Message from our Chair

Summer is here and there is much to celebrate during this great season in the Department of Psychiatry. We are in the throes of many significant endeavors in all aspects of the academic, clinical, and research areas of our Department.

First and foremost, please join me in welcoming our Department’s newest Faculty, Residents, Fellows, Interns, Trainees, and Staff! We are thrilled that you have joined the department! We wish you a smooth sailing as you adapt to and get settled in your new roles!

Thank you to everyone involved with our academic mission. You are instrumental in ensuring that our educational environment is the best it can be.

A tremendous thank you goes to our clinicians, who continue to provide wonderful clinical care to our patients and families. Many thanks as well to all of our staff members who support the clinical environments.

Kudos to the members of our research faculty and staff. Your work and tenacity is stellar as evidenced by your ongoing accomplishments and efforts, while you continue to share your expertise and outcomes with others internally and externally.

And a big thank you to our Administration staff who support the entire department in so many ways. You are amazing and appreciated.

Have a great and productive summer!

Best wishes,
Anand Kumar, MD, MHA
Upcoming Events:

2024 Research Extravaganza

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Ted Abel
Roy J. Carver Chair in Neuroscience
Director of the Iowa Neuroscience Institute and
Chair and DEO of the Department of Neuroscience and Pharmacology
University of Iowa

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mark your calendars!!!
Faculty and Staff News

The Chicago Tribune published an article covering recent work on the menstrual cycle and acute suicide risk from the CLEAR Lab, led by Dr. Tory Eisenlohr-Moul. The article discusses a recently published paper in the American Journal of Psychiatry titled Predicting Acute Changes in Suicidal Ideation and Planning: A Longitudinal Study of Symptom Mediators and the Role of the Menstrual Cycle in Female Psychiatric Outpatients With Suicidality.

As clinical advisory board chair for the International Association of Premenstrual Disorders (IAPMD), Dr. Tory Eisenlohr-Moul led the initiative to develop a patient handbook that provides comprehensive guidance on evidence-based treatments for Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD). "Combining up-to-date research with clinical expertise and patient experience, this is your guide to PMDD treatment. PMDD Treatment Options provides you with evidence-based information, empowering you to confidently navigate your treatment and care!"

Dr. Judith Cook was interviewed by TheBody about her body of research on HIV/AIDS and mental health, highlighting the reciprocal relationship by which mental health affects the likelihood of acquiring HIV infection and how people manage it, while in turn, living with the virus also impacts mental health. Since its inception in 1995, TheBody has published HIV-related information, news, support, and personal perspectives to educate the public and serve the HIV community. https://www.thebody.com/article/hiv-and-mental-health.

Dr. Judith Cook presented research findings at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Rehabilitation Research & Training Centers.

Staff at the UIC Center on Mental Health Services Research and Policy partnered to translate a comprehensive assessment protocol into the Bosnian language to impact future policy.

Gabriella Bobadilla of the MATTERS Lab was awarded both the Society of Pediatric Psychology's (SPP) Digital Health SIG Student Poster Award AND one of the SPP Annual Conference Student Poster Awards! Her award-winning work was entitled: "Addressing Mental Health Disparities in Urban Primary Care Settings: Teen Screening Practices and Linguistic Inclusivity."


Dr. Stiles-Shields presented at CHOP, as well as the Annual Conferences of SRA, SPP, and ISRII.

Dr. Geri Fox and colleagues presented a workshop on Narrative Medicine at the AADPR annual meeting in March 2024. Mathews E, Fox G, Dickerson J, Nagar A. "Stories Change Us: Using Narrative Medicine to Foster Connection, Empathy, and Reflection as an Antidote to Burnout." Workshop, AADPRT Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. February 29, 2024.
Faculty and Staff News (cont.)

Dr. Geri Fox delivered Psychiatry Grand Rounds on Delivering and Receiving Effective Feedback at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn NY in May 2024. Fox G. “Delivering and Receiving Effective Feedback: Strategies and Challenges.” Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, May 22, 2024.

Dr. Geri Fox was honored to honor her mentor, Jay G Hirsch MD. “Remembering and Honoring Jay Hirsch, MD.” Klingenstein Annual Medical Student National Conference, Chicago, IL, January 27, 2024.

Dr. Geri Fox conducted an interactive guest lecture and discussion with the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows at Rutgers. “Developmental Milestones.” Interactive Lecture and Discussion with Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows, Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, NJ, June 13, 2024.

Dr. Natania Crane, Emily Jones, Ryan Sullivan, Rebecca Denson, and the REWARD lab presented talks and posters at the 86th annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence conference.


Anna Li, a M1 student in the REWARD Lab, was awarded a College of Medicine Craig Scholar Fellowship. Anna Li will work with Dr. Natania Crane in the REWARD Lab to understand how Δ9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) impacts frontostriatal connectivity and how that is related to changes in affect during THC intoxication.

Dr. Brittany Rudd received a pilot award from the National Center for Health and Justice Integration for Suicide Prevention (NCHATS) NIMH P50 Center entitled “Piloting a Family Law Navigation Model to Prevent Suicide and Increase Uptake of Mental Health Service Use for Youth and their Families.”

CAPACITY lab member, Holly Huber Gifford passed her dissertation defense titled “Implementation and Evaluation of Evidence Based Practices to Support Trauma-Informed Court Reform,” at Indiana University Bloomington with committee members Drs. Brittany Rudd, Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, Amy Applegate, Jack Bates, and Brian D’Onofrio.

CAPACITY lab member, Clarisa Wijaya proposed her MA thesis titled “Barriers and Facilitators to the Implementation of Suicide Prevention in Juvenile Detention Settings” with committee members Drs. Rudd, Mermelstein, and Meinzer.


Publications


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**Stiles-Shields, C.** (April, 2024). *Discussant.* In E. Moscato (Chair), *“Beyond the Brick-And-Mortar”: Forming and sustaining community-engaged partnerships with young people and their families in novel clinical and digital spaces.* Symposium presented at the Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.


**Stiles-Shields, C.** (2024, April). *Improving Digital Mental Health Engagement and Implementation: Recognizing and Championing Lived Expertise.* Lecture presented to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and hosted by the mHealth, Health and Behavior Research Affinity Groups.


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CAPACITY Lab Publications:
