

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER | RESURGENCE AND ANTI-RACISM
JUNE 21, 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Faculty, Staff and Trainees,

Last Friday we celebrated the Residents' and Fellows' graduation. It was a lovely event with a few little ones tooling around and wonderful despite the pouring rain! Dr. Benton made thought provoking remarks about the fact that these trainees worked tirelessly through the pandemic, which of course was difficult for all of us but especially tough on trainees. Yet, here they are, ready for the next phase. I was especially delighted that 8/12 residents are staying at Penn. 12/12 will forever be part of the Penn family! The same is true for the Fellows. Many are staying at Penn, but all will remain close to our hearts. We also had the opportunity to welcome our Class of 2027 on Friday. Wow, they come from far and wide! I thank the Residency and Fellowship leadership and staff who all outdid themselves organizing everything and presenting diplomas. There were lots of smiles all around.

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy Juneteenth, whether you volunteered or spent the day working or resting. Tonight, there is a Juneteenth lecture at 5:30 that will be hybrid with Dr. Renita Miller from Wharton speaking about "The Power of Community." It will be held at the Law Auditorium on the 5th Floor of PCAM's Jordan Medical Education Center and a reception will be held afterward.

Thank you for all of the work that you do. I am blessed to have the opportunity to work with all of you and appreciate your contributions

in clinical care, education and research. I am also grateful to our Operations and Finance team who support everyone, making it possible to do the great things that Penn Psychiatry does. We are fortunate to be in a line of work that allows us to be altruistic every day, contributing to the power of our community. Altruism builds resilience and these opportunities matter. Please also take a moment to practice gratitude. Even in the most difficult moments, we have things to be grateful for and that active gratitude also makes us more resilient. Finally, please do take care of yourself. Keep to your routines in terms of sleeping, eating and exercise. Those routines will help you stay strong. Stay well and HAPPY SUMMER!!!

Warmly, m

WELCOME NEW TT, CE AND RESEARCH FACULTY!



Erica Baller, MD, MS, assistant professor, completed postdoc in the Lifespan Informatics & Neuroimaging Center, now joins Psychosis section as assistant professor. She serves as a Consultation-Liaison psychiatry Attending on the HUP teaching service.



Molly Davis, PhD, assistant professor in DCAPBS at CHOP, studies factors that contribute to internalizing symptoms for children and adolescents and ways to optimize risk identification and prevention for these youth in non-specialty settings like primary care.



Michael Gandal, MD, PhD, associate professor, leads a lab that uses genetics, computational biology, genomics and neuroscience to identify causes and treatments for psychiatric disorders.



Andrew Guzick, PhD, assistant professor, studies the best ways to implement evidence-based treatments for anxiety and depression. He will be part of the Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety.



Emily Hartwell, PhD, assistant professor, completed her postdoc at Penn/VA and joins the Addictions section. She is a clinical psychologist whose research combines phenotypic and genetic data to enhance understanding of SUD causes and treatment.



Christopher W. Jones, PhD, assistant professor, conducts basic science research on the properties of sleep and how they relate to neurobiological and neurobehavioral functions with a focus on the consequences of sleep restriction.

WELCOME NEW PSYCHIATRY FACULTY!



Benjamin C. Reiner, PhD, research assistant professor, studies molecular mechanisms underlying psychiatric disease, substance use disorders, and metabolic behavior and how these systems can be genetically and pharmacologically manipulated to better treat these conditions.



Erica Weitz, PhD, assistant professor, conducts research on improving treatment personalization for mood and anxiety disorders by using novel meta-analytic methods to leverage individual patient characteristics that can increase efficacy of current treatments



Lauren White, PhD, studies how developmental factors shape development. She combines measures of behavior and neurophysiology to understand individual developmental trajectories in cognition and emotion.

NEW ACADEMIC CLINICIAN (AC) TRACK FACULTY



Katharine Dalke, MD, MBE
Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry
Vice Chair for Clinical Operations



Lauren Dubner, MD
Assistant Professor of
Clinical Psychiatry



Golkoo Hosseini, MD, MEd
Assistant Professor of
Clinical Psychiatry
Attending Psychiatrist, Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic, ECT and TMS



Reid Mergler, MD
Assistant Professor of
Clinical Psychiatry
Attending Psychiatrist, Women's Behavioral Wellness and Outpatient
Psychiatry Clinic



Nurun Begum, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry
Attending Psychiatrist, Hall-Mercer Community Mental Health Center and
Southeast Asian Clinic Director



Nicolas Lescano, MD
Assistant Professor of
Clinical Psychiatry
Attending Psychiatrist, Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic

NEW PENN MEDICINE CLINICIAN



Cristina Lanzillotta, MD
Penn Medicine Clinician
Attending Psychiatrist, Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic

CONGRATULATIONS ATASHA JORDAN



Atasha Jordan, MD, MBA, PGY IV Resident is a Resident/Fellow Inductee into Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society. Atasha was nominated by the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Class of 2023. Dr. Jordan is compassionate about serving patients with mental health illnesses in the U.S and the Caribbean. Atasha is frequently featured at national academic conferences, Christian conferences, podcasts, international news and radio, and live social media broadcasts.

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Promoting health for the brain and mind to transform lives and the world.

Mission

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