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'PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH TODAY' CELEBRATES ONE YEAR!

Since January 2010, four issues of 'Psychiatry Research Today' have presented research and accolades from the Department of Psychiatry. Some highlights include:

Seven current residents or fellows have had papers published or accepted for publication: **Aniruddh Behere, MD (PGY-III)**, **George Costin, MD (PGY-IV)**, **Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-III)**, **Rajeev Kandukuri, MD (PGY-**

IV), **Mehnaz Khan, MD (PGV-IV)**, **Lokesh Shahani, MD (PGY-III)**, and **Melanie Zupancic, MD (PGY-IV)**.

Mir Mazhar, MD, **Melanie Zupancic, MD (PGY-IV)** and **Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-III)** placed 4th nationwide in the American Association of Directors Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT) Annual 'Mind Games' Competition last spring.

In August 2010 the Division of Psycho-Oncology established the **Side by Side Wellness Center**.

Jeffrey Bennett, MD, was elected to serve on the Faculty Council for a three year term ending in 2013. **Chad Noggle, PhD**, was appointed as a regular member to SCRIHS. **Philip Pan, MD**, was elected 2011 President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Midwest Chapter.

JOSEPH E. JOHNSON LEADERSHIP AWARD

Melanie Zupancic, MD (PGY-IV), was honored with the 2011 Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award by the American College of Physicians. The award recognizes one associate member of the college who embodies the College's mission "to enhance

the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine." The committee looks for varied achievements in leadership, medical practice, research, publications, teaching, advocacy, and/or volun-

teerism. Dr. Zupancic, thank you for your passion, work ethic, and professionalism. Learn more about the award here: http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/awards_masterships/awards1011.htm

FOCUS ON THE DIVISION: FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY

The Division of Forensic Psychiatry provides expertise on issues of psychiatry and the law. Forensic evaluations are conducted across the many areas in which psychiatry is applied to legal issues. Assistant Professor **Philip Pan, MD** chairs the division, which includes: **Stephen Robinson, MD** and **Manisha Punwani, MD**. Along with Ross Silverman, JD (Medical

Humanities), Dr. Pan teaches a forensic psychiatry resource session to medical students rotating through the psychiatry clerkship. Dr. Pan teaches the residents' forensic seminars, and directs the residents' forensic clinic, in which trainees primarily conduct criminal forensic psychiatric examinations, such as fitness to stand trial and sanity. Dr. Robinson provides psychiatric

treatment at the Sangamon County Jail. Dr. Punwani conducts a Family Forensic Clinic, which focuses on parental capacity evaluations. Drs. Pan and Punwani recently presented "Toward a Model Curriculum for Teaching Forensic Psychiatry to General Psychiatry Residents" at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting.

Contributed by Philip Pan, MD

RECENT FACULTY AND RESIDENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Bennett, J, Dzara, K, Mazhar, M, and **Behere, A**. Forthcoming. "A Preliminary Report on Resident Emergency Psychiatry Training from a Survey of Psychiatry Chief Residents." *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*.

Boley, T, Stelle, L, **Pan, P, Koester, J**, Vassileva, C, Markwell, S, **Kanwischer, R**, Shawgo, T, and Hazelrigg, S. 2010. "Hope, Self-Blame, and Distress Following Surgical Resection for Lung Cancer." *CHEST* 138(4)supp: 761A.

Cook, R, **Pan, P**, Silverman, R, and **Soltys, S**. 2010. "Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders in Suicidal Patients: Clinical, Ethical, and Legal Dilemmas." *Psychosomatics* 51:277-282.

Pan, P, Punwani, M. "Toward a Model Curriculum for Teaching Forensic Psychiatry to General Psychiatry Residents." Presented at the *American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Conference*, October 2010.

Pilla, T, Vallurupalli, S, and **Huang, H**. "A Strange Speech - Medical or Psychiatric?" Presented at the *American College of Physicians, Illinois Chapter, Scientific Meeting*, October 2010.

Pyo, G, Ala, T, Kyrouac, G, and Verhurlst, S. Forthcoming. "A Validity Study of the Working Group's Autobiographical Memory Test for Individuals with Moderate to Severe Intellectual Disability." *Research in Developmental Disabilities*.

Vohra, S, Sinha, M, Basanta, WE, and **Dzara, K**. "Professional Responsibility Day: Southern Illinois University's Educational Initiative that Bridges the Divide Between Medical and Law Students." Presented at the *Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting, Student Programming Showcase*, November 2010.

HONORS

Jeffrey Bennett, MD, was quoted in the Illinois Times for an article regarding post traumatic stress disorder among homeless veterans. The article can be viewed here: <http://www.illinoistimes.com/Springfield/article-7974-serving-those-who-served.html>

Amy Boston, MA, and **Anna Wiggins, MS** have passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE) test. They are both now Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC). Congratulations and thanks for your hard work and dedication.

Kristina Dzara, PhD, along with co-authors W. Eugene Basanta, JD, LLM (Southern Illinois Healthcare Professor of Law, School of Law and Professor, School of Medicine, Department of Medical Humanities), Michael S. Sinha, BA, MS-III and Sameer S. Vohra, BA, MS-IV, were mentioned in the Southern Illinois University School of Law 2009-2010 Annual Report for their participation in the SIUC Research Town Hall. The report can be viewed at: <http://www.law.siu.edu/vb.asp>

Congratulations to **Haojiang Huang, MD, PhD**, who passed his general Psychiatry boards, administered by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Excellent work!

Chad Noggle, PhD and **Ellen Brotzman-Desart, MSW**, were featured in Springfield's Own Magazine. The article discussed the Side-by-Side program, which helps individuals work through the very difficult issues that accompany a cancer diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. The article can be accessed here: <http://www.springfieldsown.com/medical/medical/489/going-beyond-medicine-simmons-cancer-institute>

Congratulations to **Debbie Lucas**, who was honored with the Department of Psychiatry Civil Service Employee of the Year. Thank you for your service - you are appreciated!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

Priscilla Beasley, LPN
LPN II,
Outpatient Clinic Services

Jeanné Hansen, MSW,
LCSW, ICDVP
Division of Adult
Psychiatry

Christina Moos, LPN
LPN II,
Outpatient Clinic Services

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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Newsletter Associate Editor:
Anna Wiggins, MS

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

We are also seeking guest contributors to present findings from their research projects.

RESIDENT ACCOLADES

Gaurav Jain, MD (PGY-III) placed 3rd out of 10 selected clinical vignettes at the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry National Conference in Chicago, Illinois. His vignette "Porphyria in 34-year old Female," was presented verbally, followed by 2 minutes of questions by faculty judging the competition. Congratulations on your achievement and keep up the good work!

Trinadha Rao Pilla, MD (PGY-II), Srikanth Vallurupalli MD, and Haojiang Huang, MD, presented a poster titled "A Strange Speech - Medical or Psychiatric," at the American College Physicians, Illinois Chapter, Scientific Meeting, October 2010. Thank you for your collaboration!

TOPICS IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SEMINAR

The Division of Developmental Disabilities, under the leadership of Division Chief **Jeffrey Bennett, MD**, coordinates a monthly seminar, "Topics in Developmental Disabilities." Topics of interest to those serving individuals with developmental disabilities are presented by experts from throughout the region. Members of the community are welcome to attend. For more information, contact **Jolene Williams** at jwilliams2@siumed.edu or 217-545-7623.

CHILD PSYCHIATRY FELLOWSHIP RE-ACCREDITED

The Southern Illinois University Department of Psychiatry Child and Adolescent Fellowship Program has been re-accredited by the ACGME for three years. The program received no citations, and was commended for their adherence to guidelines. Congratulations to **Ayame Takahashi, MD**, Assistant Professor and Child Fellowship Director, as well as all the Child Fellows, for this achievement.

TRANSITIONS

Good luck to **Andrea Bennett**, who will attend UIS full-time, with plans of graduating in May 2011.

Goodbye to **David Decker, MD**, who has moved on from his position as Division Chief, Child Psychiatry effective December 15th. Best wishes in your new endeavors!

Best wishes to **Vivian Williams, BA**, who transferred to the Department of Financial Affairs as an Administrative Assistant II.

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.

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