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Newsletter

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Announcements

New Faculty

Katherine Backes, MD – Dr. Backes started this month as a Health System Clinician. In this role, she will supervise medical students at the Jesse Brown VA for the Department's clerkship program, where she serves as the Director for the Consultation Liaison Service.

Krissie Fernandez Smith, PhD – Dr. Smith moved from Instructor to Assistant Professor and also started her role as the Associate Director of the CCJCC this month. She will continue her research and will manage administration at the CCJCC. In this new role, she will assist with supervisory duties, coordinate the CCJCC's forensic psychiatry fellowship rotation and further develop our research and program evaluation efforts.

Jason Ong, PhD – Dr. Ong started as an Associate Professor for the Department of Neurology-Sleep Medicine in July. He started his Secondary appointment with our Department this month. As an expert in CBT insomnia, he will help the Division of Psychology develop clinical practicums and train our graduate students.

Clinical News

Richard Ray, RN, MS, PMH-BC, presented at the American Psychiatric Nurses Association annual conference October 20, 2016, in Harford, CT. He presented his research, "The Impact of Two Nursing Protocols on Continuous Special Observations."

Alan Anthony Amberg, MSN, APN, PMHNP-BC, of the Psychiatric Consult Liaison service, presented at the American Psychiatric Association annual conference October 20, 2016, in Hartford, Ct. He presented, "How Not to Prescribe Benzodiazepines: You're getting nervous already, aren't you?"

Education News

PGY2s **Aderonke Pedersen** and **Elizabeth Ryznar** will be co-editors of an upcoming book published by Oxford University Press: Landmark Papers in Psychiatry. The other editors include **John Csernansky, MD** and **Mark Reinecke, PhD**.

PGY4 **Alexandra Hedberg's** essay "Do You Dare to Dharma?" was published in JAMA this week

Presentations and Conferences

Anzia, J gave Grand Rounds at RIC on 10/5 with the topic of physician wellness.

Anzia, J gave a presentation to Feinberg medical students on burnout, depression, and fostering resilience during medical school on 10/8.

Presentations and Conferences, continued

Anzia, J presented a workshop entitled, “Becoming a Better Medical Educator” with Cosima Swintak, M.D, at the Mayo Clinic Psychiatry Reviews 2016.

Bassett, A gave a presentation to the Department of Otolaryngology on Physician Wellness this month

Slesinger, NC, Zebracki, K, Terwilliger, V, Gowins, JR, Vogel, LC (September, 2016). *PTSD symptomatology in pediatric -onset spinal cord injury and its relation to injury event*. Poster presented at the International Spinal Cord Society Annual Conference, Vienna, Austria.

Smith, MJ, Shattuck, P, Smith, L, Bishop-Fitzpatrick, L, Baker-Erikzen, M. Evidence-Based Practices Targeting Vocational Readiness and Outcomes for Emerging Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Symposium Chair, Symposium accepted for presentation at 2017 Annual Meeting for the Society of Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA.

Smith, MJ, Smith, JD, Fleming, M, Jordan, N, Brown, CH, Humm, L, Olsen, D, & Bell, M. Enhanced Interviewing Skills from Virtual Reality Job Interview Training Help Emerging Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Adults with Severe Mental Illness Obtain Job Offers in the Community. Paper Presentation Accepted at 2017 Annual Meeting for the Society of Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA.

Publications

Matthew J Smith, JD Smith, Michael Fleming, Neil Jordan, C. Hendricks Brown, Laura Humm, Dale Olsen, & Morris Bell. (in press). Mechanism of action for obtaining job offers after virtual reality job interview training. *Psychiatric Services*.

Gollan JK, Wisniewski SR, Luther JF, Eng HF, Dills JL, Sit D, Ciolino JD, Wisner KL. Generating an efficient version of the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale in an urban obstetrical population", *Journal of Affective Disorders*, in press.

News/ Media

Mark Reinecke, PhD was quoted in a U.S. News & World Report article, “Are Biases Hurting Your Health?” <http://health.usnews.com/wellness/articles/2016-10-05/are-biases-hurting-your-health>

Grants and Awards

Kimberly Merenkov, MD was awarded an Outstanding Teaching Pin for the 2015-2016 academic term for her teaching contributions to Problem Based Learning and Health Equity and Advocacy courses for medical students.

C. Paula Lewis-de los Angeles was awarded a 2016 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) Travel Award.

Other News

Joan Anzia, MD was invited to join the Psychiatry RRC in Spring 2017.

Alexandra Apple, Clinical Psychology PhD student in Lei Wang’s lab, was awarded an NRSA F31 Predoctoral Fellowship from the National Cancer Institute. “The role of the hippocampal-prefrontal network in cancer-related cognitive impairment; a multimodal cross sectional study.” (07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018).

Other News, continued

C. Paula Lewis-de los Angeles, MD/PhD student, NUIN, in Lei Wang's lab, was awarded an NRSA F30 Predoctoral Fellowship for MD/PhD students from the NIH Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). "Cortical thickness, subcortical deformation, and structural covariance networks in youth with perinatally-acquired HIV: associations with HIV disease severity and cognition." The fellowship will support research and clinical training. (09/23/2016 - 09/23/2018).

Suena Massey, MD completed a Visiting Fellowship in Functional Magnetic Resonance Neuroimaging at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School October 17 - 21, 2016.

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