Special Announcements

We are extremely proud that one of our own junior faculty members, Gaurava Agarwal, M.D. has been selected as the George H. Joost Awardee for 2014. This is the Medical School’s highest faculty award for clinical teaching, and Dr. Agarwal is the most junior faculty member ever to receive this award in the history of the School. In 2013, Dr. Agarwal was chosen by graduating medical students as their Honors Day Speaker. Dr. Agarwal is the Director of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry and an Attending Team Leader on the Stone Inpatient service.

Clinical News

Our NMG psychiatric clinical Operations now has a new practice manager, Keyanna Brown. Ms. Brown has been in the healthcare field for a number of years of which the last eight were at the manager level. She brings with her broad experience in the management of outpatient medical operations with a variety of medical disciplines as well as a set of fresh eyes to our practice. We are so happy she has joined our practice!

Mark Newman, MD, Instructor, will be joining our department in our Psychosomatic Medicine Consult-Liaison Division on July 1. Dr. Newman is completing his fellowship at Feinberg and served his residency in general psychiatry at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor on the clinical scholars track and was chief resident at the university hospital services. He presented at Grand Rounds on perceptions of supervision, cognitive behavior therapy for persistent insomnia and post-traumatic stress disorder with secondary psychotic features. Dr. Newman will be working in the NMH consult-liaison and emergency services, and will be training psychiatric residents and medical students in the consult-liaison psychiatry and work with psychology and social work interns.

Education News

PGY2 Lisette Rodriguez-Cabezas has a paper in press in General Hospital Psychiatry coauthored with Dr. Agarwal, “Priapism associated with iloperidone: a case report”. She also gave birth to baby Giovani Cabezas two months ago and is back full time in residency!

Department Graduation is on Friday, June 20th at 5:00 pm in the Prentice 3rd floor atrium. All faculty are encouraged to join in celebrating the achievements of our psychiatry and psychology graduates; there will be an appetizer buffet with drinks followed by the ceremony from 6pm-7pm.

Research News

Dr. Herbert Meltzer has received a Distinguished Investigator Grant Award from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, titled, “Identifying genetic basis for suicide prevention by clozapine: the EGF-MAPK-ERK signaling pathway”. This is a two year project, beginning in October 2014.
Publications


Awards

Ford-Paz, R.E., Crown, L (Co-PIs). 7/2014 – 6/2015. Community-Academic Partnership to Promote Integration of Health Promotion and Prevention Efforts Benefiting Girls of Color. NU Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute: Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities. Total costs: $5,000. The purpose of this project is to develop a community-based participatory research partnership aimed at enhancing and evaluating Youth Guidance’s Working on Womanhood (WOW) school-based counseling, mentoring, character development and educational enrichment program to target common risk and protective factors for a variety of psychosocial, academic, behavioral outcomes.

Reinecke, Mark, Researcher: Sarah O’Dor, Sponsor: American Psychological Foundation, Study Title: Neurological Effects of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy on Adolescents with Depression, Date: 9/1/14 - 8/31/15 Amount: $25,000

Salina, Doreen, Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Assistance (via Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority), Project Title: Sheriff’s Women’s Justice Program, Date: 10/1/13 - 9/30/14, Amount: $208,332


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