

Psych-e News

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCES



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Upcoming Events

DPBN Chairman's Grand Rounds

May 5, 2021

NO GRAND ROUNDS

May 12, 2021

Navneet Patti, M.D.

"The Indecision, Inhibitions and the Inadequacies: An Overview of Apathy"
Zoom Video –look for email with details

May 19, 2021

NO GRAND ROUNDS

May 26, 2021

Anindita Chakraborty, M.D.

"Pedophilic Disorder, Developmental Trauma and Intellectual Disability: a Challenging Case"
Zoom Video –look for email with details

I. Greetings from the Chair

Congratulations to **Drs. Tanja Jovanovich and Hilary Marusak** on being elected into the *WSU Academy of Scholars!*



Dr. Tanja Jovanovic was elected as a lifetime member to the Wayne State University Academy of Scholars (AOS). Membership in the Academy is the highest honor that may be bestowed upon a colleague by the WSU faculty.

Dr. Hilary Marusak was selected for the Wayne State University Academy of Scholars Junior Faculty Award for the 2020-21 academic year. This award is given annually on the basis of outstanding academic accomplishments to up to 4 junior faculty members at the Assistant Professor or non-tenured Associate Professor level in the natural sciences, engineering or medicine; the social sciences or law; and in the humanities or fine and performing arts.



II. News from the Faculty

- Tolan Park practicum students, **Meagan Carr** (currently at Yale) and **Jennifer Ellis** (currently at Hopkins) along with **Dr. David Ledgerwood** and student **Jamie Page** had their recent article, *Substance Use, Gambling, Binge-Eating, and Hypersexuality Symptoms Among Patients Receiving Opioid Agonist Therapies*, published in The American Journal on Addictions.
- **Dr. Eva Waineo** received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award!! Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards recognize graduating students and faculty members who demonstrate both clinical excellence and outstanding compassion in the delivery of care and who show respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues.
- **Dr. Arash Javanbakht** was interviewed by NPR on reducing anxiety in a pandemic. [Stateside: COVID vax soon open to all adults; reducing pandemic anxiety; MI economy & stimulus plan | Michigan Radio](#)
- **Dr. Alana Conti** was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award in the Health Sciences. This award is made in recognition of her exceptional contributions to the mentoring of graduate students at Wayne State University
- **Dr. Arash Javanbakht** presented at the Spring Meeting for the Michigan Psychiatry Society. Dr. Javanbakht was on the featured conference speakers with talk, “PTSD, its Neurobiology, Treatments and Refugee Trauma”.
- **Dr. Tanja Jovanovic** and colleagues had their paper “Impact of ADCYAP1R1 genotype on longitudinal fear conditioning in children: interaction with trauma and sex,” selected by the journal Neuropsychopharmacology’s healthcare disparities collection. This special collection, entitled “Highlighting Research on Healthcare Disparities,” features recent NPP articles and commentaries that address disparities related to gender, race, ethnicity, LGBTQ+ individuals, and early life adversity.
- **Veronica Piggot, Jim Matchynski, and Drs. Alana Conti and Shane Perrine** had their paper, *Traumatic stress, chronic ethanol exposure, or the combination alter cannabinoid system components in reward and limbic regions of the mouse brain*, published in Molecules. Veronica Piggot is a postdoc in Dr. Conti’s lab and Jim Matchynski is a MD/PhD TNP student working with both Drs. Conti and Perrine.
- **Dr. Seth Norrholm**, was featured in The New York Times article, 100 Days Without Trump on Twitter: A Nation Scrolls More Calmly. [100 Days Without Trump on Twitter: A Nation Scrolls More Calmly - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
- **Dr. Hilary Marusak** received the American Public Health Association (APHA) NVDRS New Investigator Research Award! This project will leverage large-scale nationwide data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) to examine circumstances surrounding pediatric firearm-related deaths, spatial patterns, and trends over time (2014-2020). This project is in collaboration with Dr. Marusak’s Research Coordinator and MPH Candidate, Breanna Borg.

III. Education

- Psychiatry residents, **Drs. Camille Olechowski, Brian Krasnick, Omar Soubani & Samuel Malian** were contributing authors for the DMC Residents Newsletter
- **Shreya Desai**, student in the lab of Dr. Hilary Marusak, was awarded the Wayne State Abraham Lincoln Brigade Veterans Scholarship for her commitment to biomedical research and advocating for science-based policies that aim to reduce health disparities, through her work as co-founder and co-president of Science Policy Network-Detroit. This scholarship is for currently enrolled Wayne State undergraduate and graduate students who, through their activities or research promoting peace and justice in social, political, and community engagement, best exemplify the values of the WSU students who fought fascism in Spain in the late 1930s.
- MPH student and research coordinator in Dr. Hilary Marusak's lab, **Breanna Borg**, was awarded a WSU Center for Peace and Conflict Studies Eugene Perrin Scholarship in Medical and Natural Sciences and Peace for her research and community service aiming to reduce the impact of violence on youth.

IV. Clinic News

- Our CARF 3-year accreditation survey is scheduled for June 17 and June 18, 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose." - Robert Byrne