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Special Announcements

Dr. Linda Teplin is delighted to announce that Research Assistant Professor **Dr. Gayle Byck**, has joined the faculty of the Health Disparities and Public Policy (HDPP) program. Dr. Byck obtained her doctorate in public health from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She comes to HDPP from the Department of Medical Social Sciences here at NU. Most recently, Dr. Byck worked with **Dr. Brian Mustanski** on the Genes Environment Neighborhood Initiative (GENI) project.

Education News

Kara Brown, PGY3 and **Megan Pirigyi**, PGY3 will be presenting a workshop with Program Director Joan Anzia, Dr. Pri Weerasekera of McMaster University, and Dr. John Manning of SUNY Downstate at the APA Annual Meeting in NYC.

PGY4 **Jackie Landess** matched for her Child/Adolescent Fellowship at University of Colorado, and PGY3 **Colleen McGuire** matched at our own Lurie Childrens' Hospital. PGY4 **Marley Doyle** will be moving to a Womens' Behavioral Health Fellowship at the Brigham in Boston. Congratulations to all.

Three of our PGY1s – **Molly Lubin, Alexandra Regenbogen, and Sara Ashurst**, received Intern Teaching Awards from the Department of Medicine during their internal medicine rotations. Although our PGY1s have frequently won this award, three is a new record! Congratulations!

Molly Lubin, PGY1 and **Carolyn Auffenberg**, PGY3, had posters accepted for the Residents' Poster Competition at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting in NYC, May 3, 2014.

A new residency baby! **Lisette Rodriguez-Cabezas**, PGY2, and her husband Tony welcomed baby Giovanni at Prentice Hospital on February 24th. Congratulations to the new family.

Brian Schultz, MD. PhD, PGY3 is one of the recipients of the Society of Biological Psychiatry's 2014 Chairman's Choice Awards; he will attend the annual meeting, May 8-10, 2014 in NYC, NY.

The Rank List is in! We interviewed 60 applicants this winter – all very strong candidates – and are eagerly awaiting the Match announcement on March 21st.

100% (9/9) of our Clinical Psychology PhD students matched at outstanding sites throughout the nation. Specifically:

- **Sarah Ballou:** Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology
- **Angel Buchanan:** Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital
- **Allison Clarke:** University of North Carolina School of Medicine
- **Tamar Gefen:** Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School
- **Mara Gustafson:** Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- **Jennifer Hershfield:** UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior
- **Anjali Pandit:** Jesse Brown VA Medical Center
- **Michal Rischall:** Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
- **Lindsey Sankin:** New York University School of Medicine/Bellevue Hospital Center

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100% of our students graduating with a PhD in Clinical Psychology matched for postdoctoral fellowships. Specifically:

- **Nichole Olson:** Stanford School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, Adult Clinical Track
- **Kallio Hunnicutt-Ferguson:** New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College, Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Clinical Psychology

Publications

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In February, **Dr. Meltzer** and colleagues have received acceptance of a publication entitled "A Six Month Randomized Controlled Trial of Long Acting Injectable Risperidone 50 and 100 mg in Treatment Resistant Schizophrenia", which will be published in the journal *Schizophrenia Research*.

Dr. Teplin published an article on mental disorder and violence in the online publication, *The Daily Beast*. Her op-ed, "Massacres and Madness," examines whether increasing funding for mental health treatment will reduce violence. <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/12/14/massacres-and-madness.html>

Dr. Teplin's latest manuscript, "Cognitive and academic functioning of juvenile detainees: Implications for correctional populations and public health," was recently published in the January 2014 issue of *The Journal of Correctional Healthcare*

Awards

The Translational Neuropharmacology Program, directed by **Dr. Herb Meltzer** has been recently awarded two preclinical grants. One is to explore the effect of the compound GLYX-13, a ketamine derivative, on a model of the cognitive impairment in schizophrenia. The other is to examine the impact of neurotransmitter efflux in genetically modified mice, using in vivo brain microdialysis techniques and analytical methods via mass spectrometry.

Dr. Meltzer's program is also closely affiliated with the Chemistry of Life Processes Institute, and this collaboration has recently received a Chairman's Innovation Award for synthesis and development of novel compounds for treatment of schizophrenia.

Congratulations to Asher Center Post-doc **Cynthia Coyle**, who has received a Steiner Travel Award for the North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynecology in April, 2014: *Therapeutic and Medicinal Uses of the Placenta: Placentophagy and Other Practices*, **Cynthia Coyle, PhD**, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine