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Psychiatry & Neurobehavioral Sciences Welcomes The New Interns

Please welcome to Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences the new interns for 2009. This is a great group!



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Manipal College of
Medical Sciences



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State University
College of Medicine



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of Beirut



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Carolina School of
Medicine



Nivedita Nadkarni
Topiwala National
Medical College



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Kansas City University
of Medicine and
Biosciences



Ivan Putziger
Emory University
School of Medicine

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Manan Shah
Rajiv Gandhi Medical
College



Tarik Shaheen
University of Virginia
School of Medicine



Ben Wiseman
University of Virginia
School of Medicine

Niels Nielson and Scott Beach to Serve as Chief Residents for the 2009-2010 Academic Year

Zach Dameron recently announced that Niels Nielsen and Scott Beach have agreed to serve as Chief Residents for the 2009-2010 academic year. He would like you to join him in congratulating them. While it is still premature, Zach Dameron wants to thank Diana Smith and Laura Dauenhauer for their hard work over the past year.

2009 Challenge Grants

The recent passing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has provided NIH with new funds for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2009 and 2010. NIH has designated at least \$200 million for a new initiative called the **NIH Challenge Grant in Health and Science Research**. This new program will support research on topic areas which address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research that would benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds.

If you have a research idea and need funding, now is the time to submit a grant application. The deadline for submission is April 27, 2009.

For additional information, please see the following websites:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-003.html>
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/Omnibus.pdf

Making a Difference in the LGBTQ Community



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Edward Strickler, MA, MA, MPH and the Programs Coordinator with the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy and Managing Editor of Developments in Mental Health Law, has been very busy as of late. He recently assisted efforts to fund implementation of recommendations from a large community survey regarding LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) Virginians' experience of violence. The study report titled "The State of Violence in LGBTQ Communities of Virginia" presents responses from nearly 1,000 LGBTQ Virginians in 2007-2008 regarding their experiences of hate, violence, intimate partner violence, bullying, stalking and sexual violence. Findings regarding individuals' experiences with seeking and receiving services are also reported. The study results will provide direction on how to increase the communities' capacity to respond to violence through education and awareness campaigns across the Commonwealth. Mr. Strickler collaborated with other anti-violence leadership in Virginia to draft the report of findings, develop funding proposals and acquire resources to form a LGBTQ-majority organization. Mr. Strickler currently serves on the inaugural advisory committee to begin operations towards the implementation of the primary recommendations of the report.

Quillin Drew, who staffs the new Virginia Anti-Violence Project, took some time out her busy schedule to answer some questions concerning the VAVP study, the VAVP organization and plans for helping to respond to the needs of victims and survivors of violence.

Interviewer: *What prompted the study?*

Drew: The study was prompted by a small group of individuals who had been curious about creating community-led efforts to address violence in Virginia's diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities. This group had been working primarily with existing conventional service providers came together to apply for funding to support our research. Without that initial funding from Virginia's Department of Criminal Justice Services, we'd still be trying to figure out how to get things started!

Interviewer: *How did you get people involved?*

Drew: We offered a small incentive of the opportunity to receive one of five \$100 gift cards to survey respondents. Our advisory

committee that supported the initial research effort was made up of diverse LGBTQ people and allies from across the state. They were instrumental in getting the word out about the survey as well as the support we received from our collaborating organizations like The Drop-In Center (Roanoke), Fan Free Clinic (Richmond), ASG (Charlottesville) and many others. People were excited to participate even without a significant incentive. I believe people genuinely are concerned about issues of violence in our communities and want to be helpful in strategizing around ways to address it.

Interviewer: *What was the overall response to the study?*

Drew: The overall response to the study was positive from many different stakeholder

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groups. The LGBTQ community members who responded left many comments that they hoped their stories would help our community better address violence in the future. One of the best things to come from our research is that we were able to make some concrete recommendations based on the research that people outside our organization are interested in developing and incorporating into their own work and personal lives. I think our study really helped document what many in the community knew anecdotally to be true, but that our community hadn't had any concrete data to support. We were also delighted that our research seemed to corroborate the Transgender Health Initiative Study previously released by the Virginia Department of Health around transgender respondents' experiences of violence.

Interviewer: *Can you tell me more about the VAVP?*

Drew: The Virginia Anti-Violence Project is the only new organization that has been formed after the research. We were a project of Equality Virginia for two years and have decided to become an independent organization so that we can pursue our vision and mission which we drew from the results of our research. One of our goals is to enhance the abilities of existing organizations and groups to be partners in our efforts to address violence within and against LGBTQ communities across the state. Currently, the Virginia Anti-Violence Project has a participation interest form on its website (www.virginiaavp.org) and we are looking for individuals to participate on the board, committee and volunteer level with representation from all across Virginia. If people would like to find out what options are available for their participation or would like to learn more about us they can visit the website or call me at 804.643.4816.

Interviewer: *Are you going to propose any community projects to help address the needs of victims/survivors of violence?*

Drew: Yes! We are actually going to not

only propose but completely support community based projects to support people who are experiencing violence. And this extends to all forms of violence that LGBTQ people can experience. We are hoping to see peer-facilitated support networks at a local grassroots level, especially where there is limited access to conventional service providers. We are also looking to develop relationship skills class, toolkits for rapidly responding to hate violence in a community, queer parenting networking dinners, bar outreach and community engagement models. We are hoping to work at many different levels at the same time so that we are not only providing individual interventions but are simultaneously working for systemic changes that will reduce the abilities for people to maintain systems of power and control over their partners or to feel like hate violence is an appropriate way to express their homophobia, biphobia and transphobia against our communities and to work for the prevention of sexual violence across the life-span. There are fabulous ideas percolating within our group and I hope that interested parties will want to join us in this broad attempt at addressing violence in LGBTQ communities across Virginia.

Interviewer: *Do you think there will be changes in the state legislature to specifically address the needs of victims/survivors?*

Drew: There are changes in the Virginia Code nearly every year regarding the needs of survivors of violence. I'm not convinced the currently elected officials within the General Assembly would be supportive of making the changes necessary in the Code to ensure accessibility to the criminal legal system for LGBTQ survivors of violence, and I am hopeful that that times will change.

For more information, please check the following link:

http://www.equalityvirginia.org/site/PageServer?pagename=programs_antiviolence

HONORS & AWARDS



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Heather Haughey, Ph.D. was recently chair and organizer of a symposium entitled "Genetics and Endophenotypes of Alcoholism" at the 1st Annual Meeting of Trends in Psychiatric Genetics, held in Breckenridge, Colorado from February 17th thru the 20th, 2009. Dr. Haughey presented her latest findings in a talk entitled "*Atomoxetine Administration Alters the Acute Subjective Effects of Alcohol in Humans: Influence of Catecholamine Genes.*" Congratulations Dr. Haughey!



Scott Beach, M.D. was nominated by medical students for the Mulholland Society's Resident Teaching Awards for this year. It was announced on February 11, 2009 that Scott won one of these prestigious awards, as only 10 are given annually) and will be advanced as the Medical School's nomination for the all-University Graduate Teaching Award. Congratulations Dr. Beach!

Niels C.S. Nielsen, M.D. was nominated to be the Member in Training representative for the Psychiatric Society of Virginia Board for next year. Congratulations Dr. Nielsen!



At the medical Center Hour of February 11th, 2009, **Maurice Apprey, PhD, FIPA**, was awarded *The Clyde M. Watson, Jr. Distinguished Service Award for Pastoral Care and Education*. This award recognizes his work as Professional consultation committee Chair, his teaching, supervisions and other consultative activities provided to hospital chaplains over the last three decades. He was also the plenary speaker for the annual national and regional conferences of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) in 2008 in Richmond and in Charlottesville, respectively. Congratulations Dr. Aprey!

Linda Gonder-Frederick, Ph.D. was the Grand Rounds speaker for the VCU/MCV Department of Psychiatry in February. The talk was titled "Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Youth with Type 1 Diabetes: Biopsychobehavioral Impact, Adherence to Use, and Family Reactions." Congratulations Dr. Gonder-Frederick!



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Bruce Greyson, M.D. was elected a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Congratulations Dr. Greyson!

Edward Strickler, MA, MA, MPH, was awarded Honorable Mention for poetry by the University of Virginia Art Museum's 2008 Writer's Eye competition. In this competition writers select an art piece from the museum to compose interactively between visual or sculptural work and language. His poem interacted with a large scale photograph of Tina Barney, Marina's Room, with reference to Velazquez' large classical painting Las Meninas, using a quote from Georgia O'Keefe as his hermeneutic. His poetry was also awarded last year. Congratulations Edward Strickler!



Chamindi Seveniratne was promoted to Instructor of Research effective February 25th! Congratulations Chamindi!

Randolph J. Canterbury, M.D. was named to the Castle Connolly Top Doctor America (Psychiatry) list again for 2008 and as a top psychiatrist for women by Women's Health magazine. This is a repeat of 2007. Congratulations Dr. Canterbury!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

From Genya Saunders...

Welcome back to **Stefania Fabbri, Ph.D.** who became a part-time faculty after completion of her fellowship in Clinical Psychology at the CARE center.

Welcome to **Laura Brown** who joined our administrative team on a part time basis effective February 16th. Laura will be assisting with fiscal and HR operations.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS



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Detweiler MB, Mehra A, Rowell T, **Kim KY**, **Bader G**. Delirious mania and malignant catatonia: a report of 3 cases and review. *Psychiatry Quarterly*. Accepted for publication.

Gattis, K.S., Simpson, L.E. & Christensen, A. (2008). What about the Kids?: Parenting and child adjustment in the context of couple therapy. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 22, 833-842.

Howland, RH, Wilson, MG, Kornstein, SG, **Clayton, AH**, Trivedi, MH, Wohlreich, MM, Fava, M. (2008). Factors predicting reduced antidepressant response: Experience with the SNRI duloxetine inpatients with major depression. *Annals of Clinical Psychiatry*, 20(4):209-218.

Loper, AB, Mahmoodzadegan, N & **Warren, JI** (2008). Childhood maltreatment and Cluster B personality pathology in female serious offenders. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 20, 139-16.

Murrie, D.C, Boccaccini, M.T., Zapt, P.A. **Warren, J.I.**, Henderson, C.E. (2008). Clinical variation in findings of competence to stand trial. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*. 14, 177-193.

Sapra M, **Kim KY**. Anti-amyloid treatments in Alzheimer's disease. *Recent Patents on CNS Drug Discovery*. Accepted for publication.

Warren J, & South, S. (2009). Cluster B psychopathology among incarcerated women: Issues of internal consistency and construct validity. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*. 32, 10-17.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Barth, JT. Mild TBI and Blast Injury in Combat. Lecture for predeployment healthcare personnel; Brook Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX. Feb. 2, 2009



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**Spring 2009
Department of Psychiatry &
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Lab Seminars**

UVA North Fork Research Park

Location: UVA CARE Conference Room

Time 12:00Noon - 1:00pm

Date: Every other Friday

Lunch will be provided

**March 13th
"TBD"**

Scott Strayer, M.D., MPH

**April 10th
"TBD"**

Amy Fansler, M.S.

**March 20th
"The Use of Depot
Naltrexone by
Offenders Under
Community
Supervision"**

Richard Bonnie, L.L.B.

**April 24th
"Examining
Susceptibility to
Addiction Through a
Computational Model"**

Matthew Oberhardt,
Graduate Student,
Biomedical Engineering

**March 27th
"GABAergic
medications in the
treatment of alcohol
dependence. A
European prospective"**

Giovanni Addolorato, M.D.

**May 8th
"Use of the Internet in
Delivering
Psychological
Treatment"**

Lee Ritterband, Ph.D.

Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy Upcoming Programs



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Advanced Research and Clinical Topics in Forensic Practice

Assessing Malingering and Waiver of Miranda Rights with Richard Rogers, PhD

April 24, 2009, Charlottesville, VA

Assessing Malingering: **Dr. Rogers** has, for years, been the leading authority on malingering (feigning psychiatric illness) as it relates to forensic evaluation. He will present research on malingering by criminal defendants and civil litigants, and discuss implications for forensic evaluators and attorneys. Assessing Miranda Waivers: Dr. Rogers also maintains an in-depth program of research regarding the waiver of Miranda rights among criminal defendants. He will present data from his recent large-scale studies of Miranda warnings, particularly those addressing comprehension of Miranda warnings by defendants. He will discuss implications for attorneys and forensic evaluators.

Registration: Virginia DMHMRSAS/CSB/OAG Staff - \$50 / Other - \$90

Paraphilias, NOS – Rape and Coercion – Current Controversies with Dennis Doren, PhD

April 17, 2009, Charlottesville, VA

This advanced seminar will highlight the current discussion about Paraphilias, NOS – Rape and Coercion. A leading expert, **Dennis Doren**, PhD, will present contemporary research data and information relevant to policy discussions. Dr. Doren will be examining the diagnostic issues that surround the diagnoses of Paraphilia NOS- Non-consent. This is a controversial diagnosis which has particular relevance to the evaluation of sexually violent predators as it represents one of the predicate conditions for commitment. Dr. Doren will be outlining what he has proposed as defining elements or indications of this condition and will differentiate it from diagnoses of sexual sadism and sadistic personality disorder. The presentation will be interactive and participants are asked to bring cases for review and discussion by the group.

Registration: Virginia DMHMRSAS/CSB/OAG Staff - \$50 / Other - \$90

CLINICAL TRIALS

ATX Alcohol Study

Dr. Heather M. Haughey is seeking volunteers ages 21 to 45 for a new investigational medication study examining **cravings for alcohol**. Participants will take two 5-day periods of an investigational medication (Strattera®) and make 5 outpatient visits to the UVA C.A.R.E. Clinic. Compensation is \$150.

Phone: (888) UVA-2345 ask for ATX Study

HSR #13464

Drs. Lee Ritterband and **Lora Baum** are conducting a research study on **Insomnia in Cancer Patients**. Adult participants who are in remission from cancer and experiencing disturbed sleep will receive access to an Internet insomnia intervention called SHUTi, as well as to self-hypnosis recordings. They will also attend an in-person interview, fill out online questionnaires at the beginning, middle, and end of the study, and track their sleep patterns daily for 4 months. Compensation is \$100 for completion of the study. If you know of a potential participant, please have the contact the project coordinator:

Elaine Bailey, Ph.D.
(434) 924-2097
study@shuti.net

IRB-HSR# 13685



Project EARLY

Dr. Karen Ingersoll is looking for 18-44 year old women who are sexually active and drink alcohol. Women who volunteer and are eligible will be asked to provide information about their health behaviors and to take part in a one-time meeting with a counselor lasting between one and two hours and two follow-up meetings in 3- and 6-months. Women will receive up to \$175 in reimbursement for their time.

(866) 485-5226

IRB-HSR #12794

Dr. Anita Clayton's Center for Psychiatry Clinical Research would like to invite all physicians to consider one of our clinical trials for all of their patients. We currently have clinical trials for:

Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder

Potential subjects should not have more than this primary diagnosis that meet Axis I criteria. If you think you have a subject who would benefit from being in one of our trials, please call:

Rachel Bailey, MS (243-4631) or
Royanne Dell, CCRC (243-4655)

CURRENT ENROLLING STUDIES

IRB-HSR#13557
IRB-HSR#13134

Dr. Bankole Johnson and Dr. Nassima Ait-Daoud are currently recruiting **alcohol and cocaine users for both in-patient and out-patient clinical trials**. The out-patient trials include eight or thirteen weeks of treatment to test the efficacy of medications to treat alcohol and/or cocaine dependence in combination with therapy and other forms of intervention. Subjects are compensated between \$260 and \$475 for treatment study completion. For alcohol and cocaine users not seeking treatment, the in-patient studies include two nine-day stays at the UVA hospital and participants are compensated up to \$1900 for study completion.

Mindy Borszich
1-888-882-2345

IRB-HSR# 12350	IRB-HSR# 11578
IRB-HSR# 13419	IRB-HSR# 11620
IRB-HSR# 12381	IRB-HSR# 12790
IRB-HSR# 11599	IRB-HSR# 13201

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Baby Boom!

Ad Astra is pleased to announce two new additions to the Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences Family!



Welcome to
Dimas Lamp!

Born on December 9, 2008 weighing 7 lbs 14 oz to proud parents **Laura Diehl**, second-year resident, and her husband **Marty Lamp**.

Congratulations!

Welcome to
**Fayza Grace
Abena Hamilton!**

Born at 7:02pm on February 23, 2009 weighing 7 lbs 1 oz to proud parents **Elizabeth** and **David Hamilton**.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Professor Bankole Johnson** on his marriage to **Carolina Acevedo!** The ceremony was held in Costa Rica on February 14, 2009.

Please continue to send your news, upcoming events, recently published articles, and pictures for February.

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