Announcements

August 2017

Amy Corcoran, MD – Instructor, Clinician-Educator: Dr. Corcoran will be the working as an Inpatient Team Leader on the Galter-13 inpatient unit and will also provide outpatient care at the Axis NMG Psychiatry Clinic. Dr. Corcoran will continue her research while supervising and teaching fellows, residents, and medical students. Dr. Corcoran recently completed her fellowship in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Dr. Corcoran received her MD and completed her Residency at University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC) - College of Medicine where she served as the Chief Resident in the Department of Psychiatry from 2015 – 2016.

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Olivia Bjorkquist Harner, PhD – Assistant Professor, Clinician-Educator: Dr. Harner will serve as the Associate Director for the Clinical Psychology Graduate Programs within the Department and will coordinate graduate curricula for the Clinical Psychology PhD and MA programs. In addition, she will provide outpatient clinical care, assessments, inpatient consulting, and evaluations for patients. Dr. Harner recently finished her postdoctoral fellowship in Neuropsychology in the Department of Surgery and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She earned her PhD in Clinical Psychology at UIC, and then was worked as an intern in Clinical Psychology at the UC San Diego/VA Psychology Intern Training Program.

Alexandra Aaronson, MD – Coterminal Instructor, Neuroscience Fellow: Dr. Aaronson is starting her Advanced Neuroscience Fellowship in the Department, where she will provide outpatient care at the Arkes Outpatient Clinic. In addition, she will be involved in research in coordination with neuropsychiatry and clinical neuroscience projects with Drs. Schrift and Csernakosky. She recently completed her residency in General Psychiatry with our Department and received her MD from the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine.

Courtney Romba, MD – Instructor, Clinician-Educator: Dr. Romba will serve as an attending child and adolescent psychiatrist at Lurie Children’s outpatient programs. She will provide on-call and clinical program cross-coverage for medical director absences. She will also participate in education programs for medical students, residents, fellows, and trainees. Dr. Romba recently completed her fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Lurie Children’s Hospital and completed her residency in General Psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center. She also received her MD at Rush University Medical Center.

Alba Pergjika, MD – Instructor, Clinician-Educator: Dr. Pergjika will serve as an attending child and adolescent psychiatrist at Lurie Children’s outpatient programs. She will provide on-call and clinical program cross-coverage for medical director absences. She will also participate in education programs for medical students, residents, fellows, and trainees. Dr. Pergjika completed her fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine St. Louis and completed her residency in General Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine. She received her MD at St. George’s University School of Medicine in Grenada.

Mandy Evans, MD – Assistant Professor, Clinician-Educator: Dr. Evans will serve as an attending child and adolescent psychiatrist at Lurie Children’s sharing on-call activities, and supervisory/teaching efforts for medical students, residents, fellows, and trainees. Dr. Evans is currently the Psychiatric Medical Center for Heartland Alliance and also serves as the Medical Director for Northshore’s Bridges Early Childhood and as the Director for Adolescent Program and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship. She completed her fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Northwestern University and Lurie Children’s Hospital and completed her residency in General Psychiatry at the University of California at Irvine. Dr. Evans received her MD from Tulane University School of Medicine. She was a Clinical Assistant Professor from 2008-2009 and has been a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University Of Chicago Pritzker School Of Medicine since 2012.

Beverly Gonzalez, PhD – Adjunct Assistant Professor: Dr. Gonzalez will be teaching a 3-course sequence in research methods/statistics for the Clinical Psychology Masters and Doctoral students. She is currently a Mathematical Statistician in the CINCH for the US Department of Veterans Affairs and also is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago for Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She has her PhD from Arizona State University in Applied Mathematics for the Life and Social Sciences.
Education News

PGY2 Matt Koscica - selected as one of the McGaw Medical Education Clinical Scholars

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellow, Amandeep Jutla, MD, PGY-6, was chosen from a competitive field of applicants as an award recipient in the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) Educational Outreach Program (EOP) for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residents, supported by the AACAP Campaign for America’s Kids (CFAK). The EOP provides residents with the opportunity to receive a formal overview of the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, establish mentor-ship relationships with distinguished members, and experience the AACAP 64th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, October 23-28, 2017. Participation in this program provides up to $1,000 for travel expenses to attend the Annual Meeting.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellows, Amandeep Jutla, MD and Asra Ahmed, MD presented a lecture titled ADHD and Comorbid Issues and Interventions in Schools at the Chicago Public Schools Clinical Staff Professional Development series on August 30th, 2017. They presented to an audience of about 200 city-wide clinicians from the disciplines of nursing, social work, psychology, speech/language therapy and occupational therapy/physical therapy.

Clinical News

Marion Malcome, LCSW and Brit Holmberg, LCSW presented on “Racial Microaggressions and Improving Cultural Sensitivity” for the APP Grand Rounds at NMH on July 27th.

Presentations


C. Hendricks Brown & Juan Villamar were co-authors on three presentations given as part of a symposium title “Mixed Methods Strategies for Assessing Prevention Program Sustainment” at the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration in Seattle, WA. (September 2017)


Dorothy Sit, MD: Society for Light Treatment and Biological Rhythms Annual Meeting June 23-25, 2017; Charite University Hospital and DIN - German Institute for Standardization, Berlin Germany. Symposium Speaker on “Clinical Aspects of Light Treatment.”


J. D. Smith, C. Hendricks Brown, Mariah Meachum, Juan Villamar co-authored a poster on "Enhancing evidence-based rehabilitation through communication and colocalization: Implementation experience at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab (formerly Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago)." The poster was presented at the 4th Biennial Society for Implementation Research Collaboration in Seattle, WA. (September 2017)

J.D. Smith presented "Adapting Therapeutic Assessment for your context: An implementation science perspective." at the 2nd International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference in Austin, TX. (September 2017)

J. D. Smith and Julia Dawson presented on "Applicability of Therapeutic Assessment in treatment of substance use disorder treatment: A critical examination of alignment with current best practices" during the symposium "Can Therapeutic Assessment accelerate the treatment of clients with substance use disorders?" at the 2nd International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference in Austin, TX. (September 2017)

J. D. Smith and Julia Dawson presented on "Professional practices between psychiatrists and psychologists: Advantages and barriers to referrals for psychological assessment" during the symposium "Emerging research on Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment" at the 2nd International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference in Austin, TX. (September 2017)

Publications


Dinwiddie, S. Thinking About the Assessment of Risk. Psychiatr Ann. 2017; 47: 440-441. doi: 10.3928/00485713-20170803-03. Stephen Dinwiddie, MD was also the guest editor for this issue.


Grants and Awards

Benbow, Nanette (PI): National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases via Hektoen Institute for Medical Research; Title: Keeping it LITE: Exploring HIV Risk in Vulnerable Youth with Limited Interaction.

Brown, Hendricks (PI): National Institute on Drug Abuse; Title: Admin Supplement for Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology for Drug Abuse and HIV (Ce-PIM).

Clark, Crystal (PI): National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Title: Pharmacokinetics of Risperidone Across Pregnancy.

Crystal Clark, MD was awarded the NICHD K23 - Pharmacokinetics of Risperidone Across Pregnancy on Aug. 2, 2017

Crystal Clark, MD is submitting an R21 application entitled – Lithium Elimination and Pharmacokinetics across Pregnancy (LEAPP) to NICHD.

Dong, Hongxin (PI): National Institute on Aging; Title: Sex Differences in Central Stress Response and Alzheimer’s Disease Neuropathology

Massey, Suena (PI): National Institute on Drug Abuse; Title: Subproject for Cognitive-Affective Substrates of Smoking: Targets for Maternal Behavior Change


Meriden, Zina (PI): ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc. (via INC Research, LLC); Title: A 52-Week, Open-Label, Extension Study of Pimavanserin for the Adjunctive Treatment of Schizophrenia

Rado, Jeffrey (PI): Alkermes, Inc; Title: A Study to Evaluate the Adjunctive Bright Light Therapy for Bipolar Depression: A Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled Trial – accepted for publication, June 29, 2017 American Journal of Psychiatry. Authors: Dorothy Sit, James McGowan, Christopher Wiltrout, Rasim Somer Diler, John (Jesse) Dills, James Luther, Amy Yang, Jody D. Ciolino, Howard Seltman, Stephen Wisniewski, Michael Terman, Katherine L Wisner.

Doreen Salina, MD is a contributor to the American Psychological Association’s newly updated “Guidelines of Psychological Practice with Girls and Women.”

New Early Psychosis Recovery Clinic
A team-based early psychosis clinic led by Morris Goldman, MD, Kevin Murphy, LCSW and Ashley Baker, APN went live in early July 2017. The clinic treats young adult patients ages 18 to 30 living with psychotic disorders which include but are not limited to bipolar disorder, schizoaffective disorder, and schizophrenia. The clinic aims to focus less on symptoms and diagnosis, and...
instead emphasizes restoring function and problem solving skills. It is a structured program focused on occupational therapy assessments in service of identifying strengths and overcoming barriers so that young adults can continue on in their personal and professional developments. The clinic team consists of psychiatrists, psychiatry residents, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, occupational therapists, social workers and clinical psychology and neuropsychiatry interns. The clinic works closely with inpatient psychiatry at NMH, Intensive Case Management, and other specialists and services offered at Stone Mental Health Center. The clinic is currently taking referrals. Please contact Ashley Baker, APN at ashley.baker@nm.org or 312-926-0302 for referrals or for more information.

The Prevention Science and Methodology Group (PSMG) is a group of over 500 empirical researchers and methodologists aimed to advance the field of prevention science and support the implementation of evidence-based prevention programs. On September 19th PSMG resumed its weekly virtual grand rounds with a series on HIV/AIDS prevention. Access to live presentations is restricted to PSMG members (join here), however presentations are recorded and publicly accessible here.

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago received a $12 million gift from an anonymous donor to support the hospital’s Healthy Communities program in its efforts to address child abuse, unmet mental health needs, and violence and its effects on youth. These are three of the eight priority areas identified in Lurie Children’s latest Community Health Needs Assessment. The $12 million gift will support the following projects:

♦ Greater access to mental health services will be provided through a new group therapy program at Lurie Children’s. The hospital’s experts also will partner with community pedi-
tricians to help them support children with mental health conditions and concerns.

♦ Expanded training in recognizing trauma and intervening to support children will be provided at schools and other child-serving organizations through Lurie Children’s Center for Childhood Resilience.

The new Survey of Children’s Health in Chicago, conducted in partnership with the Chicago Department of Public Health, will measure health needs and public attitudes regarding mental health, child maltreatment and violence involving and affecting youth. Findings from this survey, along with program evaluations, will be brought together to provide greater understanding of the impact on the overall health of the children in the metropolitan Chicago area.

“At Lurie Children’s, our Healthy Communities effort is dedicated to connecting our neighborhood-focused programs and our clinical services, with the goal of improving health for children and adolescents who are facing many health challenges,” said Davis, also Director of the Mary Ann & J. Milburn Smith Child Health Research, Outreach, and Advocacy Center, Stanley Manne Children’s Research Institute at Lurie Children’s. “We are grateful for this generous new support that will enable us to broaden our initiatives addressing child abuse, mental health needs and violence to reach even more youth in partnership with many organizations across Chicago that share our commitment to children’s health.”


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