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Clinical News

PGY4 Samuel Libeu was a key speaker at the State of Illinois Mental Health Rally at the Thompson Center this week. He represented the 11,000 psychiatrists in Illinois and the Illinois Psychiatric society, speaking out against stigma and for funding for mental health services for our most vulnerable patients.

Larry Klowden, LCSW had this to say: “We had a great turnout at the May 19th Mental Health Rally. Sam did a great job making the case for more rational funding and insurance company decisions. He was well received. Thanks Sam!”

Education News

The following PhD students in Clinical Psychology program obtained the following awards and recognitions:
1. Alexandra Apple (Wang Lab) awarded a multi-year National Research Service Award (F31) from NIH
2. Stephanie Kielb (Weintraub & Rogalski Labs) awarded a multi-year National Research Service Award (F31) from NIH
3. Kritika Nayar (Losh Lab) awarded a Northwestern Cognitive Science Advanced Fellowship
4. Sarah O’Dor (Reinecke Lab) awarded a P.E.O. Scholar Award
5. Lindsey Davis (Jordan Lab) awarded a Doris Duke Fellowship from the Promotion of Child Wellbeing
6. Eva Alden (Smith Lab) awarded T-32 funding from the Training Program in the Neuroscience of Human Cognition
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8. Sara Hoffman (Spring lab) awarded a Cancer Prevention & Control Travel Fellowship from the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center

On May 7th, McGaw Graduate Medical Education held its annual Diversity Showcase for underrepresented minority medical students from all over the United States. 120 students attended a day-long conference which included faculty speakers (including Crystal Clark, MD of psychiatry), a panel of McGaw residents of different specialties, a panel of program directors (including Joan Anzia, M.D, the Program Director in Psychiatry), and lunch, followed by a “residency fair”. Tables for each specialty enabled students to meet with residents of every program, and Joan Anzia, MD and PGY2 Gabriel Heiber of psychiatry spoke with several students during the afternoon.

Two of our CAP fellows who presented at the annual APA meeting in Atlanta last week. They both presented on Monday, May 16. The fellows are Courtney Romba, MD, and Meghan Schott, DO. Meghan’s poster was titled A Case of Clinical Confusion: When Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Is Mistaken for an Anxiety Disorder and Courtney Romba’s poster was titled A Case Study of Acute Onset of Mania in the Context of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury.
Presentations and Conferences

Inger Burnett-Zeigler, PhD presented the talk Mindfulness Based Depression Interventions for Underserved Disadvantaged Populations at the University of Michigan, Department of Psychiatry Addiction and Mental Health Service Meeting on May 23, 2016.

Carlos Gallo, PhD presented his paper, “Towards Semi-Automatic Monitoring of Delivery Behavioral Interventions” at Northwestern University’s and Northwestern Memorial Hospital’s joint Scholars’ Day May 25, 2016.

Suena Massey, MD presented a poster entitled, INTERACTION OF PRENATAL PLASMA OXYTOCIN AND PAST DEPRESSION MAY PREDICT POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION SYMPTOM SEVERITY at the 2016 Society for Biological Psychiatry (SOBP) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA on May 14, 2015, supported by a 2016 SOBP Early Career Investigator Travel Award. Coauthors on the poster were Stephanie Schuette, Hossein Pournajafi-Nazarloo, Katherine Wisner, and C. Sue Carter.

Jeffrey Rado, MD, was the Co-chair and presenter for, “Primary Care Skills for the Internist” and “You’re Taking What? Understanding New Commonly Used Medicines for Medical Disorders: A Case-Based Approach for the General Psychiatrist” presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association' May 14-18, 2016. Atlanta, GA. He also taught a section in the section in the “Treatment of Schizophrenia” seminar.

Katherine Wisner, MD and Sheehan Fisher, PhD were guest speakers at Allegheny Health Network’s Updates in Perinatal Depression: A Tribute to Alexis Joy D’Achille on May 6 in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Wisner’s presentation was Identification and Screening for Perinatal Depression: Mental Health is Fundamental to Health; Dr. Fisher’s presentation was The Impact of Mother and Father Perinatal Depression on the Family Dynamics and Infant Health. Alexis Joy D’Achille suffered from postpartum depression and, sadly, took her own life just six weeks after the birth of her daughter. Her husband, Steven D’Achille, founded the Alexis Joy Foundation to educate the community and to raise awareness and develop programs needed for women and families suffering from and affected by perinatal mood and anxiety disorders spanning, but not limited to, infertility, postpartum depression, and infant and child loss.

Katherine Wisner, MD presented Mood symptoms in medicated vs. unmedicated women with bipolar disorder during pregnancy at the International Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology’s 18th Congress in Malaga, Spain, May 14, 2016.

Publications


Jim Mackenzie, DO, was inducted as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, at the recent APA annual meeting.

J.D. Smith, PhD was selected to serve on the NIH Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (DIRH) review committee as an Early Career Reviewer.

J.D. Smith, PhD was selected a fellow in the Implementation Research Institute for 2016–2018. This highly competitive and prestigious training institute focused on implementation science is hosted by Washington University of St. Louis and is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.


Eva Redei, PhD is quoted in the Chicago Tribune. Northwestern study: 'Playground' psychotherapy ... - Chicago Tribune, PsychCentral Rat Study Shows Environment Plays Major Role in Depression and EurekAlert! Psychotherapy for depressed rats shows genes aren’t destiny

Herbert Meltzer, MD (PI); Sponsor: Janssen Research & Development, LLC; Title: Testing the ability of JNJ-18038683, a selective serotonin (5-HT)7 antagonist, to improve cognition and reduce residual depressive symptoms in stable bipolar patients.

Lindsey Davis, a Clinical Psychology PhD student in the Mental Health Services & Policy Program (led by Neil Jordan, PhD), was one of 15 doctoral students nationally to be awarded a Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Well-being – Seeking Innovations to Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect. This 2-year fellowship will support Lindsey’s dissertation project, entitled “Prevention of Accidental, Sleep-Related Infant Deaths: Current Sleep Practices, Caregiver Beliefs, and Promotion of Safe Sleep Practices through Effective Preventive Interventions”.

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Our annual Department Scholars’ Day was held on May 25th in Feinberg Pavilion. Over 36 posters from all Department divisions were exhibited and attendees viewed posters while enjoying a buffet lunch. After Dr. Csernansky’s introduction, Drs. Agarwal, Anzia, and Reinecke, along with fellows and senior trainees from the child fellowship program, adult psychiatry training program, medical student education, and psychology programs, announced the winners of their respective teaching awards.
If you would like to submit an item or photo to the newsletter, please email Rachel Rodriguez at rrodrig3@nm.org for information.