Message from the Chair

We hosted the Department’s first Education Forum on Sept. 18 and there was active participation from key faculty from Psychiatry and Education in the COM. The external keynote presentations were illuminating and focused on challenges and opportunities in graduate medical education.

The COM alumni event on Sept. 20 was very successful. Doug and Margie Colbeth — benefactors of the Colbeth Clinic in IJR — received the Sweeney Humanism Award from the COM for their sustained contribution to the institution and child mental health. The event was well attended by department faculty. Click here to watch them receive the award.

Special Announcements

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, we will launch our Center on Depression and Resilience on campus. Former United States Congressman Patrick Kennedy will be the keynote speaker for the event. This year, we are merging the Department’s Research Extravaganza/Forum with the UI CDR Launch to be one event. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Upcoming Events

Grand Rounds (SPH/PI, Room 109)
October 1, 2014: Dr. John M. Hettema, Virginia Commonwealth University, “Update on Genetics of Anxiety Disorders”
October 8, 2014: Dr. Dipak K. Sarkar, Rutgers University, “Can Alcohol Effects be Inherited?”
October 15, 2014: Dr. Fantuzzo, University of Pennsylvania, “Actionable Intelligence: Embracing both the Scientific and Moral Inquiry”
October 22, 2014: Dr. Philip D. Harvey, University of Miami, “Latest Developments in the Assessment and Treatment of Disability in Severe Mental Illness”
October 29, 2014: Dr. Maria T. Caserta, UIC, “Behavioral variant Frontal Temporal Dementia (bvFTD) with Dramatic Improvement: Phenocopy or Different Diagnosis?”

Please see link of Grand Rounds booklet 2014-2015
Faculty/Research News

Drs. Jaleel Abdul-Adil and Liza Suarez, Co-Directors of the Urban Youth Trauma Center (UYTC), were awarded a new supplemental grant entitled “Unifying Neighborhoods in Trauma Effectiveness (UNITE)” from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to expand dissemination of the best practice protocols in their current SAMHSA-funded UYTC grant to selected major cities across the country. They were also awarded new grants from the Oak Park community mental health board for refining their “train-the-trainer” model and the Bright Promises Foundation for focusing on early childhood prevention.

Dr. Olu Ajilore was featured in a segment on the University of Illinois College of Medicine on vimeo. Click here to watch the segment.

Dr. Julie Carbray and a colleague gave a talk at the Illinois Chapter Conference for the American Psychiatric Nurses Association entitled, “Connecting the Dots: Sobriety and Recovery in Adolescents with Substance Abuse and Bipolar Disorders” at Northwestern Memorial Medical Center.

Dr. Julie Carbray and a colleague gave a talk entitled, “Partnering for Recovery: Reaching Concordance with Psychopharmacology in the Midst of Bipolar Illness” at the US Psychiatric and Mental Health Congress in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Dennis R. Grayson is an invited speaker at the 8th International Meeting on Metabotropic Receptors in Taormina, Sicily, and will be presenting a talk entitled, “DNA methylation and hydroxymethylation in psychiatric disease.”

Dr. Marina Guizzetti received a grant for her study, Glia-neuron interactions in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, which is now funded through 2018.

Christina James, LCSW, from the Community Reintegration Program is being honored with the 2014 UIC Award of Merit recognizing her leadership on campus.

Dr. Melissa Lamar received a travel scholarship from the Emory Center for AIDS Research to attend their upcoming conference on HIV and Aging: From Mitochondria to the Metropolis. She was also chosen to participate in a pre-conference workshop for new investigators to the field of HIV and Aging given her recently funded grant to extend her white matter imaging techniques to brain aging in women with HIV.

Dr. Alessandra Passarotti has written a chapter titled, “Neurocognitive Models of Evolving Bipolar Disorder in Youth” to appear in the 2014 book Progression of Bipolar Disorder in Youth: Presentation, Treatment and Neurobiology. Stephen M. Strakowski; Melissa P. DelBello; Caleb M. Adler (Eds). Oxford University Press.

Dr. Alessandra Passarotti was awarded a Chancellor’s Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. Her research proposal on behalf of biology student, Nadine Kahl, on drug addiction in healthy adolescents and adolescents with bipolar disorder was selected for a Chancellor’s Undergraduate Research Award.

Dr. Stevan Weine was quoted in a CNN Opinion article on “How to stop ISIS from recruiting Americans.” Click here for the article.
Clinical News

The *UI Center on Depression and Resilience* Launch is on **Tuesday, October 21**. Please join us for:

**Data Blitz** (1:00-2:00pm) in the **Student Center West, 2nd Floor, Thompson Rooms**

Expert faculty from the UI CDR will present summaries for the public about the existing landscape of mental health, collaborative research, and the next steps in mental health diagnoses and treatment.

Presentations by:

- **Olusola Ajilore, MD, PhD**
  “Depression and the aging brain: the role of vascular risk and brain connectivity”

- **Marc Atkins, PhD**
  “Building resilient children and families: intervention and prevention research at IJR”

- **Scott Langenecker, PhD**
  “Modeling cognitive and affective markers of depression: risk, state, scar, and burden”

- **Pauline Maki, PhD**
  “Depression and women: the role of hormonal fluctuations”

- **K. Luan Phan, MD**
  “Brain mapping recovery and resilience: targeting stress and depression”

- **Mark Rasenick, PhD**
  “Molecular and cellular correlates of depression: search for a simple biomarker”

**Poster Presentation** (2:00-4:00pm) in the **Student Center West, 2nd Floor, Thompson Rooms**

Learn firsthand from our scientific community of researchers and clinician scientists about advances in Psychiatry in the diagnosis, treatment, and resiliency of depression, mood disorders, and more.

**UI CDR Launch** (4:30-5:30pm) in the **College of Medicine Research Building, Moss Auditorium**

Join us for the official launch of the UI CDR as members of the mental health community, university leadership, and the UI Health community come together to recognize the Center as the only Illinois research center of its kind within the National Network of Depression Centers. Featuring a keynote address by mental health advocate **Patrick Kennedy**.

**Reception** (5:30-6:30pm) in the College of Medicine Research Building, Atrium
Recent Publications

Jamie Cohen, Drs. Olu Ajilore, Anand Kumar, Melissa Lamar, and colleagues published an article in the Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society entitled, “Digital clock drawing: Differentiating ‘thinking’ versus ‘doing’ in younger and older adults with depression.” Click here to read more.

Drs. David Gavin and Christina Floreani published “Epigenetics of schizophrenia: an open and shut case” in the International Review of Neurobiology. Click here to read more.

Stephanie Gorka, Drs. Daniel Fitzgerald, K. Luan Phan, and associates at other universities were published in Neuropsychopharmacology with their manuscript, “Oxytocin modulation of amygdala functional connectivity to fearful faces in generalized social anxiety disorder.” Click here to read more.

Dr. Marina Guizzetti has an invited book chapter in Environmental Factors in Neurodevelopmental and Neurodegenerative Disorders that was accepted, entitled, “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.”

Dr. Marina Guizzetti and colleagues published their article, “The effects of prenatal ethanol exposure on ABC cholesterol transporters and cholesterol levels in the developing rat brain” in Alcohol & Alcohol (in press).

Dr. Rachel Jacobs and colleagues published an article in the Journal of Child and Family Studies entitled, “The differential impact of paternal and maternal major depressive disorder on offspring psychiatric disorders” (in press).

Drs. Heide Klumpp, Daniel Fitzgerald, K. Luan Phan, and colleagues published “Neural response during attentional control and emotion processing predicts improvement after cognitive behavioral therapy in generalized social anxiety disorder” in Psychological Medicine. Click here to read more.

Drs. Heide Klumpp, Daniel Fitzgerald, Edwin Cook, Stewart Shankman, K. Luan Phan, and an associate published an article in Neuroreport entitled, “Serotonin transporter gene alters insula activity to threat in social anxiety disorder.” Click here to read more.

Drs. Antonia Savarese, Amy Lasek, and colleagues published “Increased behavioral responses to ethanol in Lmo3 knockout mice” in Genes, Brain and Behavior. Click here to read more.

Drs. Michael Wheaton, Daniel Fitzgerald, K. Luan Phan, and Heide Klumpp published an article entitled, “Altered activation of the rostral anterior cingulate cortex in the context of emotional face distractors in children and adolescents with anxiety disorders” in Depression and Anxiety. Click here to read more.

Drs. Adrian Zhubi, Edwin Cook, Alessandra Guidotti, and Denis Grayson published a chapter in the International Review of Neurology entitled, “Epigenetic mechanisms in autism spectrum disorder.”
We would like to welcome all new faculty and staff to UIC Psychiatry!

**Dr. Meghan Hennelly** joined the Child and Adolescent Division after completing her Child and Adolescent fellowship at Johns Hopkins. She will be the new Associate Director of the Child and Adolescent Fellowship in our Department.

**Dr. Christopher Holden** is the new director of Addiction Services in our Department and will be 50% UIC, 50% Jesse Brown VA. He will be joining Dr. Aneet Ahluwalia on the Consult Liaison Service for part of his time, in addition to developing an outpatient practice.

**Denika McMillen, LCSW**, has joined our department in the Mood and Anxiety Program. She will be providing individual and group psychotherapy services.

**Coleen Reese, LCSW**, has joined our department in the Mood and Anxiety Program. She will be providing individual and group psychotherapy services.

**Dr. Woojin Song** is a rehabilitation neuropsychologist who will be providing assessment and treatment services to the 5E Rehabilitation Service, as well as the Neuropsychology Service in our Department.