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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Your quarterly connection to current research and accolades in the Department of Psychiatry

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WELCOME READERS!

Welcome to Psychiatry Research Today! This newsletter is intended to provide faculty, staff, and others connected to the SIU School of Medicine with relevant and interesting information about the work currently being conducted in the Department of Psychiatry. Each of the

quarterly issues will contain information about current research projects as well as research and teaching accolades. The Department of Psychiatry takes pride in our achievements in addition to continually offering quality patient care. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

EMERITUS FACULTY WINS AWARD

Robert Pary, MD, professor emeritus in medicine/psychiatry, has received the Frank J. Menolascino Award at the 2009 National Association for the Dually Diagnosed conference. He was recognized for his commitment to the field of dual diagnoses. Congratulations!

RECENT FACULTY AND RESIDENT PUBLICATIONS:

Alhatem F & **Black JE**. 2009. Varenicline-induced mania in a bipolar patient. *Clinical Neuropharmacology* 32(2):117-8.

Johnson RL, Gold MA, Wyche KF. 2009. Brief Report: Distress in Women with Gynecologic Cancer. *Psycho-Oncology*.

Noggle CA. 2009. Future trends in the application and impact of psychopharmacology within the school setting. *Psychology in the Schools* 46(9):915-917.

Noggle CA & Dean RS. 2009. Atypical and typical antipsychotics in the schools. *Psychology in the Schools* 46(9):869-884.

Noggle CA & Dean RS. 2009. Use and impact of anti-depressants in the school setting. *Psychology in the Schools* 46(9):857-868.

Pyo GY, Curtis K, Curtis R & Markwell S. 2009. A validity study of the Working Group's Orientation Test for individuals with moderate to severe intellectual disability. *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research* 53:780-786.

Pan, P. 2009. 12 entries in *Case Files Psychiatry, Third Edition*.

Soltys, S. 2009. 12 entries in *Case Files Psychiatry, Third Edition*.

Zupancic ML. 2009. Acute psychological stress as a precipitant of acute coronary syndromes in patients with undiagnosed ischemic heart disease: A case report and literature review. *The Primary Care Companion to the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* 11 (1):21-24.

COLLABORATION NETS BIG RETURN!

Rajeev Kandukuri, MD (PGY-IV), **Mehnaz Khan, MD** (Child Psychiatry Fellow), and **Stephen M. Soltys, MD** (Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry), recently collaborated on a case report titled "Non-adherence to Medication in

Hypothyroidism." The paper was recently accepted for publication in *The Primary Care Companion to the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. The authors expect their article to be published in early 2010. This publication highlights the positive impact of collaboration between

residents, fellows, and faculty. The article addresses the complexity of treatment for hypothyroidism and examines possible consequences of non-adherence to a drug regimen. Congratulations to all authors! Be sure to check out this article in 2010.

FOCUS ON THE DIVISION: PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY

The Division of Psycho-Oncology was established in 2008. Assistant Professor **Rhonda Johnson, PhD**, serves as chair and is a practicing Psychologist. Dr. Johnson also heads the Side-by-Side program at the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute. The Side-by-Side program brings a team of vari-

ous caregivers to patients and their families that enables comprehensive physical and mental health care. **Chad Noggle, PhD** joined the Division in June of 2009 and brings with him extensive experience as a Clinical Neuropsychologist. In addition to being experienced clinicians, Drs. Johnson and

Noggle bring with them a broad range of research experience and interests, including having been part of grant-sponsored and clinical trials research. Dr. Johnson is recently published in *Psycho-oncology* (June and Nov. 2009), while Dr. Noggle is recently published in *Psychology in the Schools* (Nov. 2009).

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100% SCRIHS
COMPLETION RATE

All 50 Faculty, Administrative Professional, Resident, and Civil Service Psychiatry employees who engage in research have completed their Springfield Committee for Research Involving Human Subjects (SCRIHS) training. They are eligible to work on individual and team research projects at the SIU School of Medicine. Thanks to everyone for their compliance!

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT
OF RESEARCH

Geunyeong Pyo, PhD and **Kristina Dzara, PhD** were two of the sixteen individuals who completed the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) course. The course was offered by Dr. Linda Toth through the Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs. The course spanned nine weeks and covered various research topics. The course will likely be offered again in Fall 2011.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW
EMPLOYEES!

Ryan Alexander, BA,
LAN Support Specialist II

Kristina Dzara, PhD,
Researcher III and Adjunct
Clinical Assistant Professor

Robbin Gantt, BA,
Program Service Specialist,
Community Support
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Anna Wiggins, MA,
Researcher II,
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NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS

Suggestions for research or accolades to be included in our next newsletter are solicited! We are also seeking guest contributors who may want to pen a short (100-200) word article about their scholarly work.

Please send information to Kristina Dzara, Ph.D., Psychiatry Research Today Editor at kdzara@siumed.edu

RESIDENT RESEARCH ACCOLADES

Congratulations to **Mir Mazhar, MD (PGY-IV)**. His book review "Resident's Guide to Clinical Psychiatry: A Book Review" is published in the December 2009 issues of *The Residents' Journal*, A Publication of the American Journal of Psychiatry.

Congratulations to **Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-II)**, who recently received the 'Best Resident Research Award,' at the 2009 American Psychiatric Association meeting, for his paper "Phenomenology of Delirium: A Factor Analytic Study." He plans to submit

the article for publication in 2010.

Melanie Zupancic, MD (PGY-III) and colleagues - Ani Annamalai, MD, Jennifer Brenneman, BS, and Sriya Ranatunga, MD - published their paper "Migratory Polyarthrititis as a Paraneoplastic Syndrome" in the December 2008 issue of *The Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

George Costin, MD (PGY-IV) and colleagues - **Jeffery Bennett, MD,** **Mehnaz Khan, MD,** **Mir**

Mazhar, MD (PGY-IV), **Kristina Dzara, PhD, Ms.** Mary Conklen, and Ms. Jo Ann Hannig - recently submitted their paper "Experiences with a PGY-1 Acute Care Psychiatric Clinic as a Collaborative Model Between an Academic Training Program and Community Mental Health Center for Residency Training and Service Delivery" to *Academic Psychiatry*. The submission fulfills Dr. Costin's Residency Research Requirement. Dr. Costin is mentored by Drs. Chad

Noggle and Jeffrey Bennett.

Jennifer Hardwick, MD (PGY-II) and colleagues - **Brad Koechle, RPh, Dale Beck, PhD,** Christopher Gillette, PharmD, and Michael Lloyd, RPh, recently had their project "Medication Management of the Forensic Psychiatric Patient" approved by the Springfield Committee for Research Involving Human Subjects (SCRIHS). The team plans to submit the project for presentation and publication in 2010.