Please welcome our new Clinical Psychology PhD Program students for 2015-2016:

Meredith Craven, Williams College (BA), Emory University (MPH), recruited into Dr. Laurie Keefer’s lab (Behavioral Medicine Research and Clinical Emphases)

Jennifer Gowins, Northwestern University (BA, MS), recruited into Dr. Jackie Gollan’s lab (Psychopathology & Treatment Research Emphasis, Adult Clinical Emphasis)

Livia Guadagnoli, University of Alabama Tuscaloosa (BA), recruited into Dr. Laurie Keefer’s lab (Behavioral Medicine Research and Clinical Emphases)

Sara Hoffman, Grinnell College (BA), recruited into Dr. Bonnie Spring’s lab (Behavioral Medicine Research and Clinical Emphases)

Elizabeth Kaiser, Butler University (BA), Boston University (MA), recruited into Dr. Stephen Schueller’s lab (Psychopathology & Treatment Research Emphasis, Adult or Behavioral Medicine Clinical Emphases)

Noël Slesinger, Northwestern University (BA), recruited into Dr. Jason Washburn’s Lab (Psychopathology & Treatment Research Emphasis, Child & Adolescent Clinical Emphasis)

Virginia Terwilliger, University of Virginia (BA), recruited into Dr. James Reilly’s lab (Neuropsychology & Behavioral Neuroscience Research Emphasis, Clinical Neuropsychology Emphasis)

Internship Match Placements:

Adam Christensen (Clinical Neuropsychology Emphasis, Wang Lab), VA Boston Healthcare System, Neuropsychology Track

Megan Connolly (Clinical Child & Adolescent Emphasis, Gollan Lab), Children’s National Medical Center

Anna Harrison (Adult Clinical Emphasis, Teplin/Abram Lab), VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Rachel Lawton (Clinical Child & Adolescent Emphasis, Washburn Lab), Yale University Child Study Center, Pediatric Track

Marquita Stokes (Clinical Child & Adolescent Emphasis, Teplin/Abram Lab), Harvard Medical School/Children’s Hospital of Boston

Postdoctoral Placements of our soon-to-be graduates:

Sarah Ballou (Behavioral Medicine Emphasis, Keefer Lab), VA Boston Healthcare System, Behavioral Medicine Clinical Postdoctoral Fellowship

Allison Clarke (Clinical Child & Adolescent Emphasis, Reinecke Lab): La Rabida Children’s Hospital, Pediatric Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship

Tamar Gefen (Clinical Neuropsychology Emphasis, Weintraub Lab): Northwestern University, CNADC, Postdoctoral Clinical/Research Fellowship

Mara Gustafson (Adult Clinical Emphasis, Jordan Lab): Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chief Fellow

Jennifer Hershfield (Clinical Child & Adolescent Emphasis, Teplin & Abram Lab): Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, Pediatric Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow

Lindsey Sankin (Adult Clinical Emphasis, Gollan Lab): New York Presbyterian Hospital - Weill Cornell Medical Center, Postdoctoral Fellowship
News/Media

Sheehan D. Fisher, PhD (PI); Sponsor: Northwestern Memorial Hospital; Project title: Dual Parental Psychobiology Affects Parenting, Infant Stress, and Parental Mood; Project period: 1/1/15 - 12/31/15

Gary M. McClelland, PhD (PI); Sponsor: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (via County of Lake); Project title: Lake County BHTCC; Project period: 10/1/14 - 9/30/15

Matthew J. Smith, PhD, LCSW, MPE, psychiatry and behavioral sciences, is quoted in several international and national media outlets regarding his recent article published in the journal Hippocampus.


Original Press Release by Marla Paul at NU
http://www.northwestern.edu/newscenter/stories/2015/03/teen-cannabis-users-have-poor-long-term-memory-in-adulthood.html

WGN News Television, Interviewed by Katharin Czink
http://wgntv.com/2015/03/12/study-says-long-term-marijuana-use-impacts-memory/

Time Magazine by Alexandra Sifferlin
http://time.com/3741267/teen-marijuana-memory/

FOX News Feature by Melinda Carstensen

Chicago Sun Times Feature by Becky Schlikerman

Health day Feature by Amy Norton

NBC News Feature by Maggie Fox

Presentations and Conferences


Brown, H. presented at “Opportunities to Promote Children’s Behavioral Health: Health Care Reform and Beyond,” the fourth workshop of the Forum on Promoting Children’s Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Health (C-CAB), at the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in Washington D.C. on April 1-2, 2015.


Gollan, J. (2015). Neural Substrates of Negativity Bias in Women with and without Major Depression; presented at 6th World Congress on Women’s Mental Health, Tokyo, Japan.


Wisner, K. (2015). Developmental Outcomes in Offspring with Prenatal Exposure to Depression and SSRI; presented at 6th World Congress on Women’s Mental Health, Tokyo, Japan.
Publications


Fonseka T, Tiwari AK, Goncalves VF, Lieberman JA, Meltzer HY, Goldstein BI, Kennedy JL, Kennedy SH, Muller DJ. The role of genetic variation across IL-1β, IL-2, IL-6, and BDNF in antipsychotic-induced weight gain. World J Biol Psychiatry. 2015; 16(1): p. 45-56. PMID: 25560300


Tracy Fehrenbach, PhD of the Mental Health Services and Public Policy (MHSPP) Department hosted the annual 2015 Mental Health Juvenile Justice (MHJJ) conference in Prentice Women’s Hospital on April 15th. The aim of the conference was to provide continuing education and training to staff from 20 behavioral health organizations across Illinois who serve youth with mental health issues and juvenile justice involvement. The MHJJ program is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services’ Division of Mental Health, and Northwestern serves as the program evaluator. Keynote speakers included Xavier McElrath-Bey, M.A., from the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth and Liza Suarez, PhD from the University Illinois in Chicago (UIC) Psychiatry Department. Mr. McElrath-Bey gave a presentation on his own experiences in Cook County detention and provided insights about how to better serve youth involved with the juvenile justice system. Ms. Suarez gave a presentation on strategies to engage hard-to-reach youth who struggle with trauma and substance abuse.

Carlos Gallo, PhD was awarded an investigator level minority supplement to Implementation of Evidence-Based Preventive Parenting Programs (R01DA033991-02; Cady Berkel and Anne Mauricio PI) by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). The proposed work involves the application of computational linguistics methods to automatically assess fidelity of intervention delivery of a mental health prevention program for youth with divorcing parents. The award will be carried involving collaborators at Arizona State University (ASU) and Northwestern University (NU). (Dr. C. Hendricks Brown’s Lab)

Gary M. McClelland, PhD, has been named evaluator for the SAMHSA-funded Nicasa Teen Court Project. The Teen Court Project, administered by the Nicasa social services agency of Waukegan, Illinois, diverts Lake County youth from the criminal justice system into a peer-oriented adjudication process. Diverted youth are judged and sentenced by peers from their community and receive socially-constructive sentences without the stigma of a criminal record. All participating youth are also screened for substance abuse and mental health issues and, when needed, provided treatment. Mental Health Services and Public Policy (MHSPP).

Telemmedicine for Women with Anhedonia in Bipolar and Unipolar Disorder: Patient Preferences and Outcomes: This 12 week research study aims to help women with anhedonia (a psychological condition characterized by inability to experience pleasure in normally pleasurable acts) regain their interest and pleasure in their activities using phone therapy and a limited number of home visits. Eligible participants are women with loss of interest or pleasure and either symptoms of depression or bipolar; 21 to 65 years of age; take medication(s) for their mood. Call 312-695-2200 for more information.

M-BODY studies how mind and body techniques taught in a wellness group setting can help women feel healthier, happier and more productive. Research activities will be held at the Komen Holman Health Center on Chicago’s south side. Inger Burnett-Zeigler, PhD is the Principal Investigator. To learn more about this study, please contact Dr. Burnett-Zeigler iburnett@nmff.org

If you would like to submit an item to the newsletter, please email Rachel Rodriguez at rrodrig3@nm.org for information.