



# Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

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## Special Announcements and New Appointments

**Stephanie Powell, PhD**, (Assistant Professor) - ARLCH. Dr. Powell will be working with Dr. Stewart Goldman at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago in the Hematology/Oncology/Stem Cell Transplant programs. Dr. Powell's clinical work will involve neuropsychological evaluations of children and adolescents being treated by members of the Division of Hematology/Oncology/Transplant and will participate in the education programs of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, particularly the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the Division of Hematology/Oncology/Transplant, and the medical school, which may include teaching seminars, clinical supervision, preceptorship, mentoring and other activities.

### Volunteer Faculty Appointments

**Linda Marino, PhD**, (Health System Clinician) - Private practice, Chicago. Dr. Marino will be working with Dr. Mark Reinecke and lecture on psychodynamic psychotherapy in our department's Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Seminar series.

## Research News

At a poster session on November 21, second-year medical students shared the results of their research projects for the Area of Scholarly Concentration, a four-year longitudinal project that culminates with a thesis at the end of their fourth year. Projects spanned departments: from the basic sciences to clinical investigation, including translational medicine, medical humanities and more.

**Veronika Hanko**, a second-year medical student working in Dr. Lei Wang's lab, presented a poster on examining the hippocampus of post-mortem patients to identify subtle changes in brain shapes.

## Clinical News

**Matthew Smith, PhD, LCSW** Assistant Professor, will be joining the outpatient clinic on January 1st. Dr. Smith is an Assistant Professor at Northwestern and a licensed clinical social worker. Dr. Smith's clinical duties will include contributing 10% of his effort in the outpatient clinic within NMG. Dr. Smith will continue his educational activities as Course Director in the Master of Clinical Investigation program and participate in other educational programs. Dr. Smith will also continue his research in the area of major mental disorders and their effects on psychosocial functioning.

## Education News

### Psychiatry Residency Program news:

Chief Residents for 2015-16 will be PGY3s Katherine Backes and Erica Ghignone  
PGY4 Kara Brown was offered (and accepted) a fellowship in Womens' Mental Health at Brigham and Womens' Hospital in Boston.

### Medical Student Education:

The Psychiatry Clerkship is now the second most highly rated clerkship in the Medical School.



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## News and Media

**Eva Redei, PhD**, psychiatry, behavioral sciences, is mentioned in multiple media outlets including Mashable and Times Union in continuing coverage of a new blood test her lab developed that diagnoses depression in adults.

**Katherine Wisner, MD**, is quoted in an article "Pregnant women must be studied too" that has been published on The Conversation. <http://theconversation.com/pregnant-women-must-be-studied-too-32476>

**Scott Leibowitz** news coverage:

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/11/12/363319642/training-the-next-generation-of-doctors-to-get-lgbt-health-right>  
utm\_source=facebook.com&utm\_medium=social&utm\_campaign=npr&utm\_term=nprnews&utm\_content=2037

And  
<http://dailynorthwestern.com/2014/11/11/campus/northwestern-profs-contribute-to-new-medical-guidelines-for-care-for-lgbt-gendernonconforming-and-intersex-patients/>

## Publications

Chen, D., Drabick, D. A. G., & Burgers, D. E. (in press). A developmental perspective on peer rejection, deviant peer affiliation, and conduct problems among youth. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*. DOI: 10.1007/s10578-014-0522-y

Scott Leibowitz was the co-author and chapter editor for "Implementing Curricular and Institutional Climate Changes to Improve Health Care for Individuals Who Are LGBT, Gender Nonconforming, or Born with DSD"

Massey, S.H., Estabrook, C., O'Brien, T.C., Burns, J.L., Pine, D.S., Jacob, S., Cook, E.C., & Wakschlag, L.S. (2015). Preliminary evidence for the interaction of the oxytocin receptor gene and face processing in differentiating prenatal smoking patterns. *Neuroscience Letters* 584, 259-264.

Michaels TM, Horan WP, Ginger EJ, Martinovich Z, Pinkham AE, Smith MJ. (2014). Cognitive empathy contributes to poor social functioning in schizophrenia: evidence from a new self-report measure of cognitive and affective empathy. *Psychiatry Research*, 220, 803-810. PMID: 25412980.

Plioplys S, Doss J, Siddarth P, et al.(2014). A multisite controlled study of risk factors in pediatric psychogenic nonepileptic seizures. *Epilepsia*, 55, 1739-1747.

## Grants

**C. Hendricks Brown, PhD** (PI); Sponsor: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (via University of Rochester); Project title: Peer-led Suicide Prevention: Promoting Healthy Family Role Transitions for Military Personnel; Project period: 9/8/14 - 9/7/15

**Michael F Fleming, MD** (PI); Sponsor: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (via SIMmersion LLC); Project Title: Virtual Role-Plays to Train Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Addictions Project period: 9/25/14 - 6/15/15

**Neil Jordan, PhD** (PI); Sponsor: National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (via Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago); Project Title: Developing Optimal Strategies in Exercise and Survival Skills to increase Health and Function; Project period: 10/1/14 -9/30/15



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## Presentations

Chen, D., Hidalgo, M. A., Garofalo, R., Simons, L. K., & Leininger, J. (March 2015) Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago's Gender Development Clinic: Year 1 descriptive data. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, Los Angeles, CA.

Karen Gouze, PhD and Richard Wendel, PhD presented a workshop at the AACAP meeting in October, 2014 on "Family Therapy Treatment and Training Using the Integrative Module-Based Family Therapy Model"

Anna Ivanenko, MD Co- Chaired 2 sessions at the AACAP meetings on Clinical Perspectives on Pediatric Sleep: "Bedtime Stories: evaluation and treatment of pediatric sleep disorders"

Scott Leibowitz, MD. presented at the Gay Lesbian Medical Association in Baltimore, in September 2014 on "Integrating and Applying Competency-Based Medical Education in Advancing LGBT Health Equality"

Scott Leibowitz gave 3 presentations at the AACAP meeting in October, 2014 on (1) Gender Nonconformity and Dysphoria in Children and Adolescents: An Overview of the Complex Decisions and Interventions, (2) Gender Nonconformity and Dysphoria Across Development: What the Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Needs to Know; (3) "Today's 'Generation' of Youth: Why Talking About Gender Matters"

Scott Leibowitz presented at the Association of American Medical Colleges annual meeting in Chicago, in November 2014: "Adopting the Physician Competencies Reference Set to Advance the Health of People who are LGBT, Gender Nonconforming, or Born with DSD"

Adele Martel, PhD, MD presented at the AACAP meeting in September, 2014 on "Youth & Young Adults in Transition: Issues for Child & Adolescent Psychiatrists and Service Systems," and "Developing a Systematic Approach for Transitioning Patients to College Mental Health Services"

Karen Pierce, MD presented at the AACAP meeting in September, 2014 on "Career Paths for Women as part of the Symposium on Women and AACAP"

Sigita Plioplys, MD presented at the AACAP meeting in October, 2014 on "A Clinical Framework for the Psychiatric Assessment of the Nonverbal Patient."

Richard Wendel, Ph.D. presented at the AACAP meeting in October, 2014, on "Essentials of Family Assessment: The Integrated Module Based Family Therapy Model", and, with Karen Gouze, presented a workshop on, "Family Therapy Treatment and Training Using the Integrative Module-Based Family Therapy Model."