

Psych-e News

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCES



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Upcoming Events

DPBN Chairman's Grand Rounds May 2014

1:00 – 2:00pm

John D. Dingell VAMC
Auditorium

5/21 – **Warren Liang, MD**

“Triple Diagnosis:

HIV/Substance Abuse/Mental
Illness”

5/28 – **Patrick Gresham, MD**

“Online Gaming as a
Behavioral Addiction”

Amandeep Saluja, MD

“Conversion Disorder:

A Disorder often Over-
Investigated and Under-
Diagnosed”

Brooke Weingarden, DO, MPH

“Osteopathic Manipulative

Treatment: Adjunctive

Treatment in Major Depressive
Disorder”

Please be on the lookout for an
upcoming symposium on
Friday, October 10, 2014 on
Adolescent Substance Abuse
and Treatment. Also, we will
offer special Grand Rounds
this July. More details to come

I. Greetings from the Chair

A few announcements this month; Tenet is requiring mandatory training for All employees, residents, and contractors with DMC/Tenet. This includes those who provide services for the DMC under independent contractor agreements (ex. Current clinical and medical administrative services provided by WSUPG physicians and teaching services provided through WSU contracts) are required to complete the training. If have not done so yet, training sessions are available until May 22 at various locations. I'd like to thank everyone that came to honor Dr. Elliot Luby on May 16th. Dr. Luby is one of the original pioneers in mental health and still provides much needed care (see story below). Upcoming visits from local media, local, state and national legislators to the Tolan Park facility are scheduled/being scheduled.

II. News from the Faculty

- **Cynthia Arfken, Ph.D.**, has been appointed to serve on the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority SUD Oversight Policy Board
- **Robert Freedman, Ph.D.**, was interviewed by the New York Times about his work on rise of core body temperature prior to a hot flash.
- **Richard Young, Ph.D. and Sean Seaman, Ph.D.**, have been awarded a \$75,000 contract from the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. Dr. Young's work in distracted driving is receiving national attention including his recent letter on this topic being accepted for publication in the New England Journal of Medicine.
- **Vaibhav Diwadkar, Ph.D.**, presented his new findings on functional MRI in pediatric OCD at a symposium at the Society of Biological Psychiatry in New York City, May, 10, 2014, chaired by **David Rosenberg, M.D.**, entitled "Dysfunctional Frontal, Striatal and Thalamic Circuitry in OCD: fMRI Signatures of Aberrant Hyper-Activity During Basic Processing". Dr. Diwadkar also presented his work on "Signatures of "Ultra High" Risk in Schizophrenia: Sub-threshold Symptoms in At-risk Adolescents Mediate Disordered Brain Activations and Effective Connectivity at another symposium "The Calm before the Storm": Neurobiological Signatures of Sub-threshold Symptoms in Addiction, Schizophrenia and Mood Disorders." chaired by Professor's Patrick McGorry (U of Melbourne) and Amit Anand (Cleveland Clinic). Dr. Diwadkar's presentations were very well received and attended by leadership from the National Institute of Mental Health Program Office who commented on the cutting edge nature of his work pioneering a new and emerging area in biological psychiatry
- **David Rosenberg, M.D.**, was invited to interview with David Muir, anchor for ABC 20/20 in New

York for a special on ABC 20/20 scheduled to air Friday 10pm ABC 20/20 EST.



III. Research Activities

- **Leslie Lundahl, Ph.D.** and **Shane Perrine, Ph.D.**, were the recipients of the DPBN 2014 Junior Investigator Awards. Dr. Lundahl will be studying the effects of cannabidiol on marijuana-seeking in humans and Dr. Perrine's proposal examines to study a public health problem (acute, chronic, and relapsed cocaine abuse) using an animal model to delineate key aspects of drug-cue behaviors. Both investigators will be awarded a \$25,000 grant.
- **Alireza Amirsadri, M.D., Cynthia Arfken, Ph.D., Luay Haddad, M.D., Manuel Tancer, M.D., and Ed Mischel** whose face to face manuscript titled "Intervention to Reduce Inpatient Psychiatric Admission in a Metropolitan City" was accepted for publication in the Community Mental Health. This program resulted in an over 90% decrease in inpatient psychiatric hospitalization and decreased length of stay in those hospitalized. The Editor referred to this as "an outstanding paper". As the paper describes, this program results in a \$623,000 savings to Medicaid PER MONTH or nearly \$7.5 million per year. One program, one hospital. The timing also could not be better with Medicaid expansion and our Department in partnership with Gateway Community Health, the Authority, MDCH, the state and others is positioning itself to serve as a national model for integrating care in a high density Medicaid population. Improved outcome at decreased cost. Evidence based focus and how this work was published with Dr. Arfken's (the corresponding author) research expertise complementing the clinical expertise and innovations developed by clinicians/clinician educators. This paper received a lot of favorable attention from Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and Michigan Department of Community Health

IV. Office of Education and Training

- Congratulations to **Pauline Smith**, 4th year WSUSOM medical student, who received a prestigious American Psychiatric Association Minority Student Travel Award for the May, 2014 meeting in New York.
- Congratulations to **Kamelika Roy, M.D.**, who has been selected as a Janssen Resident Psychiatric Research Scholar. Dr. Roy will receive research support for 1 year and attend as a Janssen scholar, the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in New York in May, 2014. Drs. Balon and Diwadkar are mentoring Dr. Roy.

V. Other News

- Third Annual Thomas R. Ten Have Symposium on Statistics in Mental Health will be held May 29-30, 2014 at Yale University. This event continues the annual Columbia-Cornell-NYU-Penn-Yale Symposium on Mental Health. However this year it is also jointly sponsored by the Mental Health Statistics Section (MHSS) of the American Statistical Association along with the five original participating universities. The format of the symposium consists of eight invited talks and one Keynote address. Invited talks are divided equally between MHSS and five universities. Samiran Ghosh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences, Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences (adjunct) will be there as his talk "*Bayesian Non-Inferiority Trial Design with Application in Depression Study*" has been selected as an invited talk for one of the MHS sponsored sessions.

Conference participants are now welcome to contribute posters on Statistical Methodology or applied research in the area of mental health.

Details can be found here: <http://psychiatry.yale.edu/tthsymposium/index.aspx>

Honoring Dr. Mark Cohen

Mark Cohen, M.D., a 1964 graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine and a retired ophthalmologist from Moraga, Calif., was presented May 12 with a commemorative plaque of appreciation acknowledging his philanthropic commitment to the university.



Right: Dr. Maryjean Schenk, Mrs. and Dr. Mark Cohen and Dr. David Rosenberg.

Dr. Rosenberg presenting Dr. Cohen with a plaque and thanking him for his invaluable contributions to this department.



Dr. Cohen established an endowment earlier this year to support the work of Associate Professor Vaibhav Diwadkar, Ph.D., who uses functional magnetic resonance imaging to explore the pathophysiologic mechanisms of mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; and Associate Professor Jeffrey Stanley, Ph.D., who applies in vivo magnetic resonance methodologies to understand pediatric psychiatric disorders. The duo lead the department's Brain Imaging Research Division.

Sixty Years in the Making.....

On Wednesday, May 16th, Dr. Elliot Luby was honored at Tolan Park for his career in mental health and education. Dr. Luby's service to mental health spreads over 6 decades and still continues today. He was honored by Dean Parisi, Drs. David Rosenberg, Gerald Shiener, Richard Balon, Alireza Amirsadri, and Ronald Trunsky, not only a colleague but a long standing friend. Dr. Luby's legacy is not only in the medicine he practiced but the lives he has touched.



Dean Parisi thanking Dr. Luby for all of his contributions to mental health.



Presentation of the award to Dr. Luby.



Dr. Richard Balon



Dr. Gerald Shiener



Dr. Alireza Amirsadri



Dr. Ronald Trunsky



"No legacy is so rich as honesty." - William Shakespeare