I. Greetings from the Chair

Happy New Year! Thank you to all of those that could attend the Holiday Gathering. I hope your holidays were festive and healthy. Just a friendly reminder of the faculty meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 11th at 11:00am – 2nd Floor Conference Room - Tolan Park.

II. Faculty Awards and Promotions

- Eva Waineo, MD – received the 2017 School of Medicine Faculty College Teaching Award.

- Vaibhav Diwadkar, PhD received the 2017 School of Medicine Faculty Research Excellence Award.

- Jeffrey Stanley, PhD was promoted to the rank of Professor (Research Educator) from the 2016/2017 promotion and tenure cycle.
A month (or so) of Arash Javanbakht, MD

- Invited to speak at a special “After Dark” series presenting by the Michigan Science Center. After Dark event is part of a monthly series for adults, programming designed to engage adults in STEM learning.

- Featured in a Huffington Post article, https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-its-time-to-stop-casually-calling-people-schizophrenic_us_59e7aa9ae4b0432b8c11ec2d


- Funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield for his study, “Improving of Emotional Well-Being by way of Alternative”

- Wrote an editorial piece for The Conversation that went on to receive to be featured on the LA Times, Chicago Tribune, and WaPo among others. https://theconversation.com/why-psychiatrists-should-not-be-involved-in-presidential-politics-87841

- Funded by Michigan State University for his study, “Bringing Exposure Therapy to Real Life Context with Augmented Reality and Telepsychiatry”.

- Received the 2017-2018 New Investigator’s Grant for his proposal, "Risk and Resilience in Syrian and Iraqi Refugees: Prevalence, Environment, and Biomarkers".

- Received DMC Foundation Grant for his study, “Improving of Emotional Well-Being of Refugees”

- Interviewed by the BYU Radio for the Matt Townsend Show on his article, “Why psychiatrists should not be involved in presidential politics”. The Matt Townsend Show is a morning show similar to those aired on NPR’s Morning Edition. You can hear the interview at: http://www.byuradio.org/episode/3740117d-415c-4f06-8317-02244f77e0b5?playhead=1197&autoplay=true
Downstairs in the Methadone Clinic, a lot more happens than the hustle and bustle of a clinic. Community bonds are made and strengthened and people restoring our faith in humanity takes a front seat. Social Worker, Melissa Graves-Clapp has been with UPG for 2 years. Working within this clinic she sees far more than the individual patient – they are accompanied by their children and families. Ms. Graves-Clapp started throwing celebrations for the children of these patients – Halloween, Christmas, Easter, so many different parties! The parties are supported by the staff’s love for their community and are made possible with donations and volunteers only. If you are interested in helping or supporting an upcoming event, please contact Ed Mischel at emischel@med.wayne.edu