Message from our Chair

We are in the ‘quieter’ phase of events in the department. We had a very successful recruitment cycle – residents, fellows and psychology interns and we are preparing to welcome them and ensure a smooth transition to UIC. Thank you and Congratulations to everyone who participated and facilitated the process. Our new IJR Director, Niranjan Karnik, is settling in well and is busy growing and building the research programs at IJR: We have recruited three MD psychiatrists and three clinical psychologists to the department in addition to other clinicians who will help expand our clinical portfolio.

We are preparing for the Carl Bell, MD, Memorial Lecture and our Research Extravaganza in the fall. Our inpatient units are busy and our ambulatory programs are about 50 percent in person and the rest tele. Our medical student clerkship continues to do well, and I would like to congratulate, Sean Blitzstein, MD, who received the Golden Apple Teaching Award for Excellence from our COM. Thank you for your dedication, hard work and excellent teaching Sean. Much appreciated.

Have a great Spring!

Warm regards,
Anand Kumar MD., MHA
Upcoming Events:

Our Annual Graduation Event
Friday, June 10th
6 pm – 10 pm
Aba/the DALCY Event Hall
302 N. Green Street Chicago, IL 60607

Addiction Affinity Group April 21st:
“The Realms of Addiction Medicine: An Individual’s Path to Recovery”
Samantha Chirunomula MD., Addiction Medicine Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago
Location: Virtual Meeting 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Neuroscience Seminar Series April 28th:
“Epigenetic Biomarkers in Addiction and Beyond: Translation to the Clinic”
Ke Xu MD PhD., Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine, Connecticut Veteran Affairs Healthcare System
New Haven, CY
Location: Virtual Meeting 1:00pm to 2:00pm
Upcoming Events (cont.):

**Grand Rounds May 4th 2022:**
“Autism from 2 to 30: Looking Backward to Look Forward”
Catherine Lord, PhD
George Tarjan Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry
UCLA Semel Institute of Neuroscience and Human Behavior
Location: SPH/PI Auditorium, Room 109
1:00pm to 2:00pm

**Grand Rounds May 11th 2022:**
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellow Presentation
Department of Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago
Location: SPH/PI Auditorium Room 109
1:00pm to 2:00pm

**Grand Rounds May 18th 2022:**
“Paradise Lost: The Neurobiology of Child Abuse and Neglect”
Charles Nemeroff MD, PhD
Matthew P. Nemeroff Endowed Chair,
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Director, Institute for Early Life Adversity Research
Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School
Location: SPH/PI Auditorium Room 109
1:00pm to 2:00pm
Upcoming Events (cont.)

Coming soon!!

Annual Dr. Carl Bell Memorial Lecture

Wednesday September 28th 2022
1:00pm to 2:00pm
Location: TBA

Keynote Speaker:

Chief Justice, Timothy C. Evans
Circuit Court of Cook County
Faculty and Staff News

We say Farewell to the Passing of a Light

Dr. Tom Jobe was a brilliant theoretical analyst who was often far ahead of the field. Many influential papers came from collaboration over the years with our own Dr. Martin Harrow. He was a nice guy with a broad spectrum of knowledge which he used astutely to help people. He will be sorely missed. Attached is a link to a beautifully written tribute to the legacy of Tom by Robert Whitaker.

https://www.madinamerica.com/2022/03/thomas-jobe-the-legacy-he-leaves-behind/
Faculty and Staff News (cont.)

WELCOME

New Director of the Institute for Juvenile Research
Niranjan S. Karnik, MD, PhD

Thank you Marc Atkins, PhD for your ongoing contributions to IJR!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Child Fellowship Match Day Results!

**Paloma Reinoso**
Zucker Hillside Hospital, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra-Northwell Health

**Jasmine Flowers**
University of Texas Health Rio Grande Valley

**James Chambliss**
Broadlawns-UnityPoint Psychiatry Residency
Faculty and Staff News (cont.)

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME!

Next class of incoming Psychiatry Residents 2022-2023

| Noah Borchardt, MD  
| University of Wisconsin  
| School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, WI |

| Krystal Del Castillo, MD  
| University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, Irvine, CA |

| Lia DeRoin, MD  
| University of Chicago  
| Division of the Biological Sciences The Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, IL |

| Kevin Garland, MD  
| Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH |

| Christopher Hensler, MD  
| University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA |

| Dillon Sharp, MD  
| University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, IL |

| Tiffany Teng, MD  
| Northwestern University The Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL |

| Vivek Yanamadala, MD  
| Ohio State University College of Medicine |

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| Anna Narayan, MD, MS  
| Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA |

| Anna Shangguan, MD, PhD  
| Northwestern University The Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL |
Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Sean Blitzstein is the recipient of the Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence.
During the COM Clinical department heads meeting, it was pointed out the quality of the student clerkship is probably the most important local factor in helping students make career/specialty choices. The facts speak for themselves - 25 students from UIC, in total, matched into psychiatry this year!

Dr. Lisa Razzano has been promoted from Associate to Full Professor.

Dr. Julie Carbray was invited to present the keynote address (Susan McCabe Psychopharmacology lecture) for the 2022 annual conference of the International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses on March 19, 2022. Psychopharmacologic nursing practice: pitfalls, pearls and promises, virtual presentation.

Dr. Cope Feurer was awarded the Society of Biological Psychiatry Chair’s Choice Travel Fellowship Award.

In January, Dr. Dana Rusch submitted a public comment to the Federal Registrar with data-driven policy recommendations to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Interagency Taskforce on the Reunification of Families.

Dr. Dennis R. Grayson was promoted from Review Editor to Associate Editor for Epigenomics and Epigenetics, a specialty section of Frontiers in Genetics and Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology.

Our own Dr. Joseph Cooper on Aphasia - following the Bruce Willis announcement: https://abc7chicago.com/what-is-aphasia-bruce-willis-diagnosis-meaning/11693700/

Dr. Dana Rusch’s first authored article was acknowledged as one of the top cited articles between Jan-Dec2021 from the American Journal of Community Psychology. Here is a link to the article:

A Community-Based Organization Model to Promote Latinx Immigrant Mental Health Through Advocacy Skills and Universal Parenting Supports
CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Mary Bunn was just awarded funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement/SAMSHA to adapt an evidence-based family strengthening intervention for incoming Afghan evacuees and to establish a multi-state learning collaborative to support implementation and testing the intervention during resettlement. This project is being conducted in collaboration with the U.S Committee for Immigrants and Refugees and collaborators at Boston College.

Dr. Julie Carbray was a guest on the “Behind Our Door” podcast. She discussed resources available to families and the best approach to suspected mood disorders in children and adolescents. Behind Our Door focuses on real life conversations about mental health across every stage of life.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/2WWfEi1uiAXoy9ii7g0Uy4?si=eBuQxPIXRueL9pBvz_F9_w&nd=1

Dr. John M. Davis and Urban Studies scholar Nik Theodore are among 2,622 U.S.-based researchers and 6,600 researchers from around the world who demonstrated significant influence in the sciences and social sciences through the publication of multiple highly cited papers from Jan. 2010 to Dec. 2020.


Lauren Fergus, LCSW on 8E, received a Care Award.

Allison Anich, LCSW at IOP, received a Class Act Award.

Dr. Geri Fox was approved as Professor Emerita of Clinical Psychiatry at the 1/20/22 Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Lisa Razzano collaborated with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health & University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Public Mental Health Partnership on a 5-part, multi-site workforce development series regarding psychiatric recovery, physical health, and community participation for first responders.

Dr. Lisa Razzano was an invited participant for a federal panel at the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR): "Using Virtual Research Methods for Data Collection with People with Cognitive Disability: Challenges, Limitations, & Solutions."
Faculty and Staff News (cont.)

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Drs. Judith Cook and Jessica Jonikas** were invited to develop and record archived webinar trainings for the American Psychiatric Association’s *SMI Advisor* on using their Center’s materials to enhance treatment engagement. The first training features the Center’s self-assessment guide, and the second features the Center’s person-centered planning guide. SMI Adviser released these recordings nationally in March 2022: [https://smiadviser.org/knowledge_post/what-are-ways-to-enhance-client-engagement-in-the-treatment-process](https://smiadviser.org/knowledge_post/what-are-ways-to-enhance-client-engagement-in-the-treatment-process)

**Dr. Brittany Rudd** was invited to present during a special panel on implementation science at the Midwest Clinical and Translational Research Meeting held in March in Chicago.

**Dr. Brittany Rudd**, in partnership with Judge Maria Granger and Indiana’s Floyd County Superior Court 3, recently received a grant from the Indiana Supreme Court to evaluate a family law navigation model. This grant represents that largest investment in family law research that the Indiana Supreme Court has made to date.

**Dr. Brittany Rudd**, in collaboration with Margaret Wardle, was awarded a CCTS pilot grant to design a contingency management program to be implemented within UIHealth’s Mile Square Health Center (MSHC)’s opioid use treatment program.

**Dr. Brittany Rudd** received the Best Implementation Science Presentation (Second Place) award at the Midwest Clinical and Translational Research Meeting in Chicago, IL.

**Carla Ross, CPA** has earned additional professional certificates through the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans: CEBS-US Designation, CEBS-US RPA Designation and CEBS US GBA Designation.

**Dr. Mark Rasenick**


[https://www.fox32chicago.com/video/1019229](https://www.fox32chicago.com/video/1019229)

**Dr. Sally Weinstein** hosted an educational webinar on “Suicide Risk Prevention in Pediatric Bipolar Disorder: The Role of the Family” for the International Bipolar Foundation (IBPF.org). The webinar is featured on the IBPF.org website and the IBPF YouTube Channel.


**Dr. Sally Weinstein** was interviewed on NBC5 Evening News, along with Dr. Mark Rasenick, to discuss the impact of Dr. Rasenick’s breakthrough depression research in the field.

Publications


Their second Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA, Division 27 of APA) Policy Statement was published in the December 2021 AJCP issue. Both Drs. Tara Mehta and Dana Rusch, are co-authors on this piece with several other Immigrant Justice Special Interest Group colleagues. Thanks to CCTS support and other authors’ institutional support, this statement is available open access.

http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12515

Dr. Mark Rasenick has an important paper in Press in the journal Molecular Psychiatry on a cellular biomarker in depression and biomarker change with successful antidepressant treatment.

Attached are the 2 media interviews he has completed so far.

https://www.fox32chicago.com/video/1019229

and the Canadian Radio interview

https://omny.fm/shows/alan-carter/researchers-discover-biomarker-that-detects-depress


Dr. Mark Rasenick and team reported a simple, high-throughput-capable, protein-based depression biomarker.

The paper, which has been the most read/tweeted/downloaded for Molecular Psychiatry this year, also includes Dr. Runa Bhaumik of the Department and Jeff Schappi and Anasthia Koutsoris of UIC.


Publications and Presentations


Presentations:

On March 29, Dr. Dana Rusch and three other invited panelists from Enlace Chicago, U of C, and RUMC served on a 2-hour virtual panel on Immigrant and Refugee Health for students across the College of Medicine Chicago, Rockford, and Peoria campuses.


Goff, C.N., Snyder, S., **Potter, E.N.**, Witzig, J., **Ordorica, C.**, & **Rudd, B.N.** (2021, November 18–21). Implementation and quality of suicide prevention guidelines in juvenile detention: A qualitative inquiry with juvenile detention directors. In B. N. Rudd (Chair), *Protecting the most vulnerable: Suicide prevention in the justice system* [Symposium]. 55th annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (Virtual).

**Rudd, B.N.**, Stern, D.H., **Potter, E.N.**, & Goff, C.N. (2021, November 18–21). The zero suicide model for juvenile detention: Leadership, training, and staff attitudes matter. In B. N. Rudd (Chair), *Protecting the most vulnerable: Suicide prevention in the justice system* [Symposium]. 55th annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (Virtual).