Announcements

New Appointments:

May 2015
Sajoy P. Varghese, MD — Lecturer. Dr. Varghese will collaborate on research on CRF/Opioid system epigenetics with faculty members.
Nancy Kennedy, PhD — Health System Clinician (HSC). Dr. Kennedy is returning to Northwestern University to work within the Neurobehavior and Memory Clinic of the Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer’s Disease Center (CNADC), consulting with patients under M. Marsel Mesulam, MD.

June 2015
John Rolland, MD — Adjunct Professor (University of Chicago). Dr. Rolland will collaborate with faculty in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Studies, as well as the Departments of Medicine, Medical Social Sciences and the Cancer Center on the design and execution of research projects related to family dynamics and population health.
Justin Dean Smith, PhD — Assistant Professor. Dr. Smith will be working with C. Hendricks Brown, PhD on implementation science including conducting research in parenting and other behavioral interventions.

July 2015
Michael Schrift, DO — Associate Professor. Dr. Schrift will be starting as an Associate Professor and the Director of the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. He will also help direct the Division’s Fellowship in Geriatric Psychiatry. He will consult on the re-design of the Older Adult Program in the Stone Mental Health Center, and develop a Geriatric and Neuropsychiatry Clinic within the NMG Psychiatry practice. Dr. Schrift will also be working with Joan Anzia, MD to review and develop additions to enhance the teaching of fellows, residents, and medical students.
Tara Gill, PhD — Instructor. Dr. Gill will be working at the Lurie Children’s Hospital as a Staff Psychiatrist.
Joel L. Voss, PhD—Secondary Appointment, Assistant Professor (Department of Medical Social Sciences and Neurology) Dr. Voss will be collaborating with faculty involved in research on cognitive neuroscience and human neuroimaging.

Promotions (Effective 9/1/2015):
Gaurava Agarwal, MD — promoted to Assistant Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
Karen Breen, MD — promoted to Assistant Professor as Coterminal
Michael Brook, PhD — promoted to Assistant Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
Mehmet E. Dokucu, MD, PhD — promoted to Associate Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
Karen R. Gouze, PhD — promoted to Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
James L. Reilly, PhD — promoted to Associate Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
Stacy D. Sanford, PhD — promoted to Associate Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
Susan Stern, MD — promoted to Assistant Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
Jason J. Washburn, PhD — promoted to Associate Professor on the Clinician-Educator track
Education News

Congratulations to Heide Hullsieck Rollings, MD, Sarah Florence, MD, Sarah Steuerman, MD and Stacy Greeter, MD who completed their Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellowship training.

We would like to welcome the following students and fellows for our training year at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago:

Psychology Interns:
Caroline Kerns, M.A. Boston University
Claudio Rivera, M.A. DePaul University
Anthony Vesco, M.A. The Ohio State University

Post-doctoral Fellows:
Kathryn Lawton, Ph.D. Marquette University
Edna Romero, M.A. DePaul University
Meredyth Evans, Ph.D. DePaul University

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows:
Rahul Sharma, MD
Juvaria Shahabuddin, MD
Courtney Romba, MD
Meghan Schott, MD

Clinical News

Michelle Heyland, APN. Michelle will be joining the NMG OP practice in July. She is a board certified Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and currently teaches at Rush University’s College of Nursing.

Congratulations to Sheila Lahijani, MD, our 2015 Psychosomatic fellowship graduate.

Please welcome our new Psychosomatic fellow, Josh Haugh, MD.
Please welcome our new PYG1 residents:
Phoebe Arbogast, MD
Aderonke Bamgbose, MD
Maryna Bayeva, MD
Aparna Chatterjee, MD
Xiaohua (Sherry) Feng, MD
Andrea Lundberg, MD
Jeffrey Lurie, MD
Elizabeth Ryznar, MD

Congratulations to the 2015 Psychiatry Resident graduating class:
Kara Brown, MD
Mark Chapman, MD
Kurt Kastenholz, MD
Nathan Ontrop, MD
Megan Pirigyi, MD
Brian Schultz, MD, PhD

And congratulations to PGY3 Residents matriculating to Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Carolyn Auffenberg, MD
Monica Blumenkrants, MD
Julia Shekunov, MD
Presentations and Conferences

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD and his team attended the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research on May 26-29, 2015 where they presented the following:

- An implementation partnership model for prevention policy, practice, and science. Chair: Gail Ritchie; Discussants: Tonia Gray, James Wright, C. Hendricks Brown, Sheppard Gordon Kellam and Juan Andres Villamar.
- Methodological Approaches in Implementation: Innovations in Research Design and Data Modeling. Symposium Organizer: Juan Andres Villamar; Presenting Authors: Gregory Farber, Carlos Gallo, Ying Kuen (Ken) Cheung; Discussant: Sheppard Gordon Kellam.
- Prevention of Adolescent Depressive & Internalizing Symptoms: How and for Whom Do Interventions Work? Symposium Organizer: Tatiana Perrino; Presenting Authors: C. Hendricks Brown, Tatiana Perrino, Ahnalee Brincks; Discussant: George W. Howe.
- ECPN SESSION II: ALTERNATIVE FUNDING MECHANISM UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. Speakers/Presenters: Amanda Sisselman, Gracelyn Cruden, Elizabeth A. Stuart, Carrie Klabunde, Deena Chisholm and Sarah Steverman.
- Variation in Effects of Communities That Care on Youth Outcomes: Differences By Design and Subgroups. Symposium Organizer: J. David Hawkins; Discussant: C. Hendricks Brown.


Arthur C. Nielsen, MD “Why marriage is difficult” to the Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society, 4/18/15.


Weissberg-Benchell, J. (June, 2015). Panelist for JDRF/NIH closed-loop consortium meeting, Adoption of the Artificial Pancreas Discussion. Held during the 75th scientific sessions at the American Diabetes Association, Boston, Massachusetts.


Weissberg-Benchell, J. (April, 2015). Supporting Teen Problem Solving (STEPS): Depression Prevention for Teens with Type 1 Diabetes. Invited lecture, Virginia Tarlow Grand Rounds, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.


Weissberg-Benchell, J. (March, 2015). Growing Up and Moving On, Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Care. Invited lecture for the Type 1 Diabetes in Transition: Overcoming Obstacles to Effective Care Symposium offered at the 97th Annual Endocrine Society Meeting. San Diego, California.


Katherine L. Wisner, MD, MS: Trevor Young Lecture in Psychiatry Research Keynote Presentation, University of Toronto. “SSRIs in pregnancy. Are we asking the right questions?” June 2015


Presentations at Contemporary Forums: Psychiatric Nursing in Chicago, April, 2015

Richard Ray MS, RN, PMH-BC
“Does Increased Supervision Lead to Unit Safety? The Use of Special Observations on Inpatient Psychiatry”

Patricia Roberts MSN, RN, PMHCNS-BC, NE-BC
“Behavioral Activation Communication on Inpatient Psychiatry”
Publications

Clark CT, Sit D., Driscoll K., En HF., Confer AL., Luther JF, Wisniewski SR., & Wisner KL. (2015). Does screening with the MDQ and EPDS improve identification of bipolar disorder in an obstetrical sample? Depression and anxiety 0:1–9 (2015); 1-9

PGY2 Amy Curtis, MD has an article accepted for the Biological Psychiatry issue (August) in the Residents’ Journal of the American Journal of Psychiatry. The title is “White matter dysfunction central to neurodevelopment of schizophrenia: A review of emerging literature.”


Media

Matthew J Smith, PhD was interviewed by Northwestern University Media Relations, WGN News, and the Chicago Tribune about his research on Virtual Reality Job Interview Training for Veterans with PTSD and Individuals with Severe Mental Illness.

Lei Wang, PhD and his team conducted a meta-analysis across the 15 studies to look for an aggregate effect of schizophrenia on brain volumes. The story about the study has been published.

Crystal Clark, MD, MSc, psychiatry is quoted on the practice of placentophagy in multiple media outlets: NPR report by Tara Haelle:

Other media coverage:
https://news.google.com/news/story?ncl=dEiI1_mQH3O-ftMpnULcPAdXuUDfM&q=archives+of+women%27s+health&lr=English&hl=en&sa=X&ei=RuVxVZP4MYqbyASnsIHQDw&ved=0CCIQqgIwAQ
Grants and Awards

Mina Dulcan, MD has been selected by Paramjit T. Joshi, MD, President of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, as a recipient of the 2015 Virginia Q. Anthony Outstanding Woman Leader Award.

Wei-Jen Huang, PhD is the recipient of Northwestern University’s 2015 Distinguished Service—Commitment to Excellence Award.

Weissberg-Benchell, J, Hood, K., Barnard, K and Laffel, L. (Co-I). Assessing the Psychosocial Aspects of Artificial Pancreas Systems. Leona and Harry Helmsley Charitable Trust. Two years to assess stake-holders views of artificial pancreas systems and to develop reliable, valid and unified measures of the psychosocial impact of these technologies.

Other News

Weissberg-Benchell, J. Students with Diabetes (SWD) is a non-profit, weekend-long conference dedicated to meeting the educational and psychosocial needs of individuals with type 1 diabetes between the ages of 18 and 30. She gave two workshops for this group in May, 2015: One on preventing diabetes burnout and the other on body image.

Jill Weissberg-Benchell, Ph.D., served as a member of a research advisory board for Roche Diagnostics. She is advising Roche on research methodology and practices as they develop a study assessing the impact of a new technology for blood sugar monitoring communication.

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Pictures from the 2015 Departmental Faculty Retreat, June 5-6th at the George Williams College of Aurora University

Jason Washburn and Linda Teplin enjoying the lovely weather!

Mabel Cratty conference facility

If you would like to submit an item to the newsletter, please email Rachel Rodríguez at rrodrig3@nm.org for information.
Joan Anzia leading the ice breaker activity, looks like Jason Washburn is up next!

George Williams College of Aurora University, a lakefront view

Joan Anzia, Mehmet Dokucu, Michael Brook, Michael Fleming, Richard Carroll, Karen Breen, Hans Breiter, Neil Jordan, Stephen Dinwiddie, Frances Walls Rosenstein, Herbert Meltzer
Building an Effective Clinical Team workshop

Sitting: Mark Reinecke, Linda Teplin, Lei Wang
Standing: Katherine Wisner, Michael Brook, Neil Jordan, James Reilly

Mark Reinecke, Nicholas Hatzis, John Csernansky, Sheehan Fisher, Sigita Plioplys, Suena Massey

Left side: Lei Wang, Cynthia Csernansk, Michael Fleming,

Right side: Denise (Wang) Frances Walls Rosenstein, John Csernansky