Greetings from the Chair

I hope everyone is have a safe and festive summer! Please be on the lookout for additional information coming regarding a Clinical Educator Retreat on September 19th 8:00am – 1:00pm in Margherio Conference Room in Scott Hall. This will be a very important retreat and I look forward to seeing all faculty there (additional information on page 4).

News from the Faculty

- **Gerald Shienr, MD** was recommended for Voluntary Faculty Promotion to Clinical Associate Professor.

- **Arash Javanbakht, MD**, whose grant, “Risk and Resiliency in Syrian and Iraqi Children Refugees” was funded by the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation.

- **Cynthia Arfken, PhD**, was selected as one of the speakers at the ninth annual Muslim Mental Health Conference, in East Lansing. Dr. Arfken spoke about addiction and recovery within the Muslim population and the factors of success.


- **Leslie Lundahl, PhD**, - whose NIH R21 grant, “Effects of stress- and drug cue-exposure on craving and marijuana seeking behavior in regular cannabis users” was funded. Dr. Lundahl will focus on examining the effects of yohimbine (a pharmacological stressor) and exposure to marijuana-related cues on marijuana craving and seeking, subjective (mood) responses, and physiological measures reflecting HPA axis and autonomic nervous system function.

- **Arash Javanbakht, MD and Cynthia Arfken, PhD**, Syrian refugee research program was selected as one of the very few programs to be included in the press briefing portion of the American Psychiatric Association’s annual meeting in May at the San Diego Convention Center.

- **Arash Javanbakht, MD and Cynthia Arfken, PhD**, were requested by the Psychiatry Times Editor to write a piece for their current edition. Their article “Challenges and Opportunities of Caring for Refugees” can be found on the front page. They also included an article about Dr. Javanbakht himself and his program.
III. Research Activities

- **Lana Grasser**, and incoming TNP student, as already been awarded a Student Program grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation for the 2017-2018 academic year. Lana is working with refugee survivors using music and art therapy.

IV. Office of Education and Training

- Congratulations to TNP student, Eric Woodcock, who successfully defended his dissertation on May 30th. Dr. Woodcock will continue his training during his internship at Yale University. Dr. Woodcock has also received the NIDA Director’s Travel Award for presentation at the 79th Annual College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) Conference in Montréal, Canada. Mr. Woodcock will be presenting, “Effects of pharmacological stress-induction among non-treatment seeking cigarette smokers”.

V. UPG Administration

- Congratulations to **Joe Urbiel**, team member in the DPBN and undergraduate student in the Department of Social Work, on being selected to receive the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) fellowship for his study, “Injection Opioid Use among Black Patients at an Urban Methadone Clinic: An Evaluation of Risk/Protective Factors to Injection Status.”

VI. Faculty Spotlight

Congratulations to Drs. Sandra and Joseph Jacobson who both have received Distinguished Professor Appointments. Since 1959, the University has designated only a small number of exceptional faculty as Distinguished Professors. Faculty named to the rank of distinguished professor were nominated by their college deans. Their credentials were reviewed by Provost Keith Whitfield and President M. Roy Wilson, and upon the president’s recommendation they were formally appointed to this rank by the WSU Board of Governors. The rank of distinguished professor is made only in recognition of the highest of academic achievements and accomplishments, and acknowledges individuals who have clearly distinguished themselves as academic leaders in their chosen field. This appointment is a very high honor! Join me in congratulating each of them!!
Just a Friendly Reminder....

*Please remember that it is every faculty member’s responsibility to support and grow our Department Grand Rounds. Every faculty member, both clinical and research, are expected to give a Grand Rounds at least once every two years as previously stated. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*
Clinical Faculty Educator Retreat

September 19, 2017
8:00am – 1:00pm
Margherio Conference Room - Scott Hall

Preliminary Schedule

Educational mission, goals
  8-9 am
Didactic teaching
  9-10 am
Clinical teaching
  10-11 am
Evaluation of trainees
  11 am – 12 noon
Other issues (electives, research, mentoring), wrap-up
  12 noon – 1 pm

**Please look for additional details coming out soon.**

"You throw your best punch, otherwise don't do it." - Don Rickles