I. Greetings from the Chair

Congratulations to our faculty that received promotion! Dr. David Ledgerwood, Associate Professor, was awarded tenure, Dr. Leslie Lundahl was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure and Dr. Alireza Amirsadri was promoted to Associate Professor! Please join me in congratulating our faculty on their promotions!!!

II. News from the Faculty

- Arash Javanbakht, MD, was selected to receive the 2018 Distinguished Community Service Award. The Distinguished Community Service Award is given to an individual, community organization or corporation who has made major contributions to humanitarian causes or who demonstrate dedication to directly impacting and improving the community served by Wayne State University and the School of Medicine. Dr. Javanbakht will be presented this award at the Sesquicentennial Gala.

- Jeffrey Stanley, PhD was elected to serve as a School of Medicine representative for the University Graduate Council. Dr. Stanley will serve on this council for 3 years starting this fall.

- Shane Perrine, PhD, has extensively expanded his research lab. Dr. Perrine welcomes Lauren Chaby, PhD as a research fellow. Dr. Chaby graduated from Penn State and completed her first fellowship at University of Michigan. Dr. Perrine was also received the OVPR Faculty Competition for Post-doctoral Fellows. He will welcome Walid Alsharif, PhD to his lab where he will be working on Dr. Perrine’s RO1 study. Dr. Alsharif comes to us from Stanford University.

- David Ledgerwood, PhD, a signatory along with several other scientists, had their letter, “Call to Action for Gambling Disorder in the United States” published in Addiction.

III. Funding!!!

- Shane Perrine, PhD received funding for his VA Merit grant, “Cannabinoids for posttraumatic stress disorder and alcohol use”. Dr. Perrine as PI, along with Co-Investigator Dr. Alana Conti, received this 4 year grant that will be conducted at the VAMC as well as WSU. Along with Co-Investigator, Dr. Alana Conti, Dr. Perrine’s study aims to look at Cannabinoids as a potential treatment in comorbid/dual diagnosis of PTSD and Alcohol use. This study will be conducted over the next 4 years at both the VAMC and WSU and is a result of a large multi-disciplinary effort across the university.
• **Shane Perrine, PhD** received a NIDA supplement to his RO1 to have a student assistant join his lab for 8 weeks. Dr. Perrine brings on Eastern Michigan student Jamaine Atkins this summer.

• **Drs. Jeffrey Stanley and Naftali Raz**, received funding from the National Institute on Aging for an R21 grant entitled "Task-related modulation of hippocampal glutamate, subfield volumes, and associative memory in younger and older adults: A longitudinal 'H fMRS study", which was awarded on the first submission.

• **Cynthia Arfken, PhD**, received a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation grant for her project, “High-risk Prescribing of Controlled Medications”.

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IV. Office of Education and Training

• **Drs. Musa Yilanli and Umair Damee** received 1st place for Resident/Fellow Oral Competition at the MD 2018 7th Annual QuESST Research Day. Their presentation titled “Lithium monitoring enhancement with multisystem approach: A quality improvement project in VA Hospital” was a group effort along with **Drs. Anindita Chakraborty, Sunbal Ashraf and Ashika Bain**, and under the mentorship of Dr. Nicole Stromberg.

• **Drs. Musa Yilanli, Anindita Chakraborty and Umair Daimee**, under the leadership of Dr. Nicole Stromberg, presented an excellent workshop "Resident-Led Quality Improvement: challenges and opportunities during training" at the APA Annual Meeting in New York, NY.

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**Welcome our new PGY – 1 Residents!!!**

• Ania Aniol, M.D., graduate of Poznan Univ. (Poland).
• Hiba Abu Suhaiban, M.D., graduate of University of Sharjah College of Medicine.
• Motaz AlShami, M.D., graduate of University of Sharjah.
• Vindhaya Baddigam, M.D., graduate of American University of Antigua.
• Huseyin Ince, M.D., graduate of Koc University (Turkey).
• Dalia Fadia Mammo, M.D., graduate of Central Michigan University.
• Samantha Perez, D.O., graduate of Michigan State University.
• Shazadie Sumbal, M.D., graduate of Ross University.
• Jody Wong, D.O., graduate of Michigan State University.

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." - Thomas Edison

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