Special Announcements

Big Welcome To Our New Faculty Member!

Scott Leibowitz, M.D. is joining us from Boston Children’s Hospital. Starting November 4, 2013, he will be a faculty member at Lurie Children’s hospital working in our Gender Development Clinic, as well as outpatient and C/L service. He has expertise in LGBT issues in youth.

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Website

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences has a new Website! Please visit and browse: http://psychiatry.northwestern.edu/index.html

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 6th through Friday, November 8, 2013

The 2013 Perinatal Mental Health Meeting: Optimizing Maternal Treatment to Improve Infant Outcomes Conference

Sponsored by the Asher Center for Research and Treatment of Depressive Disorders at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine, the Marce International Society, and NASPOG.

To register for the event, please visit: www.perinatal2013.com.

Clinical News

Stone Inpatient Psychiatry welcomed two new staff members this summer: Melissa Vitt and Ashley Dominique, as part of the Inpatient Social Work team. The Intensive Case Management (ICM) also has a new member, with Philip Bestrom joining the team as case manager. The Psychiatric Emergency Department has implemented a formalized reassessment for patients that are in the ER for long length of stays, due to complex dispositions. We are one of the only facilities in Cook County to implement this formalized reassessment and treatment.

At Stone Mental Health Center IOP, it was noted that the depression/Axis II track have larger numbers than the cognitive/complex track, in terms of patient enrollment.

The NMFF Psychiatry Clinic at Onerie and Arkes continues to grow with the addition of Mike Brook, Ph.D., to our neuropsychology service, and Courtney Wright, LCSW, to our outpatient clinic. Please join us in welcoming these two providers.

Educational News

Invited Speakers

September 18th and 19th, Jeffrey Staab, M.D., M.S. came to Northwestern thanks to the Visiting Professor Award received from the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine.

Residency Program

The psychiatry residency program has rolled out new resident evaluation forms incorporating the RRC Psychiatry Milestones.

PGY3 Dr. Anthony Archer and Dr. Morris Goldman and, along with Jennifer Kezman published a paper called “Rapid Re-challenge with Clozapine Following Pronounced Myocarditis in a Treatment-Resistance Schizophrenia Patient.” Click here for article.

PGY2 Dr. Sean Bordelon, Dr. Lisa Rosenthal, and Dr. Brett Lloyd have coauthored an upcoming paper in the journal Psychosomatics titled “Serotonin Syndrome and Stiff Person Syndrome: Diagnostic Challenges in Psychosomatic Medicine.”

PGY4 Dr. Marley Doyle and Dr. Brett Lloyd have created several psychosomatic video vignettes through Northwestern’s Simulation Center; they will be piloting the educational videos with the current psychiatry residents.

PGY3 Kara Brown and Dr. Kara Driscoll, along with some members of the OB Department, published the paper “Pregnancy in the severely mentally ill patient as an opportunity for global coordination of care.” Click here for article.

Fellowship Program

New Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows: Stacy Greeter, M.D. from Northwestern University; Sarah Florence, M.D. from Rush University Medical Center; Heide Hullsiek, M.D. from University of Connecticut; Sarah Steuerman, M.D. from University of Illinois at Chicago. We are very excited to have them join us.
Research News

Lei Wang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, is the lead principal investigator on a project to create the first large-scale collection of database for schizophrenia research.

Please find more information at the following link: http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/news/2013/09/wang_schizophrenia.html


Awards

Adam Christensen, Third-year Clinical Psychology Ph.D. student, awarded Travel Fellowship for the Alzheimer's Imaging Consortium in Boston, Massachusetts, on Saturday, July 13, 2013.

Derin J Cobia, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, was awarded the NARSAD Young Investigator Grant for 2013. Awarded funding to attend fMRI Training Course at University of Michigan: Dr. Cobia was accepted into the NIH-funded University of Michigan fMRI training course directed by John Jonides, PhD.

Tamar Gefen (4th year, Drs. Weintraub & Rogalski's lab) received an Early Researcher Award from the Illinois Department of Public Health to study SuperAging.

Evan Graf, Ph.D., Postdoctoral fellow Travel award to INCF Short Course on Neuroinformatics, Neurogenomics and Brain Disease — September 14-September 20, 2013, Fraueninsel (Bavaria), Germany.

Kathryn Harper, Ph.D., Postdoctoral fellow Travel award for Short Course on Systems Genetics, The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine. September 8-September 14, 2013.

Stephanie Kielb (1st year, Drs. Weintraub & Rogalski's lab) received a Polish Women's Civic Club Scholarship.


Anjali Pandit (3rd year, Dr. Wolf's lab) was awarded the Alvin R. Tarlov and John E. Ware Doctoral Dissertation Award in Patient-Reported Outcomes.

Jelena Radulovic M.D., PH.D, Dunbar Professor of Bipolar Disease, won the Ken and Ruth Davee Award for Innovative Investigations in Mood Disorders.

Matthew Schroeder, Shoai Hattori, and Jessica Wilson, from the Northwestern University Interdepartmental Neuroscience (NUIN) Program, will be awarded the Next Generation Award at the 2013 Society for Neuroscience (SfN) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.

Elif Tunc-Ozcan, NUIN graduate student Travel Award, to attend the 2013 Research Society on Alcoholism/FASDSG annual conference, Orlando, FL, June 22-26, 2013.

Please find more info at: http://niacal.northwestern.edu/news
A member of our faculty, Ronald J. Ganellen, Ph.D., was recently elected President of the Society for Personality Assessment. Widely published, Dr. Ganellen specializes in performance-based assessment and is a nationally prominent expert on the MMPI and related instruments. The Society for Personality Assessment is the nation's premier academic organization dedicated to the development of personality assessment methods, research on their validity and effectiveness, and approaches to clinical assessment. This is an important honor, and reflects Dr. Ganellen's reputation as an academic clinical psychologist.

Faculty that will be presenting at AACAP National Conference October 2013: Sigita Plioplys, M.D. and Richard Wendel, Ph.D.

Mark Reinecke, Ph.D., was elected a Fellow of APA Division 37, the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice.