The Department of Psychiatry

The Department of Psychiatry Annual Award Recipients Announced

The following received awards:
- Faculty of the Year Award: Sandra Vicari, PhD
- Psychiatry Mentor of the Year: Manisha Punwani, MD
- Research Faculty of the Year (Chi Square Award): Jeffrey Bennett, MD

Most Growth and Development in Psychotherapy Training Award: Pravesh Basnet, MD

New Faculty Member Wins National Award

Congratulations to Obiora Onwuameze, MD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, who has recently been selected as an awardee of the 2012 Career Development Institute for Psychiatry. A two-year longitudinal training experience for early career mental health researchers, the program promotes career skills and self-assessment, individualized career goal setting, career mentoring, and webinars and tutorials. As part of his training, Dr. Onwuameze will have the opportunity to learn from diverse senior faculty members at Stanford University, the University of Pittsburgh, and the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. Onwuameze joined our faculty effective July 2012, after completing his residency in Psychiatry at the University of Iowa. Dr. Onwuameze, thank you for your hard work, and welcome to SIU! For more information about the Career Development Institute for Psychiatry, visit: http://www.cdipsych.org/

Focus on the Division—Adult Psychiatry

The Division of Adult Psychiatry provides inpatient and outpatient services directed by Jeffrey Bennett, MD, who also serves as Clerkship Director for Undergraduate Medical Education. Faculty members include Vinod Alluri, MD, Dale Beck, PhD, Khondakar Hasanat, MD, Haojiaung, MD, Ron Kanwischer, MA, Obiora Onwuamaze, MD, and Santosh Shrestha, MD. Faculty in the division are collaborating on numerous IRB-approved research projects. Jeffrey Bennett, MD, is PI for a number of clinical trials. Haojiaung Huang, MD, PhD serves as research mentor to John Yost, MD, PGY-III, on a project investigating Acute Antipsychotic Induced Hypertension. In addition to recently publishing a case report in the Journal of ECT, Obiora Onwuamaze, MD, has been selected for the 2012 Career Development Institute for Psychiatry. Jill Koester, MA, LCPC, Jeanne Hansen, LCSW, Trisha Heffren-Malott, LCSW, and Stacy Lee, LCSW, provide clinical counseling in the department. For more information, visit: http://www.siumed.edu/psych/adultpsych.htm

Recent Faculty and Resident Publications


Zupancic M, Mahajan A, Handa K. "Dementia with Lewy Bodies: Diagnosis and Management for Primary Care Providers." The Primary Care Companion for CNS Disorders 13(5):e1-e10.
HONORS

Congratulations to Mary Dobbins, MD, for her promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of Psychiatry. Dr. Dobbins also serves as the chief of the division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Thank you for your hard work!

Congratulations to Obiora Onwuameze, MD, for being awarded the APA/Lilly Resident Research Award at the 2012 American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing this article in print! Congratulations, and thank you for your hard work!

TRANSITIONS

Radmila Bogdanich, MA, has retired from the Department of Psychiatry. Best wishes in your new endeavors!

Kristina Dzara, PhD, has moved on from the Department of Psychiatry. Kristina has worked as a Researcher and Editor of ‘Psychiatry Research Today’ for the past three years. Best wishes!

Sheila Jessen, has transitioned from the Division of Behavioral and Psycho-social Oncology. Good luck!

Manisha Punwani, MD, has taken a position as Child Fellowship Director at the University of California, San Francisco. Good luck!

Stephen Robinson, MD, has taken a position as the Director of Mental Health Services, San Francisco Veterans Administration Downtown Clinic, affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco. Good luck!

Julie Smith has retired from the Department of Psychiatry. Thank you for your hard work, and enjoy your retirement.

Matt Sporrer, MA, has transitioned to an Accountant II position. Congratulations on your promotion!

Debra Torres, MA, has moved on from her position at the Community Support Network. Thank you for your hard work at SIU!

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Kevin Burnett, BSBA, Chief Administrator, Adult Psychiatry.

Emily Lane, LCSW, Social Worker, Behavioral and Psycho-Social Oncology.

Obiora Onwuameze, M.D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Adult Psychiatry.

Jessi Rickert, Office Support Specialist.

Amber Quinn, Office Support Specialist.

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