Announcements

August Appointments
Michael Dennis, PhD Adjunct Professor. He is a Senior Research Psychologist for Chestnut Health System’s Lighthouse Institute and the Director of its Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Coordinating Center (GAIN). He will also be working on addiction and prevention mental health research and helping develop new programs within the department in this area, and collaborate with other members of the faculty.

Christy Scott, PhD Adjunct Professor. Dr. Scott is the Research Director for Chestnut Health System’s Lighthouse Institute, and the Director of their Chicago office, and the Director of the Illinois Health Survey Lab, Inc. She will bring her expertise in addiction and prevention mental health research to the department by helping develop new programs in research and to continue her collaboration with various members of the faculty.

Clinical News

Nicole Brown was promoted to Resource Coordinator in our NMG clinic. Nicole will serve as a resource for other PSR’s, train new staff, coordinate schedules, assess work productivity, streamline billing issues and manage daily operational functions. We are so happy to see Nicole grow professionally within the department!

Michelle Cestaro LCSW (Started 8/31) Michelle is a new therapist in our NMG clinic. She has experience as a life enrichment director, case manager, and counselor. She managed the functions of the social services department of a 272 patient skilled nursing facility. Before that she was the a counselor and provided individual and group therapy for patients.

Misa Kwon LCSW (Started 8/17) Misa is a new therapist in our NMG clinic. She comes to us with extensive experience as a clinical therapist and case manager.

Education News

PGY1 Aderonke Bamgbose Pederson, MD was recently published in Academic Psychiatry. She was an integral part of both the project and paper. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26307364.

Presentations and Conferences


Ms. Blessing Okafor presented her final research project, “Implementing Youth Prevention Programs in Urban African American Programs” at the 2015 Posner Symposium on August 14, 2015 in Evanston, IL. Ms. Okafor was the recipient of a Posner Fellowship award and was mentored by C. Hendricks Brown, PhD for eight weeks this summer.
Presentations and Conferences


Katherine Wisner, MD, MS, and Catherine Stika, MD, presented Practical Psychopharmacology during Pregnancy and Breastfeeding, a four hour workshop; and Jacqueline Gollan, PhD, presented Behavioral Activation for Perinatal Depression, an eight hour workshop, at the Walton Family Foundation Training, Translational Research in Perinatal Health: Laboratory to Bedside to Community Practice at Denver Health, Denver Colorado, August 2015.

Publications


Janicak PG, Dokucu ME. Transcranial magnetic stimulation for the treatment of major depression. Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment.


Barkin JI, Wisner KL, Bromberger JT, Beach SR, Wisniewski SR. Factors associated with maternal postpartum functioning in women with positive screens for depression. Submitted.


Media

Sheehan Fisher, PhD, psychiatry was interviewed by Huffington Post for an article about postpartum depression in fathers. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-postpartum-depression-in-dads-goes-unrecognized-and-ignored_55db279fe4b0a40aa3ab600e

Grants and Awards

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD (PI); National Institute on Drug Abuse; Center for Prevention Implementation Method for Drug Abuse & Sex Risk Behavior.

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD (PI); National Institute on Drug Abuse; Supplemental funds for the prevention of drug abuse and drug related HIV/AIDS prevention, and work with high-risk populations methods.

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD (PI); National Institute of Mental Health (via University of Illinois at Chicago); Primary Care Internet-Based Depression Prevention for Adolescents.
If you would like to submit an item to the newsletter, please email Rachel Rodriguez at rrodrig3@nm.org for information.