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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

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

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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY ANNUAL AWARDEES ANNOUNCED

The Department of Psychiatry Graduation and Recognition Ceremony was held on June 11th, 2010. The following faculty and residents were honored:

Faculty of the Year Award:
Stephen Robinson, MD

Research Faculty of the Year Award (Chi Square Award):
Chad A. Noggle, PhD

Psychotherapy Mentor of the

Year Award: **Jill Koester, MA**

Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award for Resident Teaching:
Fareed Tabatabai, MD

Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award for Clerkship Teaching:
David Montani, MD

Resident of the Year Award:
Melanie Zupancic, MD

Cathy Speedie Memorial

Award: **Mir Mazhar, MD**

PRITE 90th Percentile Neurology and Psychiatry Training Awards: **Mir Mazhar, MD** and **Melanie Zupancic, MD**

Most Growth and Development in Psychotherapy Training Award: **Rajeev Kandukuri, MD**

Congratulations to all awardees and the graduate!

RECENT FACULTY AND RESIDENT PUBLICATIONS

Davis, A, Horwitz, J, **Noggle, C**, Dean, R, and Davis, K. 2010. "Cortical and subcortical sensory-motor impairment in patients with major depression: A preliminary analysis." *International Journal of Neuroscience*, 120 (5), 352-354.

Dobbins, M, Vicari S, Bogdanich, R, Roberts, N, Seale, D, and Record, J. Forthcoming. "The Consultation Conference: A New Model of Collaboration for Child Psychiatry and Primary Care." *Academic Psychiatry*.

Dzara, K. Forthcoming. "Assessing the Effect of Marital Sexuality on Marital Disruption." *Social Science Research*.

Mazur-Mosiewicz, A, Trammell, B, **Noggle, C**, and Dean, R. Forthcoming. "Differential Diagnosis of Depression and Alzheimer's Disease Using the Cognitive Elements of the Dean-Woodcock Neuropsychological Assessment System and the Cattell-Horn-Carroll Theory." *Applied Neuropsychology*.

Noggle, C, and Pierson, E. 2010. "The path ahead: Future trends in the assessment and treatment of TBI in pediatric populations." *Applied Neuropsychology*, 17 (2), xx-xx.

Noggle, C, and Pierson, E. 2010. "Emotional and behavioral functioning in the face of pediatric TBI: Presentation, assessment and intervention." *Applied Neuropsychology*, 17 (2), xx-xx.

Pierson, E, and **Noggle, C**. 2010. "Pediatric TBI: Prevalence and functional ramifications." *Applied Neuropsychology*, 17 (2), x-x.

Pyo, G, Ala, T, Kyrrouac, G, and Verhurlst, S. In press. "The Picture Recognition Test: A screening test for dementia among individuals with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities." *Research in Developmental Disabilities*.

Soltys, S, Pary, R, Robinson, S, and Markwell, S. Forthcoming. "The Challenge of a Smooth Transition between Clerkship Directors." *Academic Psychiatry*.

Soltys, S. Forthcoming. "Primer for the Interim Chair." *Academic Psychiatry*.

Zupancic, M, Siegfried, Y, **Kandukuri, R**, Singh, S, and Tumyan, A. Forthcoming. Generalized Anxiety and Depression in Primary Care: Detection and Treatment Monitoring. *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*.

FACULTY MEMBER SERVES ON NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

Understanding the effects of cancer and treatments on patient quality of life is critical to optimal medical care and clinical research. To address this issue the National Cancer Institute created a committee of researchers from throughout the United States and Canada, including **Rhonda Johnson**,

PhD to look specifically at Cancer Related Fatigue. Meeting in April, the group reviewed existing literature to determine the state of the science and make recommendations to guide future cancer research in this area. Broadly, these recommendations include: 1) Initiating more research that

integrates translational components, particularly biomarkers to explain cancer-related fatigue and 2) Increasing the utilization of a Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System to establish a common language amongst health professionals. A report of the committee's findings is pending.

FOCUS ON THE DIVISION: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Division of Developmental Disabilities provides education and care in the area of dual diagnoses. **Jeffrey Bennett, MD**, is Division Chief, which includes faculty members **Geunyeong Pyo, PhD**, **Susan Fonfa, PhD**, and **Amy Boston, MA**. The division has a strong emphasis on research, with faculty collaborating on seven IRB approved or pending research projects. In addition to

seeing patients at the Jacksonville Developmental Center, **Jeffrey Bennett, MD**, is working with colleagues there as well as **Kristina Dzara, PhD** and **Amy Boston, MA** to facilitate projects with Illinois College Summer Research Interns Kendra George and Kathryn Baughman. **Jeffrey Bennett, MD** also presented "Psychopharmacology in the Person with Intellectual Devel-

opmental Disability," as part of a DD Topic Telehealth Series. **Susan Fonfa, PhD** heads a large-scale research project investigating healthcare for individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the State of Illinois. **Geunyeong Pyo, PhD**, and colleagues are continuing prior dementia research and have work forthcoming in *Research in Developmental Disabilities*. Contributed by Amy Boston, MA

HONORS

Jeffrey Bennett, MD, has been elected to serve on the Faculty Council for a three year term ending in 2013. The Faculty Council creates broad policies that influence the clinical, educational, and research functions of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Dr. Bennett, we appreciate your service!

Amy Boston, MA, has passed the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) for the State of Illinois. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work.

Dawn Crowhurst has been "Caught in the Act of Excellence" for helping expedite the Division of Psycho-Oncology's transition to the Simmons Cancer Center. Congratulations, and thank you!

Susan Fonfa, PhD, has been selected as Director Emeritus to the NISH Board of Directors. NISH is a national organization dedicated to creating employment opportunities for individuals with severe disabilities. Well done!

Vivian Williams, BA, has been elected to the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Civil Service Council. Her term will expire in June of 2011. Thank you for your service.

RESIDENT ACCOLADES

Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-III) presented his SCRIHS-approved project "Assessing the Effect of a Targeted Intervention for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening" at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine 20th Annual Research Symposium on May 5th, 2010. Dr. Jain received third place in the resident section. Thanks to Dr. Jain and all the participants for all their hard work.

Med/Psych residents **Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-III)**, **Lokesh Shahani, MD (PGY-III)** and **Melanie Zupancic (PGY-IV)**, were all awarded the "Excellence in Teaching Award" 2009 - 2010 for Internal Medicine. They won these awards after being evaluated by the medical students and faculty. Congratulations for this wonderful recognition and keep up the excellent work!

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS!

Kamna Handa, MD (Psychiatry)

Graduate: Government Medical College Patiala - 07/05
Info: Completed Psychiatry Residency in India; Worked as Research Extern; 2 Publications.

Aman Mahajan, MD (Psychiatry)

Graduate: Government Medical College Jammu - 06/01
Info: Completed Psychiatry Residency in U.K.; Member Royal College of Psychiatrists; 2 Publications and 3 Presentations.

Johnathan Yost, MD (Psychiatry)

Graduate: SIU School of Medicine - 05/2008
Info: Completing PGY-2 in Pathology at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; 2 Publications and 2 Posters.

Sudantiraraj S. Prabhuram, MD (Medicine-Psychiatry)

Graduate: Stanley Medical College - 06/05
Info: Worked as Research Observer and Research Assistant; 3 Oral Presentations and 1 Poster Presentation.

Aghaegbulam Harachi Uga, MD (Medicine-Psychiatry)

Graduate: University of Maiduguri - 09/98
Info: Completed Psychiatry Residency and Neuropsychiatry Fellowship in Nigeria; Worked in clinical research; 1 Publication.

Nasir Ahmad, MD (Child Psychiatry Fellow)

Graduate: Allama Iqbal Medical College - 2001
Info: Worked as Research Fellow at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania; 3 Oral Presentations and 3 Poster Presentations.

Garima Singh, MD (Child Psychiatry Fellow)

Graduate: Assam Medical College - 2007
Info: Participated in Research Project at St. Francis Hospital; 1 Oral Presentation and 1 Poster Presentation.

TRANSITIONS....

Goodbye to **Rhonda Johnson, PhD**.

Effective September 1st, she will leave her position as Assistant Professor and Chief of the Division of Psycho-Oncology. Dr. Johnson's new position is at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City. Best wishes in your new endeavors!

Congratulations to **Jasdeep Sohi, MD, (PGY-III)**. After spending the past three years in the Department of Psychiatry as a resident, she will move in July to Case Western Reserve University for two years as a Fellow in Child Psychiatry. Congrats!

Best wishes to **Sandra Flatt, LPN II** and **Valerie Rife, BS**, Program Services Specialist, Community Support Network as they both recently moved on from their positions. Good luck!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

Cynthia Dickerson, LPN

TMS Nurse, Outpatient Clinic Services

Shelly Weatherholt, BSW

Program Services Specialist,
Community Support Network

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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Kristina Dzara, PhD

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Let us know about your scholarly achievements! Please submit any suggestions for research or accolades to be included in Psychiatry Research Today to Kristina Dzara, PhD at kdzara@siumed.edu.

We are also seeking guest contributors who are willing to write a short (100-200) word article about their current research projects.

The mission of the SIU School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, is to engage in excellence in psychiatric education and research while providing high quality, effective, state-of-the-art clinical care.

Department Chair: Stephen M. Soltys, MD