We are now in the busy season for the recruitment of residents and child fellows. Candidates have been invited to interview from a competitive applicant pool. Our Center on Depression and Resilience (UI CDR) is actively participating in the Second Annual Gala of the Kennedy Forum and several faculty members are participating in panels related to science, services and public policy as it relates to mental health and illness. Recruitment plans for the cluster hire in psychiatric neuroscience and for the positions in women’s mental health and neuropsychiatry are moving ahead as planned. The Holiday Party will be held in December at the same location and details will be forthcoming!

Judith A. Cook, Ph.D. and her colleagues were awarded a 5-year federal Center grant jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research; and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center on Mental Health Services Research. This is the first national Center studying self-directed models of mental health recovery and integrated health care for people with serious mental illnesses.

The Center, entitled UIC Center on Self-Directed Recovery and Integrated Health Care, involves 4 RCTs and a services research study, along with a unique educational component. While it is based in the Department of Psychiatry, it includes a variety of collaborators such as the UIC Hospital and Health Sciences System, Mile Square Health Center, Midwest Latino Health Research and Policy Center, Chicago Community Health Workers Local Network, National Association for State Mental Health Program Directors, The Carter Center, and the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability, among others.

Congratulations to Dr. Cook and her team!
Upcoming events

- Psychiatry department’s Grand Rounds line up for November is:
  - 11/4: Janine M. LaSalle, PhD
  - 11/11: James Potash, MD, MPH
  - 11/18: Elliot A. Stein, PhD

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

- The department’s holiday party will be held Friday December 18, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. Reservations are required and RSVPs will be sent out soon.

Faculty/Staff Research News

Dr. Judith Cook and Center colleagues published an article in the Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development examining why workers with mental illnesses quit their jobs. They examined the relative effects of adverse working conditions, job satisfaction, wages, worker characteristics, and local labor markets in explaining quits among 892 employed workers with psychiatric disabilities who ended 2,086 jobs during a 24 month observation period. Read more at http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/2015/524/pdf/jrrd-2014-10-0260.pdf

Tawanna Daniels recently passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor examination. She has successfully met all the requirements for becoming a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) in the State of Illinois.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our physicians that were named "Best Doctors 2015" by Best Doctors, Inc. This distinction is awarded by a committee of their peers and goes to show our providers' commitment to giving patients the best care possible.

- Dr. Maria Caserta
- Dr. Edwin Cook
- Dr. Geri Fox
- Dr. Mani Pavuluri
- Dr. Mike Naylor
- Dr. Robert Marvin

Jessica Jonikas, MA, Associate Director for the Department’s Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy, has been selected to receive a 2015 Chancellor’s Academic Professional Excellence (CAPE) Award. The CAPE Award is presented to individuals whose contributions to UIC and their communities have been characterized as exceptional. Awardees are identified as having a positive impact within and beyond their workplace, and making meaningful contributions to their professional field. Individuals recognized with the CAPE award exemplify the highest values of the UIC community. Jessica will receive the award on November 10, 2015 at the University’s Employee Recognition Award Ceremony and Reception.
Faculty/Staff Research News (cont.)

If you missed Dr. Marc Atkins interview with Brandis Friedman, education correspondent for WTTW’s Chicago Tonight on WTTW (Channel 11) October 3rd you can click here and scroll down to see the interview now.

IJR partnered with on the multiplatform campaign, Graduation Starts Now, to emphasize positive parenting activity for young children that will help them achieve future educational success, and put them on a path to high school graduation and beyond. Check out the first three PSAs in the campaign: http://americangraduate.wttw.com/graduation-starts-now/

Dr. Geri Fox received the APA Vestermark-NIMH Psychiatric Educator award and gave a presentation on 10/9/15. The award description and announcement are at http://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/awards-leadership-opportunities/awards/vestermark-psychiatry-educator-award

Dr. Joshua Nathan’s poster received first place at the 5th Annual UI Health Quality and Safety fair, organized by Nancy Harvey-Kodish, Director of Quality Performance and Improvement. The poster is entitled “C.A.R.E.S.: Clinicians Acting to Reinforce Empathic Skill.” Authors from the department include Dr. Nathan as lead author, and Dr. Geri Fox, Dr. Sean Blitzstein, Dr. Kelley Volpe (child fellow) and Dr. Amber May (child fellow). It presents the result of a pilot course in developing/reinvigorating empathy in medical students.

Dr. Scott A. Langenecker, Ph.D., Board Member for the Illinois chapter of AFSP. Dr. Langenecker is a clinical neuropsychologist, Director of Cognitive Neuroscience and Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Langenecker’ s research and clinical work focuses on the translational cognitive neuroscience of mood disorders across the lifespan. His current work is focused on the late adolescent translational period in which risk for mood disorders is at a peak, and suicide risk is very high. He has been a walker in Out of the Darkness Community Walks since 2003. Dr. Langenecker joined the Board of Directors in 2015.

https://www.afsp.org/local-chapters/find-your-local-chapter/afsp-illinois/illeaders

Dr. Leah Rubin gave a talk on October 5th at the 6th International Workshop on HIV & Aging in Washington, D.C. entitled "Perceived stress influences prefrontal cortex function in midlife women with HIV infection".

Congratulations to Jennifer Frisbie RN, Graduate Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner student, on being named one of the 2015 American Psychiatric Nurses Association’s Board of Directors Student Scholars. Jennifer is one of 10 graduate students selected to represent the future of psychiatric-mental health nursing, and received registration, travel, and hotel accommodations to the APNA 29th Annual Conference this October 28-31 at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, as well as one year of complimentary membership to APNA. Jennifer is a student of Dr. Julie Carbray and has been working with the Pediatric Mood Disorder Clinic since January.
Faculty/Staff Research News (cont.)

Dr. Teresa Sripada presented a webinar October 7th, 2015 on Psychiatric Assessment of Person with Intellectual Disability for the clinical staff of Lifeworks NW in Portland, Oregon.

Maria Dominguez, customer service specialist, has been the 2015 Merit Award recipient. This prestigious campus-wide honor recognizes exceptional Academic Professional and Civil Service employees for their continued excellence and commitment to the university. Along with the honor and prestige that accompanies the award, honorees receive a monetary gift of $2,500.

The Neuropsychology service is now an official National Memory Screening Program site offering free memory screenings through The Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (AFA). The service is available to all community members Monday through Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm by appointment. In celebration of National Memory Screening Week walk-in hours will be held 9:00am - 4:00pm, Monday, November 2 – Friday, November 6, 2015. Appointments last approximately 30 minutes and consist of a series of questions and paper and pencil or computer tasks. To schedule an appointment please call (312)996-6217. For more information, please visit:

http://www.nationalmemoryscreening.org/

October was National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. Dr. Marc Atkins appeared on ABC 7’s “Newsvews” program to discuss how parents and teachers can recognize and address bullying. The segment can be viewed by clicking the link below.


Professor Pauline M. Maki was featured on NBC’s Today website and other media outlets for a new North American Menopause Society (NAMS) Position Statement on Non-Hormonal Treatments for Vasomotor Symptoms and was the featured guest of a 1-hour call-in show on Sirius XM Doctor Radio on menopause. Dr. Maki also did this attached interview with the Academy of Women’s Health on Cognitive Function and Menopause.

Dr. Annmarie MacNamara received an NIH K23 Career Development Award Grant entitled “Brain-Behavior Markers of Negative Affectivity, Comorbidity in Anxiety Disorders” (Primary Mentor: Dr. K. Luan Phan).
Recent Publications


Fedra Najjar, MD,1 Thomas Owley, MD,2 Matthew W. Mosconi, PhD,3 Suma Jacob, MD, PhD,4 Kwan Hur, PhD,5 Stephen J. Guter, MA,1 John A. Sweeney, PhD,3 Robert D Gibbons, PhD,5 Edwin H. Cook, MD,1 and Jeffrey R. Bishop, PharmD6; Pharmacogenetic Study of Serotonin Transporter and 5HT2A Genotypes in Autism. JOURNAL OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY Volume 25, Number 6, 2015


Recent Publications (cont.)


**MAKI LAB PUBLICATIONS**


Weiss SJ, Simeonova DI, Kimmel MC, Battle CL, Maki PM, Flynn HA. Anxiety and physical health problems increase the odds of women having more severe symptoms of depression. Archives of Women's Mental Health. 2015 Sep 24. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 26403982. [Link](#)


Our Department’s Annual Research Extravaganza 2015

Below are the 3 winners of this year’s Poster Awards.

Congratulations!!!

**BASIC NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH**

**Evan Kyzar**

Adolescent binge alcohol exposure perturbs histone methylation and microRNA mechanisms in the amygdala during adulthood

Evan J. Kyzar, Huiabo Zhang, Amul J. Sakharkar, Subhash C. Pandey

**CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCE, PATIENT-ORIENTED and HEALTH OUTCOMES RESEARCH**

**Stephanie Gorka**

Effects of Δ9tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on brain and behavior during fear extinction learning in humans: A combined psychophysiological-fMRI study

Stephanie M. Gorka, Christine A. Rabinak, Mohammed R. Milad, Israel Liberzon, Stephen Maren, & K. Luan Phan

**Matthew Dominguez**

Cure Violence/Heal Trauma: A Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Approach to Reducing Community Violence in Chicago

Matthew Dominguez, Stephen Weine, Chloe Polutnik

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Happy Thanksgiving!