



Department of Psychiatry *and* Behavioral Sciences

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Announcements

July Appointments

James Cavanaugh, MD – Adjunct Professor, Dr. Cavanaugh is the Director of the Isaac Ray Center, a premier forensic psychiatry group in Chicago. He will collaborate on research and education programs for forensic psychiatry with the Department and will collaborate with various faculty members including Dr. Dinwiddie and Ms. Kahn.

Kurt Kastenholz, MD – Health System Clinician, Dr. Kastenholz will teach the “Psychopathology and Therapeutics” course in the coming year, and act as a mentor to psychiatry student groups.

Francesco Matrisciano, MD, PhD – Research Assistant Professor working in Dr. Meltzer’s lab

August Appointments

Amin Daghestani, MD – Health System Clinician at Jesse Brown VA. Dr. Daghestani will be supervising residents who will rotate through the forensic psychiatry program, and will deliver lectures during the year to fellows

Anupriya Srivastava-Schnapp – Instructor. Dr. Schnapp is starting in a new position with Lurie Children’s Hospital.

Eryn Weber-Shifrin, PhD – Health System Clinician, Dr. Weber-Shifrin will be co-leading the Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Seminar and Case Conference for our clinical psychology interns and fellows, and will be a member of the Internship Training Committee for the new class of trainees

Jessica Yeatermeyer, MD – Instructor. Dr. Yeatermeyer will be starting in new position with Lurie Children’s Hospital.

Education News

PGY3 **Alex Aaronson, MD** was elected Co-Vice President of the McGaw Residents and Fellows Forum, or MURFF, and will help to represent the 1100 McGaw trainees at the Graduate Medical Education Committee.

PGY3 **Alex Aaronson, MD** had her article “Aggression after Traumatic Brain Injury: A Review of the Current Literature” published in the *Psychiatric Annals*.

Nicole Azores-Gococo who was accepted into the Searle Teaching Program

Lauren Bush & Michelle Lee (1st and 4th year Child & Adolescent Emphasis; Lab Mentor: **Molly Losh, PhD**) received an NU DevSci Cluster Funding grant for: "Emerging FMR1 Phenotype: Integration across Developmental Domains"

Allison Carroll (3rd year B-Med Emphasis; Lab Mentor: **Brian Hitsman**) who was awarded an NRSA from NIH (F31 HL129494-01)

Nicole Hayes (1st year Child & Adolescent Emphasis; Lab Mentor: **Jason Washburn, PhD**), won the Student Presentation Award for her talk at the International Society for the Study of Self-Injury in Heidelberg, Germany

Education News, continued

Tatiana Karpouzian (2nd year Clinical Neuropsychology Emphasis; Lab Mentor: **James Reilly, PhD**) received the prestigious Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship, which will fund her education and training over the next academic year.

Research News

We welcome 3 new members to **C. Hendricks Brown's, PhD** team:

Samantha Montag, MS: Ms. Montag recently completed the Master of Science in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (MSEB) program at Northwestern University and will be working as a Statistical Analyst on multiple research projects with Dr. Brown's team.

Blessing Okafor: Ms. Okafor is an undergraduate student at Northwestern University who is being mentored by Dr. Brown this summer through a Posner Fellowship award. She has been working on a violence prevention research project involving community partners in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood and she plans to continue working with our team beyond the summer.

Xiaoling Xiang, PhD: Dr. Xiang recently completed a PhD program in Social Work at Northwestern University and has begun a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Feinberg School of Medicine Center for Education and Health Sciences. She will be co-mentored by Dr. Brown in the area of implementation science.

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD has been named as a content expert on an NIH committee from the Office of Disease Prevention: Pathways to Prevention, Strategies for Linking Youth Exposure to Preventive Interventions for Future Suicidal Behavior and Associated Morbidity and Mortality Outcomes.

Publications

Alden EC, Cobia DJ, Reilly JL, Smith MJ. (in press). Cluster analysis differentiates high and low community functioning in schizophrenia: Subgroups differ on working memory but not other neurocognitive domains. *Schizophrenia Research*. PMID: Pending

Barch DM, Gotlib IH, Bilder RM, Pine DS, Smoller JW, **Brown CH**, Huggins W, Hamilton C, Haim A, and Garber GK (in press). Common Measures for NIMH Funded Research. To appear in *Biological Psychiatry*.

Valente TW, Palinkas LA, Czaja S, Chu KH, **Brown CH** (2015). Social Network Analysis for Program Implementation. *PLoS ONE* 10(6):e0131712. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0131712

Chiapa A, **Smith JD**, Dishion TJ, Shaw DS, & Wilson, MN (in press). The trajectory of fidelity in a multiyear trial of the Family Check-Up predicts change in child problem behavior. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. 10.1037/ccp0000034 NIHMSID 691419

Smith JD, Stormshak EA, & Kavanagh K (2015). Results of a pragmatic implementation-effectiveness hybrid trial of the Family Check-Up in community mental health agencies. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*. 42(3), 265–278. 10.1007/s10488-014-0566-0 NIHMSID 605301

Smith JD, Dishion TJ, Brown K, Ramos K, Knoble NB, Shaw DS, & Wilson MN (accepted). An experimental study of procedures to enhance ratings of fidelity to an evidence-based family intervention. *Prevention Science*.

St. George SM, Huang S, Vidot DC, **Smith JD**, **Brown CH**, Prago G (accepted). Factors Associated with the Implementation of Familias Unidas Intervention in a Type 3 Translational Trial. To appear in *Translational Behavioral Medicine*.

Media

Robert Hanlon, PhD involvement in the James Holmes trial obtained national coverage: <http://reut.rs/1dKMSJA>

Grants and Awards

Mark Reinecke PhD, (PI); Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers; Assessment of Competency in CBT.

Other News

Kimberly E. Merenkov, M.D., D.F.A.P.A. elected to be an alternate councilor at large for the Chicago Medical Society, the Medical Society of Cook County.

If you would like to submit an item to the newsletter,
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