

Psych-e News

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCES



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Upcoming Events

DPBN Chairman's Grand Rounds

January 2015

1:00 – 2:00pm

John D. Dingell VAMC
Auditorium

1/28 - NO GRAND ROUNDS

2/4 - Andrew Silva, MD

"TBA"

2/11 - Julie Aikins, PhD

"Using Developmental
Psychopathology as a Lens for
Understanding the Impact of Parent's
Military Deployments on Children"

2/18 - Alireza Amirsadri, MD

"TBA"

I. Greetings from the Chair

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday vacation and are rested for the upcoming year. Interim Dean Sobel is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 1:00pm. During that time, Dr. Andrew Silva, our PG-4 resident will be presenting in Grand Rounds. Although we strive to make a positive impression during these Town Hall meetings, we also want to show support and encouragement to our trainees. Please note that on February 4th, you can attend the Town Hall meeting in place of Grand Rounds if you choose. If you do not attend the Town Hall meeting, we will see you at Grand Rounds.

II. News from the Faculty

- **Cindi Arfken PhD, and Alireza Amirsadri MD,** for their poster being accepted for the 2015 APA Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto, Canada, May 16-20, 2015. Drs. Amirsadri and Arfken, along with their Gateway partners Timothy Chapman, Nakia Young and Michael Wagner, submitted the poster, "Impact of Implementing Novel Level of Care Criteria for Group Homes", which examined Gateways approach to implementing level of care criteria for group homes.

III. Research Activities

- **Sunali Wadehra,** WSUSOM Medical Student Sunali Wadehra, a WSUSOM Medical Student, who is a part of an international panel of authors on a review paper, "The 4th Schizophrenia International Research Society Conference, 5–9 April 2014, Florence, Italy: A summary of topics and trends". Ms. Wadehra continues to be mentored by Dr. Vaibhav Diwadkar.
- **Justin Gerard,** a WSUSOM medical student, who took 2nd place in the Basic Science poster division at the 2015 Medical Student Research Symposium, with his poster, "PTSD-like Characteristics Develop to Severe, Multimodal Stress Exposure in a Mouse Single Prolonged Stress Model", with Shane Perrine, PhD as his advisor. Mr. Gerard worked with Dr. Perrine as part of a Medical Student Research Summer Fellowship.
- **Olivia McGarragle, PhD,** a research assistant in Dr. Rosenberg's lab, successfully passed her EPPP Psychologist licensure exam and now has full licensure as a Psychologist in Michigan and Ontario Canada with specializations in Adult, Child and Adolescent Clinical and counseling Psychology."

IV. Office of Education and Training

- **Fahd Syed, M.D.'s** poster, "Personality Traits and Mood – Relevance to the Early Incidence of Subjective Cognitive Complaints", was accepted for presentation at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry in New Orleans. Additional authors on this poster are

Dr. Shuja Haque, Dr. Jessica Damoiseaux (Research supervisor at the Institute of Gerontology at WSU and Co-PI on SCI Grant) and Dr. Kalyan Yarraguntla (Research Assistant on SCI Grant at the Institute of Gerontology).”

- Congratulations to **Roba Elkhalil, M.D.**, who will be joining the DMC/WSU CAP Fellowship! Dr. Elkhalil comes to us from Henry Ford Hospital general psychiatry and will join Dr. Andrew Silva from DMC/WSU and Dr. Sumi Cyriac from St. Mary’s, who both accepted early acceptance positions prior to the Match. All three residents will begin their child psychiatry training in July 2015!
- A special thank you to Drs. **Yedishtra Naidoo and Sheena Joychan** for their hard work and tireless dedication to the department’s webpage. The Adult Psychiatry Residency website is now live and can be viewed here - www.psychiatry.med.wayne.edu/adult-residency/.
- Congratulations to **Mahtab Yousefi, MD**, PG-2, whose poster “Early Onset Schizophrenia With Negative and Cognitive Presentations”, was accepted for the 168th APA Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto, Canada, May 16-20, 2015.

V. Clinical and Administrative

- **Troy Cullen** and **Plesia Wiggins** recently passed their training and testing by the State of Michigan to become Certified Peer Support Specialists. They attended their graduation ceremonies in Lansing, MI on Friday January 9, 2015. A Certified Peer Support Specialist is an individual with a lived experience and journey in receiving public mental health services and supports. They provide direct services to support others with health navigation, accessing resources, and supporting a person centered recovery journey to achieve community inclusion and participation, independence, recovery and resiliency.
- Please be on the lookout for emails regarding your annual VCE Training. This is required for all UPG employees and those that provide any service or interaction with UPG patients and/or clinics.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.