

# Psych-e News

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## Upcoming Events

### DPBN Chairman's Grand Rounds

January 2015

1:00 – 2:00pm

John D. Dingell VAMC  
Auditorium

1/7 – Sean Prabhu, M.D.

"2 Pennies for Your Thoughts"  
A Case of Post-Stroke Psychosis

1/14 – Tomas Paus, M.D., Ph.D.

"White Matter as  
Transport System"

1/21 – Benjamin Williamson, M.D.

"The Pharmacological Management of  
Tobacco Use Disorder"

1/28 – NO GRAND ROUNDS

## I. Greetings from the Chair

WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! –  
David Rosenberg

## II. News from the Faculty

- **Dr. Vaibhav Diwadkar**, has been awarded a grant from the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation to study children at increased genetic risk for bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. This grant also matches the endowment funds he is receiving from the Prechter Foundation in this area. Underscores the impact his work is having on various foundations and grant agencies. Moreover, he also recently secured an educational grant from Dr. Mark Cohen, WSUSOM Alumnus, to support medical student trainee involvement in psychiatry research.
- **Alireza Amirsadri, MD**, was quoted and featured in a recent "Psychiatric Evaluation Project Reduces Inpatient Admissions" in H&HN (Hospitals and Health Networks).  
[http://www.hhnmag.com/display/HHN-news-article.dhtml?dcrPath=/templatedata/HF\\_Common/NewsArticle/data/HHN/Magazine/2014/Dec/IB\\_psych\\_admit-crisis-center-inbox](http://www.hhnmag.com/display/HHN-news-article.dhtml?dcrPath=/templatedata/HF_Common/NewsArticle/data/HHN/Magazine/2014/Dec/IB_psych_admit-crisis-center-inbox)

## III. Research Activities

- **Steve Ondersma, Jeff Stanley, Vaibhav Diwadkar**, were part of a large group, that recently met at the OVPR to discuss submitting an application to fund activities listed in the proposal (e.g. recruitment of postdocs, seminars, research retreat). The group had an animated and productive exchange of ideas and will meet again in the near future. Clearly, there is much interest (including from the OVPR and amongst the group) and this is a critical area moving forward that has been recommended by an outside consulting firm. Future meetings will involve discussing preparatory steps for community stakeholder/partner involvement, towards identifying the most pressing urban biobehavioral health problems that should demand our attention and energy.
- **Eric Woodcock**, a TNP graduate student working in Dr. Mark Greenwald's lab, has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Graduate School and the Division of Research to supplement his research activities. This grant will greatly assist Mr. Woodcock's research, with the submission of his NIH F31 predoctoral training application titled, "Neuropharmacological Investigation of Frontostriatal Network Function and Nicotine Seeking Behavior in Current Smokers".

- **Sunali Wadehra**, WSUSOM Medical Student who has received a 2015 Society of Biological Psychiatry Scholars Award for the May, 2015 meeting in Toronto. She is being mentored by Dr. Vaibhav Diwadkar. Ms. Wadehra also plans to pursue a residency in Psychiatry, strongly considering a career in child and adolescent psychiatry.



*"My award is likely based on my work through the department's Brain Imaging Research Division. I have done a lot of neuroimaging research, and I hope to continue to incorporate this work into my training and eventual career. I know that I want to stay in Michigan for my residency training. Wayne State is high on my list. "*

- A Letter of Intent to the WSU President's Research Enhancement Program on Integrative Biosciences was submitted with the intent of the project is to combine preclinical and clinical studies aimed at finding better and more appropriate treatments for delirium. The submission is an outgrowth of the delirium project that has been discussed in our department for a while now. The project will test in basic studies drugs that are already approved for use in humans and, ideally, test the best ones in delirium at the clinical level (modeled on a Phase II clinical trial). A truly impressive translational basic/clinical team has been brought together to carry out this project. It will include faculty from the Departments of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurosciences, Pharmacology, Physiology and Medicine in the SOM. This will also include participants from the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering (College of Engineering). Numerous clinical researchers from the VA including Psychiatry (adult and geriatric), Gerontology, ICU, Pulmonary Critical Care, Oncology (Palliative Care), Sleep Medicine, Neurology and Gerontology are also part of the project. Together, 18 faculty participants (so far) drawn from throughout the Wayne State campus and the VA.

#### IV. Office of Education and Training

- **Sean Prabhu, M.D.**, who participated on a nationwide Tenet Behavioral Health Council. Several questions came up from the group about the Columbia Suicide Scale and its applicability in the ED. He spoke quite eloquently about this and leadership at the Council took notice.
- Congratulations to all of the residents as they are all members of the APA!
- **Ted Hunter & Jennifer Vinch**, both passed the ABPN Psychiatry Certification exam and are now Board-certified psychiatrists! **Amandeep Saluja**, **Patrick Gresham and Brook Weingarden** took & passed the CAP exam, bringing the program pass rate this year to 100% for both the Psychiatry Board Exam and the Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Exam. Congratulations to Drs. Richard Balon and Rebecca Klisz-Hulbert!

*"I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the years'. " - Henry Moore*