Message from our Chair

Fall is upon us, and we are busy with a lot of positive developments. Bi Affect, the iPhone based APP developed by our own Alex Leow and Pete Nelson, dean of the College of Engineering, was reviewed in the ‘Future of everything’ segment of the Wall Street Journal thereby greatly increasing its profile nationally. Our Research Extravaganza was a big success as always and our Grand Rounds series is underway with several very distinguished external speakers scheduled to present at UIC. Recruitment is active for faculty in the adult and child divisions for both psychiatrists and psychologists. Plans for the Holiday Party are underway and so are faculty celebration events. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

Department’s Grand Rounds for October and November 2018:

Wednesday 10/24/18: Carolyn Rodriquez MD, PhD

Wednesday 10/31/2018: Brian Mustanski, PhD

Wednesday 11/7/2018: Ned Kalin, MD

Wednesday 11/14/2018: Geraldine Dawson, PhD

Wednesday 11/28/18: Jack Gilbert, PhD
Upcoming Events (Cont.)

UIC Department of Psychiatry Honoring our very own:
Dr. Martin Harrow
November 9th at noon till 2:00pm

UIC Department of Psychiatry’s

Happy Holidays

Annual Holiday Party!

Friday December 21st, 2018
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

A formal invitation will be sent out next Month. Please plan to RSVP for yourself and no more than 1 guest.
Faculty & Staff Honors and Awards

The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology, Division 40 of the American Psychological Association recognizes: Neil Pliskin, PhD, ABPP/CN for the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Contributions to the Profession and the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology at their Annual meeting in August 2018.

Two of our faculty members, Tory Eisenlohr – Moul, PhD, and Katie Burkhouse, PhD were awarded the 2018 NARSAD Young Investigator Grant from the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation.

Olu Ajilore, MD, PhD will be assuming the directorship of the Clinical Research Center (CRC) within UIC’s Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

Psychiatric Social Work is honoring four members of our team this month who will receive Class Act Awards:

Mary Cozzens, 8E/ Medical Social Consultant
Monica Valadez, 8E/CATU Medical Social Associate
Debbie Riseman, UIC Medical Social Consultant
Adriana Magana, CRP/Anchor Point Clinic Administrative Clerk
Latricia Thomas NPI/ Customer Service Specialist

Katie Burkhouse, PhD received a NARSAD Young Investigator Award from the Brain and Behavior Foundation – Project Title: Brain-Behavior Predictors and Targets of Depression Improvement among High Risk Youth Following a Preventive Intervention

Amynah Pradhan, PhD received an R21 from NINDS to study “The role of HDAC6 in cephalic pain”.

Isaac Dripps PhD a postdoctoral fellow in the Pradhan lab, received the competitive Frontiers in Headache Research Scholarship to attend the 2018 American Headache Society conference.

Pauline Maki, PhD and Multi-PI Jack Gilbert have received an R03 from the NIH to fund their work investigating "Human Microbiome and Perinatal Depression”

Pauline Maki, PhD has received pilot funding from the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Core Center to continue work understanding how the female advantage in verbal memory may impact the diagnosis and trajectory of Alzheimer’s disease.

Tory Eisenlohr-Moul, PhD received a 2018 NARSAD Young Investigator Grant for her project “Neurosteroid and Immune Mechanisms of Steroid-regulated Suicidality in a Mechanistic Clinical Trial”
Our 2018 Research Extravaganza Poster Winners!

There was a tie for First Place and new department co-champs:

Attenuated response to ischemia in hippocampal slices from mice lacking the glutamate antiporter (POSTER #51)
Bradley Stavros Heit & John Larson

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Arc enhancer RNA is epigenetically suppressed in the amygdala following adolescent alcohol exposure and confers adult anxiety susceptibility (POSTER #30)
Evan J. Kyzar, Huaibo Zhang, and Subhash C. Pandey

There was also a tie for 3rd:

Binge Alcohol Drinking and Poly ADP Ribose Polymerase (PARP) Activity (POSTER #15)
Kayla A Chase, Marina Guizzetti, Handojo Kusumo, Sergey. Kalinin, Douglas L. Feinstein, David P. Gavin

GENE EXPRESSION ALTERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO NEONATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE (POSTER #14)
Kayla A. Chase, Handojo Kusumo, Marina Guizzetti, David P. Gavin

The Policy Statement: “Statement on the Effects of Deportation and Force Separation on Immigrants, their Families, and Communities”. In the month of September, this paper was downloaded over 1,150 times. This is the largest number of times that a paper has been downloaded within a single month this issue year. Congratulations to the authors, Regina Day Langhout, Sara L. Buckingham, Ashmeet Kaur Oberoi, Noé Rubén Chávez, Dana Rusch, Francesca Esposito, and Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar,

CAN TYPOS TRACK YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
Congratulations Drs. Alex Leow, Pete Nelson and Olu Ajilore.

The Wall Street Journal article on BiAffect – the I phone based device developed at UIC by teams from Psychiatry (COM) and the College of Engineering.

Roderick Harris, the Director of communications for UI CDR – The University of Illinois Center for Depression and Resilience – is the link between our investigators and the WSJ.

Here’s some numbers to give you a sense of the impact the story has had:

Audience reached via Twitter: 16,153,401
Audience reached via Facebook: 6,306,722
**Faculty News**

**Pauline Maki, PhD** professor of psychiatry and psychology at UIC, is mentioned in an article on BBC.com about the effect of the menstrual cycle on cognitive abilities. The article cites a study co-led by Maki in 2002 that examined how fluctuating estrogen levels affect women’s cognitive function over the course of each month. She found that during days when the participants had more female hormones in their systems, they were significantly worse at the things men are usually good at (like spatial awareness) and much better at the things women tend to have an edge in (such as the ability to come up with new words). When their hormone levels were lower, their spatial awareness was restored. Read the full article here: https://bbc.in/2KAfgyK

**Pauline Maki, PhD** professor of psychiatry and psychology in the UIC College of Medicine, is quoted in an article in Everyday Health on new guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of perimenopausal depression. Maki co-authored the guidelines, which were published in the journals Menopause and The Journal of Women’s Health. Read the full article here: https://bit.ly/2x4WULT

**Neil Pliskin, PhD** was the Invited speaker at the 2018 APA Convention this year for two talks: The Address by Neil Pliskin and the lecture on: Securing Psychology’s Identity in health care – The Next Decade of Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing.

A shout out to **Dana Rusch, PhD** and her colleagues at IJR for their great work into the psychological impact of forced separation of families and deportation. https://today.uic.edu/effects-of-deportation-forced-separation-extend-beyond-individuals-families


**Dana Rusch, PhD** assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at UIC’s Institute for Juvenile Research, is quoted in an article about a recent study she co-authored that examined paraprofessionals’ role in school-based prevention and early intervention mental health services. “According to our participants, being situated as community agency staff within schools positioned them as a resource within this setting. Therefore, they viewed themselves as ‘advocates’ and labeled their tasks and responsibilities in schools accordingly. These results generally confirm findings from our other studies that show how community staff are often uniquely capable of reaching families that professional mental health providers fail to reach,” Rusch is quoted as saying in the article. Read the full article here: https://bit.ly/2Dzbnfx

McCormick Foundation to support Neuromodulation Treatment for Veterans at UIC.

We are pleased to share that the Robert R. McCormick Foundation has approved a new service delivery grant to UIC, our department of psychiatry and the UI Center on Depression and Resilience (UI CDR) to offer an innovative and novel treatment to Chicago-area veterans. The treatment is called repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) therapy and is cleared by the FDA to treat severe depression, particularly depression that has not been successfully treated by antidepressant medications. The rTMS treatments are delivered over a 6 week period and typically costs $12,000; because of the McCormick Foundation grant, the initial cohort of veterans will receive it free of charge and will not incur any out-of-pocket costs. This is a proven, validated treatment for depression, but some emerging evidence suggests rTMS may also be effective for PTSD and alcohol and substance abuse. Notably, rTMS is not yet available at the local Chicago-area VA Medical Centers. UIC will work closely with the VA and other hospitals and academic centers serving veterans to identify veterans under their care who are interested in and would benefit from the treatment. This treatment service and the project is led by **K. Luan Phan, MD**, UI CDR Endowed Professor of Psychiatry.
Faculty News (cont.)

Dr. Susan Labott has published a book entitled “Health Psychology Consultation in the Inpatient Medical Setting”.

Dr. Dana Rusch was a panelist at the Sept 28th UIC forum co-sponsored by the Great Cities Institute, Center for Global Health, and Global Migration Working Group, Institute for Humanities “Deportation and Detention: Addressing the Psychosocial Impact on Migrant Youth and Families.”

Dr. Dana Rusch was invited to present at the 2nd Annual MOLA Latino Health Symposium, in partnership with Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine. October 6, 2018 at Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center, 303 E. Superior St. She will present as part of the public health track panel on immigration challenges, advocacy, and patient rights on “The Effects of Undocumented Status on Mental Health: Policy Impacts, Advocacy, and Practical Resources.”

Maria T Caserta, MD, PhD gave Grand Rounds on Geriatric Psychiatry at Oak Street Health, a new health care organization for seniors with offices throughout Chicago and in other cities, that focus primarily on the social determinants of health care.

Dr. Pauline Maki recently led the writing team that published the first series of guidelines for diagnosing and treating depression during the perimenopausal period (published in Menopause).

Dr. Eisenlohr-Moul was interviewed for a CNN article on the menstrual leave movement in Australia (https://www.cnn.com/2018/10/03/health/period-leave-australia-explainer-intl/index.html)

Drs. Marilyn Griffin, Kristopher Kaliebe (University of South Florida School of Medicine) and Kristin Dalope (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) presented a workshop, “Caught in the Net: A child psychiatrist’s guide for navigating the internet age” at the 23rd World Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions held in Prague, Czech Republic July 2018


On Saturday September 21, 2018 the University of Illinois Urban Health Program Celebrated 40 years of promoting diversity in the healthcare field. Over the last 40 years, the UIC UHP graduated more than 7,000 health professionals of African American, Latino, and Native American descent. Dr. Marilyn Griffin was one of the UIC College of Medicine Distinguished Honorees recognized for her significant contribution to the field of medicine. CBS 2 political reporter Derrick Blakley served as the emcee for the anniversary gala. https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2018/09/23/uic-40-years-diversity-healthcare-sector/

Dr. Marilyn Griffin was appointed by the President of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Karen Dineen Wagner, MD, PhD, for a two-year appointment, starting October 2018 through October 2020, as a member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry’s Media Committee.

Dr. Marilyn Griffin will be recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) at AACAP’s 65th Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, October 22-27, 2018. Distinguished Fellow is AACAP’s highest membership status, given to outstanding child psychiatrists who make significant contributions within AACAP and the specialty.
**Publications**


Publications (cont.)


Kaplan, K. J. and Schwartz, M.B. (accepted for publication, 2018). *Parables and Riddles in Ancient and Modern Teaching: Achilles, a Hare and Two Tortoises,* Newcastle upon Tyne, ENG.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing