Message from our Chair

Busy time of the year! New trainees and faculty enter our system while others graduate from our programs and move on. We completed a very successful Costa event – the Annual Erminio Costa Memorial Lecture - with Bryan Roth, MD, Ph.D. from UNC Chapel Hill as our keynote speaker. The event was very well received by our faculty and trainees. We are preparing for our Annual Research Extravaganza in September where George Koob, the Director of NIAAA will be the featured speaker. On the clinical front, our Med – Psych program is functioning well and picking up momentum. CATU is clinically very active and remains a strong teaching site for both our residents and child fellows.

Maria Caserta, MD, Ph.D. rejoining our faculty on a more part-time basis and will help us out clinically.

Luan Phan, MD, our Vice Chair for clinical services and research has accepted the position as Chairman of the department of psychiatry at Ohio State University. Congratulations and Godspeed Luan! Thank you for everything.

Special thanks to Kathy Kujawa who is retiring after over nine years as the Director of Administrative Operations in the Department. She moved our departmental admin to the ‘next level’ in all relevant domains.

THANK YOU KATHY for all your contributions. We are very grateful to you!

Upcoming Events:

The Department of Psychiatry’s 10th Annual Research Extravaganza!
Tuesday September 17th, 2019

Key Dates:
Abstract Submissions Open: Monday, July 8, 2019
Deadline for abstract submission: Friday, August 30, 2019

Key Note Speaker: George F. Koob, PhD
Dr. Koob is an internationally-recognized expert on alcohol and stress, and the neurobiology of alcohol and drug addiction. He is the Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).
Please join us in welcoming the PG-1 Residents 2019-2020

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Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2019!

**Psychiatry Residents:**
- Jerry Benzl
- Susan Colegrove
- Jessica Gardiner
- Brandi Jackson
- Jennifer Lloyd
- Mayurika Pise
- Eric Reed
- Surya Sabhapathy
- Brian Salzverg
- Andrea Seicean
- Tammy Tamayo
- Victor Tarson

**Psychology Interns:**
- Jennifer Heller Suor
- Kevin Jay Hsu
- Lauren Luther
- Lynne Lieberman
- Nyssa Snow-Hill

**Congratulations to our Graduating Social Work Interns:**
- Jennifer Lubelchek
- Joan McDonald

**Congratulations to our Graduating Fellows:**
- Stefan Bumol, MD
- Sree Katragadda
- Julie Land, MD
- Amber May, MD
- Jodi Midiri, MD
- Hugh Seller, MD
- Alison Weiss, MD
Welcome!!!!

Our new Psychiatry Fellows:

Jorge Castillo Gonzalez, MD (Wayne State University)
Susan Colegrove, MD (University of Illinois at Chicago)
Jessica Gardinar, MD (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Our new Child Adolescent Chief Fellow:

Amit Bhatia MD

Our new Chief Residents:

Amy Abramowitz, MD
Ann Chakkalakal, MD

Our new Psychology Interns:

Jeremy Harper
Loretta Hsueh
Meredith Gruhn
Elizabeth Cope Feurer
Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Amynah Pradhan has been approved to serve as a permanent member of the (MNPS) Molecular Neuropharmacology and Signaling Study.

Dr. Mark Rasenick, distinguished professor of physiology & biophysics and psychiatry in the UIC College of Medicine, is quoted in an article on the WTTW Chicago Tonight website on the announcement that the FDA will soon approve the drug ketamine to treat depression. “When it gets out to the general public, even though it’s supposed to be tightly controlled, who knows what happens and it’s a lot easier to put something in your nose than in your veins, Rasenick says in the article. Read the full article here: https://bit.ly/2TjKsLU

Dr. Jonathan Stange was the recipient of a grant from the Portes Foundation and the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, entitled "Identifying Mechanisms of Proximal Suicide Risk Using Ambulatory Assessment."

Dr. Jonathan Stange was the recipient of a 2019 New Investigator Award from the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP).

Dr. Jonathan Stange was the recipient of a 2019 Young Investigator Award from the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP).

Dr. Jonathan Stange was selected to attend the Career Development Leadership Program at the Anxiety & Depression Association of America (ADAA).

Dr. Peyton Bohnsack Received National Research Service Award (F32 NRSA) from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) to study the role of EZH2 in adolescent alcohol abuse for three years.

Dr. Carl Bell has been named the recipient if the The Adolf Meyer Award is for Lifetime Achievement in Psychiatric Research.

Dr. Carl Bell has been awarded Distinguished Service Award of the National Medical Association" for exceptional work in medical service, medical research, and academic medicine

Dr. Angela Shrestha has received thee 2019 Marian Butterfield Early Career Psychiatrist Award.

Dr. Dana Rusch would like to share a few updates about her advocacy activities related to the SCRA policy statement on the effects of detention & deportation that was published in the American Journal of Community Psychology (Dec 2018). You can find it here: https://www.communitypsychology.com/efectos-de-la-deportacion/

Dr. Geri Fox, Hasnain M, Soares MB, Co-PIs. Reeves “Wellness First” Grant, $138,414. UICOM Internal Development Grant awarded on a one-time basis for the purpose of developing sustainable wellness programs across campuses. The proposal was developed in consultation with the Office of Student Affairs, Office of Curricular Affairs, and student leadership, and includes faculty and staff development.

Jesse Herron, passed the ANCC national certification to become a board certified psychiatric mental health registered nurse & am now dually certified in psychiatry.

Dr. Julie Carbray was awarded the UIC College of Nursing's Preceptor of the Year Award for her continued commitment to and excellence in the professional training of graduate students in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Program. Dr, Carbray was given this recognition at an awards ceremony at the College of Nursing in May.
Faculty and Staff News (cont.)

Conference presentations accepted from our Neuropsychology Division!


Dr. Henry Dove was selected as the 2019 Distinguished Faculty in the College of Medicine. He was presented this honor at our College of Medicine Commencement on Friday, May 10th, at 2pm at the UIC Pavilion.

Dr. Olu Ajilore, associate professor of psychiatry in the UIC College of Medicine, is quoted in a Chicago Sun-Times article on managing stress. The article reads in part: “Social media can give us a filtered version of reality that shows others doing well and having fun, [and that can] create competition to keep up with that image,” said Ajilore, who works with patients at UIC’s Center for Depression and Resilience.

So it’s important to do a reality check. How are you letting social media influence your emotions? Do others’ beachfront vacation photos make you angry and jealous or happy and contented? One coping method: Take a social-media “fast,” Ajilore said. “Take a break for a couple weeks from Twitter or Instagram. Use that time to reconnect with people in real life, face-to-face.”

Read the full article here: https://bit.ly/2HWWxRl

Dr. Steve Weine delivered the Michael M. Davis Lecture at the University of Chicago Center for Health Administration Studies (CHAS) on Tuesday, May 7th, at 12:30 – 1:50pm at the School for Social Service Administration, Room E1, 968 East 60th Street.

**Topic: ‘The Mental Health of Refugees: Global Challenges and Opportunities.’**

Dr. Olu Ajilore presented at the Plenary session at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for Biological Psychiatry in Chicago on Friday, May 17th. Plenary II: Negative Emotion and Threat: Developmental Frameworks, Molecular Techniques, and Multimodal Assays

**Topic: Making Connections: Network Approaches to Understanding Mood and Cognition**

Dr. Graziano Pinna, associate professor of psychiatry in the UIC College of Medicine, was featured in an NBC5 News segment in the 4:30 pm news hour. The report is on the first drug ever approved to treat post-partum depression. The drug is based on the neurosteroid allopregnanolone, which is found in lower levels in women with post-partum depression. Pinna’s research focuses on the effects of allopregnanolone on mood and depression.

Drs. Melissa Wagner-Schuman and Angela Shrestha were awarded IRRPP 2019-2020 Policy and Social Engagement Fellowship which begins July 1.

Dr. Liza Suarez was quoted in a Chicago Tribune article that I was interviewed for. Here is the link to the article: https://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/ct-life-neighborhood-violence-mental-health-tt-essay-0530-story.html

The National Medical Association is awarding Dr. Carl Bell their Scroll of Merit which is the highest honor the NMA can give one of its members.
Faculty and Staff News (cont.)

In April, Dr. Lisa Razzano was voted in as Chair-Elect for the American Psychological Association’s Task Force on Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance, 2019-21. She will chair the group 2021-23.

Dr. Lisa Razzano and colleagues presented the scientific paper, “A Community-Based Initiative to Promote Health Literacy Among Individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses,” at the Institute for Healthcare Advancement, Costa Mesa, CA, May 2019.

Dr. Razzano delivered the invited Webinar, “Chronic Physical Health Management for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness: Integrated Care, Evaluation & Interventions” hosted by the SMIAdvisor Program, funded by the American Psychiatric Association & SAMHSA, May 2019.


Dr. Judith Richman, will receive the Senior Scholar Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco at the annual meeting of the ASA in NYC in August. This award is given to “an established scholar who has made significant contributions to the scientific discipline and has provided service to the Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Section.”

Dr. Tory Eisenlohr - Moul is quoted in this NY Times article!
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/30/health/gender-stereotypes-research.html#click=https://t.co/jX6UR6yhpl

Wei-Yang Chen, Cassandra Coles and Kana Hamada from Dr. Amy Lasek’s lab received travel awards to attend the 2019 meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism in Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Amy Lasek was elected Treasurer of the International Behavioral and Neural Genetics Society (IBANGS)

CARE Retreat Poster Winners!

First place- Ted Hsu (Mitch Roitman lab-dept. of Psychology)- The subfornical organ recruits phasic dopamine signaling to water availability via multi-order pathways.

2nd place- Dalio Aspesi (Graziano Pinna lab-dept. of Psychiatry)- Altered allopregnanolone biosynthesis and GABAA receptor subunit expression in the post mortem brain of AUD subjects.

3rd place- Peyton Bohnsack (Subhash Pandey lab-dept. of Psychiatry)- Transcriptomic sequencing in adult amygdala reveals deficits in axon-guidance and synaptic plasticity after adolescent alcohol exposure.

Department of Psychiatry featured on The Ellen Show

The Department of Psychiatry’s role as a nationally recognized leader in providing the highest quality mental health services through clinical service, education and research, and developing the next generation of healthcare leaders was on full display, as our Chief Resident was a featured guest on the number one talk show in the country, The Ellen DeGeneres Show.

Click here to see the video:
https://uifightdepression.psych.uic.edu/ui-center-on-depression-and-resilience/ui-health-goes-to-hollywood-featured-on-the-ellen-show
Faculty News (cont.)


Dr. Ankita Sharma was recognized for good patient care from the UI health Engagement and Recognition Team.

Pictures of Faculty Awards 2019
Publications


The lncRNA BDNF-AS is an epigenetic regulator in the human amygdala in early onset alcohol use disorders.


Neuroimmune and epigenetic involvement in adolescent binge ethanol-induced loss of basal forebrain cholinergic neurons: Restoration with voluntary exercise.


