



Department of Psychiatry *and* Behavioral Sciences

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Announcements

New Appointments:

Jeffrey Rado, MD – Associate Professor, Dr. Rado comes to us from Rush University where he was the Director of the Rush Psychosis Clinic and Director of the Rush Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Program. He was also the Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine/Psychiatry Residency Program. Dr. Rado will be a team leader at the Stone Mental Health Outpatient Clinic and will be working with the Department of General Internal Medicine Integrative Behavioral Health Program on various consultations and help develop their training program, as well as have a secondary appointment with General Internal Medicine. He will be responsible for teaching and supervising students and residents.

Jana Wingo, PhD – Instructor, Dr. Wingo comes from the Medical College of Wisconsin's postdoctoral program. She will serve as a clinician in the outpatient services at NMG's Neurobehavior and Memory Clinic. Dr. Wingo will teach and mentor graduate students and fellows in the graduate clinical psychology program in the Department. She will also continue her research in dementia and cognitive aging.

Melanie LaForce, MD – Adjunct Instructor, Dr. LaForce will be teaching courses in social psychology for the Department's doctoral program. She is the current Associate Director and Lead Researcher for the Outlier Research and Evaluation at the Center for Elementary Math and Science Education.

Jessica Jakubowski, PhD – Research Assistant Professor, Dr. Jakubowski has been involved in Health Disparities and Public Policy Program (HDPP) research since 2008, and she will continue to work in the field of survey research and quantitative analysis of survey data of various research projects within HDPP.

Megan Pirigy, MD – Health System Clinician, Dr. Pirigy will act as a mentor to psychiatry students and residents, and will teach the "Introduction to Psychiatric Interview." She will also continue her monthly lectures to medical students, and her lecture series on "The Mental Status Exam."

Hector Torres, MD – Health System Clinician, Dr. Torres will work as a supervisor for the clinical psychology internship program. Dr. Torres is currently the Director of Mental Health Services at the Center on Halsted. Dr. Torres will play a central role administratively for the LGBTQ Health Internship Program.

Education News

PGY1 **Elizabeth Ryznar** has won a Department of Medicine Intern Teaching Award – which is especially wonderful because she is competing against medicine residents!

PGY2 **Chandan Khandai** won the award for the best Short Lecture (Housestaff Division) on Medical Education Day on Thursday, September 24th. Dr. Khandai created a presentation on assessment of capacity using the character of Frodo from Lord of the Rings.

Education News, continued

Six psychiatry residents presented at the annual Association for Academic Psychiatry meeting in San Antonio, TX from Sept 16-19.



PGY4 **Lisette Rodriguez-Cabezas** presented a workshop with her colleagues from the SAMHSA Diversity Leadership Fellowship; the workshop was entitled, “El Extranjero’: Recruiting, Training and Retaining the Latino Psychiatry Resident”.

Four residents won 4th place for their poster “Behavioral Simulation as a Teaching Tool in Psychiatry”. PGY3s **Sara Ashurst, Alexandra Regenbogen, and Molly Lubin** collaborated with PGY4 **Katherine Backes** on this work.



PGY2s **Chandan Khandai** and **Adrienne Taylor** presented a workshop with **Robert Lloyd, M.D./PhD** and **Andrea Crowell, M.D.** from Emory entitled, “Selling Psychiatry: Strategies and Styles in Teaching Psychiatric Topics to Non-Psychiatrist Colleagues”.



Presentations and Conferences

Suena Massey, MD served as an invited speaker with the Honorable Susan Fox Gillis for the Cook County Circuit Court Elder Justice Center Senior Enrichment Series, entitled, When Your Loved One Needs Protection, at the Richard Daly Center on September 14, 2015. Dr. Massey provided education about mental health conditions that commonly lead to the need for involuntary commitment and legal guardianship proceedings.

Publications

Chiapa, A., **Smith, J.D.**, Dishion, T.J., Shaw, D.S., & Wilson, M.N. (in press). The trajectory of fidelity in a multi-year trial of the Family Check-Up predicts change in child problem behavior. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. doi: 10.1037/ccp0000034

Smith, J.D., Dishion, T.J., Brown, K., Ramos, K., Knoble, N.B., Shaw, D.S., & Wilson, M.N. (in press). An experimental study of procedures to enhance ratings of fidelity to an evidence-based family intervention. *Prevention Science*. doi: 10.1007/s11121-015-0589-0

Smith, J.D., & Egan, K.N. (in press). Trainee and client experiences of Therapeutic Assessment in a required graduate course: A qualitative analysis. *Journal of Personality Assessment*. doi: 10.1080/00223891.2015.1077336

Grants and Awards

CDC grant award, via University of Chicago - 09/30/15 to 09/29/20 Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention The proposed grant bring together community leadership from Bright Star Community Outreach, of the Chicago Bronzeville community, and researchers from the University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Lurie Children's Hospital.

Northwestern University's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences will house the Evaluation Core of the proposed center, led by **C. Hendricks Brown, PhD**. The evaluation core will be responsible for leading measurement planning and outcome evaluation for this center as well as for collaborating with **Maryann Mason, PhD** of Lurie's Children Center to compile and validate data collected for the Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS), a tool which will be designed to provide specific, local level feedback for the Bronzeville community.

Carlos Gallo, PhD (PI); National Institute on Drug Abuse (via Arizona State University); Diversity Supplement: Implementation of Evidence-Based Preventative Parenting Programs

Justin Dean Smith, PhD received the 2015 Outstanding New Investigator Award for early career contributions to implementation science from the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration.

Other News

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD was named as an External Advisory Panel Member for the NIH Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory by the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health.

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD was named as a Working Group Member for Pathways to Prevention, Strategies for Linking Youth Exposure to Preventive Interventions for Future Suicidal Behavior and Associated Morbidity and Mortality Outcomes from the Office of Disease Prevention at the National Institutes of Health.

Suena Massey, MD served as an Academic Marshall in the 2015 Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies Graduation Ceremony in Center City, Minnesota on August 28, 2015. Dr. Massey is a member of the Board of Governors of the Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation.

Other News, Continued

Michael Schrift, DO was appointed as the Book Review Editor for the Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences

Department and NMH psychiatry staff - students, faculty, staff and other friends (more than 20 participants) took part in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk on Saturday Sept. 26 at the Grant Park in Chicago. More than 2,000 people participated in support of mental health for NAMI Chicago's 2015 NAMI Walks. It was inspiring seeing people from different backgrounds who have been impacted by mental illness in different ways. All of us participated in celebration of recovery and in hopes that the STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS will end and no one will feel shame, embarrassment, or isolation.

More than 100 NAMI walkers stopped by at our booth and approached us with questions about our work and particularly about clinical research opportunities. We encouraged the departmental community to help us to form even a larger team and participate in the walk next year.



nAMI Walk 2015



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