around 200 guests. These included two Deans emeriti, Drs. Geri Moss and Joe Flaherty, Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares, VPHA Jerry Bauman, and Peter O’Brien from the Illinois Kennedy Forum. Congressman Patrick Kennedy’s plenary was the highlight of the evening and was an inspiring presentation on what has been achieved so far and what needs to be done in the future for mental health. The Launch ceremonies were followed by a reception in the lobby of COMRB. It was a grand event!

For two days after the Launch, we hosted the annual meeting of the National Network of Depression Centers (NNDC) – a twenty member consortium comprising all major academic centers with established clinical, education and research programs in the realm of mood disorders. The meeting was well attended by academics from all NNDC sites and the scientific proceedings set a new standard for NNDC meetings.

The Department is now is the midst of the recruitment season for Psychiatry residents, Child fellows, and interns in Neuropsychology. Things are going well.
Special Announcements

The annual Department Holiday party will take place on Friday, December 19 from 5:00—10:00pm at the Holiday Inn, Chicago Mart Plaza. This year’s event features discounted parking, shuttle service to/from the PI building, and discounted rooms for anyone who would like to stay overnight. RSVP is required, please send an email to Kathy Kujawa at kkujawa@psych.uic.edu by Monday, December 15. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

**Grand Rounds** *(SPH/PI, Room 109) Wednesdays 1:00-2:00pm*

December 3, 2014: **Dr. Heather A. Flynn**, Florida State University, “Perinatal Depression Research: Broadening the Scope and Impact”

December 10, 2014: **Dr. Melissa Jones**, UIC, “Neuropsychiatric Lupus”

December 17, 2014: **Dr. Kelley Volpe**, UIC, “Integrating Child Mental Health and Primary Care”

*Please see link of Grand Rounds booklet 2014-2015*

**Behavioral Neuroscience Seminar Series** *(NPI, 7th Floor Auditorium) Fridays 11:00am-12:15pm*


December 12, 2014: **Dr. Robert L. Heibronner**, Northwestern University/Chicago Neuropsychology Group, “Methodological and Interpretive Variables in Forensic Neuropsychology”

Faculty/Research News

We are pleased to highlight the top poster awards at the 5th Annual Psychiatry Research Forum:

**Basic Science (‘Neurons’)**
*MicroRNA-494 and CREB Pathway: A Role in the Anxiolytic-Like Effects of Acute Ethanol*

Tara L. Teppen, Harish R. Krishnan, Huaibo Zhang, Amul J. Sakharkar, Subhash C. Pandey

**Clinical Science (‘Networks’)**
*Cognitive Control Neural Markers of Treatment Response for Depression using Independent Component Analysis*

Natania A. Crane, Jennifer R. Gowins, Alyssa M. Barba, Sophie R. DelDonno, Lisanne Jenkins, Kortni K. Meyers, Kathleen E. Hazlett, David T. Hsu, Brian J. Mickey, Jon-Kar Zubieta, Scott A. Langenecker

*Neural and Psychophysiological Substrates of Fear Learning*

Annmarie MacNamara, Daniel A. Fitzgerald, Stewart Shankman, Mohammed R. Milad, K. Luan Phan

**Community Science (‘Neighborhoods’)**
*Self-Directed Financing of Services for People with Serious Mental Illnesses*

Jessica Jonikas, Marie Hamilton, Ann Markowitz, Samuel Shore, Pamela Steigman, Jane Burke-Miller, Joni Weidenaar, Judith A. Cook

Congratulations to Tara, Natania, Annmarie, Jessica, and their mentors!
Dr. K. Luan Phan was interviewed on Fox News in a segment about veteran suicide for Veteran’s Day. Click here to watch the video.

Drs. Olusola Ajilore has been selected to serve as a member of the scientific program committee of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

Drs. Jaleel Abdul-Adil and Lisa Suarez lead the Urban Youth Trauma Center, which just hosted its 4th annual YOUTH-CAN (Youth Overcoming Urban Trauma and Healing through Community Action Network) Conference. This year’s theme was “Igniting the spark within: Fostering resilience in youth affected by trauma,” featured keynote speaker Elizabeth Dozier, Principal of Fenger Academy High School, and was attended by over 200 individuals from 94 agencies and organizations.

Dr. David Lott was appointed as the Addiction Psychiatry Representative to the APA Assembly.

Dr. Ghanshyam Pandey has been highlighted as one of seven UIC professors who excel in research, scholarship, and teaching. Click here to read the article.

Dr. Alessandra Passarotti presented a seminar titled, “Cognitive and Brain Mechanisms of Executive Functions in ADHD: Implications for Clinical Practice” at the 2014 CHADD International Annual Conference on ADHD in Chicago.

Dr. Mani Pavuluri has been selected to serve as a member in the education and training committee of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

Dr. Mani Pavuluri gave the Klingenstein Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Address to the medical students at UIC. Her talk was entitled, “Academic Child Psychiatrist: A Personal Journey While Balancing Work and Home Life.”
Clinical News

Beginning January 1, DocAssist will begin offering perinatal mental health support to primary care clinicians. Drs. Toya Clay and Diane Misch are leading the charge for this increase in the capacity for Illinois care providers to support the mental health needs of pregnant and postpartum women.

Recent Publications

Drs. Moon-Soo Lee, Purnima Angumagalla, Prasanth Talluri, and Mani Pavuluri published an article in Frontiers in Psychiatry entitled, “Meta-analyses of developing brain function in high-risk and emerged bipolar disorder.” [Click here to read more.]

Drs. Mani Pavuluri and Amber May published an article entitled, “Differential Treatment of Pediatric Bipolar Disorder and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder” in Psychiatry Annals. [Click here to read more.]

Dr. Mani Pavuluri and colleagues published an article titled, “Pediatric Psychopharmacology: Food and Drug Administration Approval Through the Evidence Lens” in Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. [Click here to read more.]

Drs. Minjie Wu, Lisa Lu, Allison Lowes, Shaolin Yang, Alessandra Passarotti, X. Joe Zhou, and Mani Pavuluri published an article entitled, “Development of superficial white matter and its structural interplay with cortical gray matter in children and adolescents” in Human Brain Mapping. [Click here to read more.]
UIC welcomes 3 new members of faculty and staff to the Department of Psychiatry!

**Dr. Emma Childs**
*Visiting Associate Professor*
Dr. Emma Childs joined the Department of Psychiatry as an Associate Professor in Psychiatry. She received her PhD in Behavioural Pharmacology from King’s College, London, and completed her post-doctoral fellowship in human behavioral pharmacology at the University of Chicago. Her research interests include how drug effects become strongly associated with the places and objects surrounding drug experiences, and the acute effects of alcohol on brain activity. She will collaborate with Dr. Subhash Pandey in the Alcoholism Research Center, and Dr. Luan Phan, Associate Head for Clinical and Translational Research, to initiate a program in neuroimaging to complement her behavioral research in substance abuse.

**Interests:** human psychopharmacology, conditioned drug effects, acute stress, pharmacological fMRI

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**Paul Hixon**
*Grants*
Paul brings many years of experience to the Psychiatry Grants Group in both pre- and post-award. He was most recently at Northwestern where he was a financial administrator for the Medical Department. His duties at Northwestern included financial and grant management. He also worked as a research coordinator, where he prepared monthly grant reconciliations and assisted in proposal submission. We are extremely excited to have Paul join us.

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**Jamie Sanchez**
*Associate to Psychiatry HR*
Jamie has been with UIC since 2002 and is our new Medical Staff Credentialing agent. Jamie comes to us from the UIC Medical Staff Office and is well versed in the credentialing process. We are excited to have him as he is a wonderful addition to the HR team.

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In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that the Department of Psychiatry announces the passing of Dr. Jinger Hoop, MD, MFA, on Friday, November 21, 2014.

Dr. Hoop graduated with her MD with Honors at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine in 2000. She received her psychiatric residency training at the University of Chicago Hospitals (Chief Resident, 2003-2004), and subsequently stayed on as a Fellow in the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics and the Multidisciplinary Training Grant in Psychiatric Ethics. As a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, she published extensively and developed a national reputation on the ethical issues in clinical medicine and in medical research, psychiatric genetics, and pharmacogenomics. She joined UIC in 2012 as an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry. Here, she was a role model and highly-regarded as a clinician, educator and colleague. She continued to contribute her expertise in bioethics serving as Director of the UIC Research Ethics Consultation Service, which provides ethics consultations to researchers, IRB members, and research participants in the UIC community. She was also the medical director of our Community Reintegration Program until this summer when she took a leave of absence due to her illness. Her intelligence, compassion, enthusiasm and serenity will be sorely missed by all who knew her.