Greetings! We had a very successful Research Extravaganza and are now headed towards the Holiday Season. Several outstanding new faculty recruits have started in the department, and we have many active search committees scouting for talent nationally. We are in the midst of the recruitment season for residents and child fellows; this keeps everyone busy. We are growing clinically, especially in the realm of inter-disciplinary programs and embedded clinics, and we remain active in philanthropy and community relations.

Happy Thanksgiving...see you soon at our Annual Holiday Party!

Upcoming Events

Sanjay Mathew, MD

Marjorie Bintiff Johnson and Raleigh White Johnson, Jr.
Chair for Research in Psychiatry
Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Menninger Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, Texas

“Innovative Therapies for Difficult-to-Treat Depression: Will They Reduce Suffering and Save Lives?”
Monday, November 13, 2017
5:00PM – 6:00PM

&

“An Update on Ketamine for Psychiatric Disorders: Clinical, Scientific, and Ethical Perspectives”
Tuesday November 14, 2017
1:00PM—2:00PM
Upcoming Events (Cont.)
Department’s Grand Rounds for November and December 2017:

Wednesday 11/15:
Jeff Daskalakis, MD, PhD, FRCP©
University of Toronto
“On The Future of Neuromodulation in the Treatment of Depression”

Wednesday 11/29:
Madhukar Trivedi, MD
University of Texas Southwestern Medical District
“Biosignatures of Treatment Response in Depression”

Wednesday 12/06:
Meryl Camin Sosa, Esq
Illinois Psychiatric Society
“The Importance of Advocacy by Mental Health Professionals”

Wednesday 12/13:
Milad Mohammed, PhD
University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine
“Learning not to Fear: From Basic Mechanisms to Therapeutic Implications”

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Happy Holidays

Annual Holiday Party!
Friday December 15th, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Mart Plaza
Chicago Mart Plaza
“Wolf Point Ballroom” 15th Floor
350 W. Mart Center Drive
RSVP to Darcel Brothers by email to Darcel40@UIC.EDU
before Friday December 1st to attend.
Faculty and Staff Honors

Dr. Sean Blitzstein has been named the new Chicago Curriculum Committee Chairman!

Evelyn Dejesus (child clinic customer service specialist) was one of the 10 recipients of the UIC Award of Merit!

Sadel Guy was honored with the UIC Class Act Award!

Davi Lakind, psychology intern, received the 2017 Student Achievement Award from the American Psychological Association Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology!

Dr. Dana Rusch, IJR faculty member, was appointed by the UIC Provost’s office to the campus-wide Immigration Taskforce!

Dr. Lisa Razzano, received the Beard Award for Career Contributions to the Field from the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, Atlanta, GA, June 2017!

Dr. Lisa Razzano, was selected to participate in the Scholars for Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellowship (STEFF), Department of Medical Education, UIC College of Medicine, 2017-2018!

Dr. Lisa Razzano, has been invited to serve on the Campus Research Board (Clinical Sciences), Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research!

Jonathan Stange, Ph.D., was awarded an NIMH K23 career development award, entitled “From Networks to the Real World: Integrating Neural and Autonomic Processes of Loss!”

Jonathan Stange, Ph.D., was awarded a 2017 NARSAD Young Investigator Grant, entitled “Probing Autonomic and Network Mechanisms of Emotion Regulation in Major Depressive Disorder!”

Congratulations to the UIC 2017 Faculty Awardees:

Dr. Julie Carbray  
Dr. John Davis  
Dr. Amy Lasek

Dr. Pauline Maki  
Dr. Joshua Nathan  
Dr. Lisa Razzano
Faculty and Staff Honors (Cont.)

Department’s Eighth Annual Research Forum/Extravaganza

2017 Poster Winners!

Congratulations to Katie, Joe, Jon, Zachariah and Evan!

1st Place
Neural Responsiveness to Reward as an Index of Depressive Symptom Change following Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy and Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor Treatment - Katie L. Burkhouse, Stephanie M. Gorka, Heide Klumpp, Amy E. Kennedy, Jennifer Francis, Olusola Ajilore, Michelle G. Craske, Scott Langenecker, Stewart A. Shankman, Greg Hajcak, K. Luan Phan

2nd Place - Tie
Predictors of alcohol conditioned place preference in humans - Joseph A. Lutz, Emma Childs

2nd Place - Tie
Convergence of Active and Passive Assessments of Affective Instability in Predicting the Prospective Course of Bipolar Disorder: The BiAffect Study - Jonathan P. Stange, John Zulueta, Scott A. Langenecker, Kelly A. Ryan, Andrea Piscitello, Olusola Ajilore, Jenna Duffey, Melvin G. McInnis, Pete Nelson, Alex Leow

3rd Place - Tie
Soluble guanylate cyclase is a critical regulator of migraine induced cephalic pain - Zachariah Bertels, Alycia F. Tipton, Laura Moye, Ronak Gandhi, Manel Ben Aissa, Gregory Thatcher, Amynah A. Pradhan

3rd Place - Tie
miR-137 in the adult amygdala leads to LSD1-mediated chromatin remodeling and increased anxiety following adolescent alcohol exposure - Evan J. Kyzar, Huaibo Zhang, Subhash C. Pandey

Pending Board of Trustees approval, effective November 17, 2017 Stevan Weine, MD has been appointed to the role of Director of Global Medicine, College of Medicine.
Faculty Research News

Judith A. Richman, Ph.D. was the focus of the Scholar Spotlight in the Summer, 2017 Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Section newsletter of the American Sociological Association. In it, she reflected on some of her major accomplishments in her research career.

Lisa Razzano, Ph.D. presented at the below Conferences:


Graziano Pinna, Ph.D. was a Visiting Professor in July/August 2017 at the University of Cagliari, Department of Environmental and Life Science - Section Neuroscience, Cagliari, Italy!

Joshua Nathan, MD, FAPA. gave an oral presentation October 10, 2017 at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare. His talk, entitled C.A.R.E.S.: Can we teach empathy?” was well received by attendees. Medical student Michael Ozga was a co-presenter. And UIC’s Senior Associate Dean for Education Dr. Raymond Curry, who is on the board for the sponsoring organization, attended the presentation.”

Amynah Pradhan, Ph.D. was granted the title of Affiliate Associate Professor in Neurology at the University of Copenhagen.

Drs. Mark Brodie and Amy Lasek,
Were in the UIC news release just posted online: https://today.uic.edu/higher-estrogen-levels-linked-to-increased-alcohol-sensitivity-in-brains-reward-center
**Publications**

**Klumpp, H., Shankman, S.A.** (in press). Using event-related potentials and startle to evaluate time course in anxiety and depression. *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging*


**Sally Weinstein, Ph.D.,** along with **Drs. Amy West and Mani Pavuluri**, recently published the treatment manual for RAINBOW: Child and Family Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Pediatric Bipolar Disorder, as part of the Oxford University Press Programs that Work series. Full cite is:


**Sally Weinstein, Ph.D.,** published the following manuscript on suicide prevention in pediatric bipolar disorder:


Publications (Cont.)


**Gorka SM, Phan KL, Childs E** (in press). Acute Calming Effects of Alcohol are associated with Disruption of the Salience Network. *Addiction Biology*

**Gorka SM, Burkhouse K, Afshar K, Phan KL** (in press). Error-related Brain Activity and Internalizing Disorder Symptom Dimensions in Depression and Anxiety. *Depression and Anxiety*


The Pradhan Lab published the following paper:

“Soluble guanylyl cyclase is a critical regulator of migraine-associated pain” Ben Aissa M, Tipton AF, Bertels Z, Gandhi R, Moye LS, Novack M, Bennett BM, Wang Y, Litosh V, Lee SH, Gaisina IN, Thatcher GR, Pradhan AA; Cephalalgia 2017
Faculty Recruitment

Psychology faculty recruits:

**Dr. Jason Soble** has joined the Neuropsychology Service as a board certified Clinical Neuropsychologist (ABPP) and an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Neurology. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Psychology as well as a master's degree and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He completed a 1-year Clinical Psychology Internship and 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology at the James A. Haley VA Hospital in Tampa, FL. While on Fellowship, he also completed training at the University of South Florida/Tampa General Hospital Comprehensive Epilepsy Program. Prior to joining the faculty at UIC, he was a Staff Neuropsychologist at the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System in San Antonio, TX. His clinical interests include neuropsychological assessment of adults with dementia, complex neurological/medical disorders, epilepsy and traumatic brain injury (TBI), as well as personality assessment and working with veteran/active duty military populations. His research broadly investigates the psychometric/diagnostic properties and clinical utility of neuropsychological tests (e.g., performance validity tests), TBI, and epilepsy.

**Dr. Lea Ventura** has joined the Neuropsychology Service as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry with a specialization in pediatric neuropsychology. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Cognitive Neuroscience from Brown University and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University Chicago. She completed a 1-year Clinical Internship in Pediatric Psychology at Rush University Medical Center and a 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology at Massachusetts General Hospital / Harvard Medical School. Clinical interests include the neuropsychological assessment of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults with a wide range of medical, neurodevelopmental, genetic, psychiatric, and learning disorders. Dr. Ventura's research broadly aims to understand the neurocognitive sequelae of complex medical conditions, as well as the effects of their treatments. She will work closely with the Department of Pediatrics including the sickle cell program, oncology, and epilepsy.

**Dr. Alison Newman** is a clinical health psychologist. She graduated from University of Arizona after majoring in Psychology. She then moved to San Diego in 2006 where she began her graduate education in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. She completed an internship in Clinical Health Psychology at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Following internship, she moved to Cleveland, Ohio where she completed a two-year fellowship in Clinical Health Psychology at the Cleveland Clinic. After completion, she moved to the Chicago region and began working at NorthShore University HealthSystem where she worked in bariatric behavioral health, behavioral weight management, and conducted psychotherapy with a variety of medical populations. She also held administrative responsibilities as the Program Director for Behavioral Weight Management services. Dr. Newman recently came to UI Health to become a member of the Bariatric Surgery service, where she conducts pre-surgical evaluations and follows patients pre- and post-operatively. Dr. Newman is board certified in Clinical Health Psychology.
Faculty Recruitment (cont.)

New Clinician Educators In Psychiatry:

Dr. Melissa Wagner-Schuman was born and raised in Wisconsin and completed most of her training in the Milwaukee area. She went to undergrad at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and graduated with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering. She continued her education at the Medical College of Wisconsin where she received her MD in 2012 and received a PhD in Neuroscience in 2010. During the last several years of medical school she became interested in psychiatry, particularly at risk youth, and developed interventions to help prevent or limit adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). This led her to training in the triple board residency program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital where she will complete her training this upcoming September – she is board certified in Pediatrics. Throughout residency her interest in ACEs continued and broadened to include treatment of the mother-child dyad. As a faculty member she would like to continue to work with women and children and hopefully develop treatment models that help reduce the accumulation of ACEs in families. In addition, Dr. Wagner-Schuman enjoys teaching and has an interest both medical student and graduate medical education. Dr. Wagner-Schuman will be joining the Women's Mental Health Program in our department and will spend ten percent of her time supervising Pediatric Residents in the General Peds Clinic.

Dr. Stephen Pesanti was born in Iowa City but grew up in Connecticut. He graduated from Georgetown University after majoring in Physics and minoring in Biology and Philosophy. He then moved to New York City where he worked as a Day Trader and a Personal Trainer until he went to medical school at St. George's University Medical School in 2006. He graduated from medical school in 2010. He then obtained an M.B.A. in Health Management from St. George's University which he completed in 2014. He completed his psychiatry residency at the Cleveland Clinic, graduating in 2016. He then went on to complete a Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center which he graduated in 2017. He has a keen interest in inpatient psychiatry and ethics and has been involved in teaching and supervision of medical students and residents at both the Cleveland Clinic and the University of Pittsburgh. He will be joining the Mood and Anxiety program.

Dr. Kelley Volpe attended Yale University where she was a research assistant with Dr. James Leckman in the Yale University Child Study Center Tourette and OCD Clinic. She then attended the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. After graduation from medical school, Dr. Volpe participated in a combined psychiatry residency and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship which included a research component. She has served both as a Chief Resident and Chief Fellow. Honors received during her training have included the Laughlin Foundation Award for Outstanding Work by a Senior Resident from the UIC Department of Psychiatry and an American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Systems of Care Special Program Clinical Project. After graduation in June of 2017, she will be joining the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry as the Medical Director of the Pediatric Stress and Anxiety Disorders Clinic (PSADC) and as Associate Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Training.