

Psych-e News

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Upcoming Events

DPBN Chairman's Grand
Rounds

*Grand Rounds
will return
September
2022*

I. Greetings from the Chair

Congratulations to our faculty on their recent promotions!

Dr. Rebecca Klisz-Hulbert was promoted to Associate Professor (Clinical),
Dr. Georgia Michalopoulou was promoted to Professor (Clinical) and
Dr. Alana Conti was promoted to Professor (Research Educator).

II. News from the Faculty

- **Dr. Gerald Shiener** was interviewed by WXYZ discussing the Oxford school shooter, insanity defense and writings, as well as the judicial decision to keep the suspect in adult vs. juvenile confinement.
<https://www.wxyz.com/news/oxford-school-shooting/i-wonder-how-many-people-i-will-kill-inside-the-journal-and-the-mind-of-ethan-crumbley>
- **Dr. Seth Norrholm**, was one of the contributors of the WHO's scientific brief on Mental Health and the COVID-19 pandemic that was released published.
- **Dr. David Ledgerwood** who is consulting with colleagues at Yale University on a clinical trial examining smoking cessation among people living with HIV that is highlighted in the NIH NCI PWA spring newsletter. This study is already getting recognition from NIH.
- **Dr. Arash Javanbakht** was invited to present his work, *PTSD: From Neurobiology to Treatment of Special Civilian Populations and Its Challenges* at the Anxiety and Depression 2022 Annual Conference in March. Dr. Javanbakht will also be presenting *Refugee Mental Health: Context, Neurobiology, Interventions, and Predictors of Psychopathology* and *Treating Fear in the Context: Augmented Reality Might Be the Future of Exposure Therapy for Phobias and PTSD*.
- **Dr. Hilary Marusak**, was elected as Society of Biological Psychiatry's (SOBP) second Junior Councilor and will begin her 2-year term effective June 2022 - June 2024.
- **Dr. David Ledgerwood, Danishi and Mannat Bedi**'s manuscript entitled "Gender Differences in Reasons for Using E-Cigarettes: A Systematic Review"

was accepted for publication in the journal *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. Danishi and Mannat Bedi are both undergraduate students in Dr. Ledgerwood's lab.

Dr. Seth Norrholm has accepted a one-year Visiting Professorship in the Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs for the 2022-2023 academic year. This position will start in June 2022 and will entail teaching cadets and leadership in Abnormal Psychology and the Neurobiology of PTSD. Teaching will occur through lectures and research applications.

Dr. Arash Javanbakht presented *PTSD: From Neurobiology to Treatment of Special Civilian Populations and Its Challenges*, at the ADAA's 2022 Annual Conference in Denver. Dr. Javanbakht's presentation was so strongly received by the ADAA and the members in the Professional Education Committee, they have requested it be included in the ADAA virtual webinar library for the whole professional community.

Katherine Keith and Drs. Nicholas Mischel and Cynthia Arfken's paper *Vital Sign Changes During Intravenous Ketamine Infusions for Depression: An Exploratory Study of Prognostic Indications* was published in *The Journal of Clinical Psychopharmacology*. Katherine is a M3 student who started working on this project before she was even accepted to medical school and is currently working in the lab of Dr. Mischel.

Dr. Arash Javanbakht's article *How to protect your family from horrific news images – and still stay informed* was published in *The Conversation*.

III. Research

- TNP student **Alixandria Trombley**, placed second in the university-wide 3-minute thesis competition at the Graduate Student Research Symposium. The title of her work is *Investigating the co-localization of a fos neuronal ensemble and HDAC5 in the rat nucleus accumbens*. Alixandria is currently being mentored by Dr. Shane Perrine.

IV. Education

- **Nina Bihani, M.D.**, PGY-2 resident, was selected to be one of the American Psychiatric Association Foundation Public Psychiatry Fellows for 2022-2024 academic years
- Chief Resident **Mary (Shazadie) Soka's** article, *Do not harm: Benztropine revisited*, was published in *Current Psychiatry*.
- PGY-3 resident, **Omar Soubani, D.O.'s** case report, *Managing a COVID-19-positive psychiatric patient on a medical unit*, was published in *Current Psychiatry*
- CAP II Fellows **Drs. Alyssa Bottrell and Julia Vander-Weide** presented, *Implementing gender identity and sexual orientation screening in a child and adolescent psychiatry clinic to improve delivery of inclusive healthcare*, winning the special category prize at the DMC's 11th Annual GME Quality Education and Safe Systems Training (QuESST) Research Day Poster Competition.

Please remember to check the updated Wayne State University and Wayne Health websites regarding covid-19 procedures and requirements.

<https://wayne.edu/coronavirus>

<https://intranet.waynehealthcares.org/>

"Only the gentle are ever really strong." - James Dean