Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior

Highlights and Achievements of Faculty Members

FY 2019

Dr. Ara Anjum

- **Achievements/Awards**
  - 2018 Exemplary Teach award for teaching residents

Dr. Michael Banov

- **Articles**
doi:10.1017/S1092852919001238

Dr. Ram Bishnoi

- **Articles**
  - T.41 Impacts of Depression and REM Sleep Behavior Disorder on Cognitive Decline in Parkinson's Disease. R. Bishnoi, S. Surya, N. Youssef, W MCCall Biological Psychiatry 85 (10), S144-S145

  - Longitudinal Associations Between Neuro-Psychiatric Symptoms and Dopamine Transporter Imagining in Parkinson's Disease. R. Bishnoi, S. Surya. Biological Psychiatry 85 (10), S238


- **Achievements/Awards**
  - 2018 Exemplary Teach award for teaching residents
  - 2018 Exemplary Teach award for 3rd year clerkship
Dr. Jessica Britt

- Achievements/Awards
  - 2018 Exemplary Teach award for teaching residents
  - Met requirement for credentialing by National Register of Health Service Psychologists

Dr. Richard Camino-Gatzambide

- Achievements/Awards
  - Richard Camino, MD & Norah Essali MD have been selected to attend the 2019 Collaborative Care Model Residency Training Conference on May 4th and 5th in Washington, DC from APA
  - Participated in the International Family Therapy Association World Congress in Aberdeen, Scotland Saturday, March 30, 2019 The Workshop “Families and Addictions: Forgiveness as a Powerful Clinical Tool” with Eunice Malave de Leon, MSW, Ed.D.

Dr. Chelsea Carson

- Achievements/Awards
  - Promotion to Associate Professor effective 7/1/19

Dr. Christopher Drescher

- Articles

- Presentations


**Dr. Denise Evans**

- **Articles**

- **Presentations**

**Dr. Cassandra Groth**

- **Articles**

**Dr. Jeremy Hertza**

- **Achievements/Awards**
  - Named Fellow to the American College of Professional Neuropsychology

**Dr. Amy House**

- **Presentations**

  - Martin, S. (chair), Lee-Baggley, D., Silberstein-Tirch, L., House, A., & Gobin, R. Panel: #MeToo Movement: What contextual sciences can, and are doing, to contribute to the
issue of sexual assault and harassment. ACBS Annual World Conference 16, July 24-29, 2019, Montreal, Canada

Dr. Inyang

- **Articles**
  - Sellman D, Phan S, Inyang M. Bugs on her skin - but nobody else sees them. Current Psychiatry. 17;52-53

Dr. William Jacobs

- **Achievements/Awards**
  - Promoted to Clinical Professor effective 7/1/19

Dr. Brett Kaylor

- **Presentations**
  - Cannabis and the Clinician – What Providers Need to Know Bibb County Medical Society – March 14th, 2019 – Macon, GA

Dr. Christian Lemmon

- **Presentations**


- **Achievements/Awards**
  - 2018 Exemplary Teaching award for medical students in Problem Based Learning
Dr. Donna Londino

- Achievements/Awards
  - Elected as the MCG representative to the University Senate Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Alex Mabe

- Achievements/Awards
  - 2018 Exemplary Teaching award for medical students in Problem Based Learning

Dr. Vaughn McCall

- Books
  - McCall WV. *Handbook of ECT: A Guide to Electroconvulsive Therapy for Practitioners.* J ECT 2019; 35:144

- Articles
  
  
  
  
  - Sahlem GL, Short EB, McCall WV, Rosenquist PB, Fox PB, Manett AJ, Nahas ZH, Mazingue CM, George MS, Sackeim HA. A two-site, Open-label, Non-Randomized Update, Suggests Focal Electrically Administered Seizure Therapy (FEAST) May Have a Reduced Time to Re-orientation Compared to Right Unilateral Ultra-Brief Pulse Electroconvulsive Therapy (UBP-RUL ECT). J ECT 2018;34:204-205
  


• Abstracts


Sahlem G, Short E, McCall W, Rosenquist P, Fox J, Manett A, Nahas Z, Mazingue C, George M, Sackeim H. A two-site open-label non randomized update suggests focal electrically administered seizure therapy (FEAST) may have a reduced time to reorientation compared to right unilateral ultra-brief pulse electroconvulsive therapy (UBP-RUL ECT). Brain Stimulation 2019; 12:438


McCall WV, Benca RM, Rumble ME, Case D, Krystal A. Should sleep apnea testing be a component of the diagnostic evaluation for treatment-resistant depression. Sleep 2019; 42(supplement): A356-A357 doi:10.1093/sleep/zsz067.885

**Other**

Letter to the Editor Loo CK, Martin D, McCall WV, Sackeim H. Response to Rosenman “Electroconvulsive therapy stimulus titration: not all it seems”. Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry 2018;52(7): 711-712

Clinical Trials. "REST-IT Study explores effects of hypnotics on suicidal ideation." https://clinicaltrials.gov/c12/show/NCT01689909

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Letter to the Editor: Rosenquist PB. McCall WV. Does rTMS Treat Insomnia? Brain Stimulation 2019;12:809


- **Presentations**
  - Sleep Disorders and Suicide. Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University. October 10th, 2018
  - Hypnotic medications in relation to suicide risk. Physical and Mental Health Integration: the Sleep Medicine perspective. The American Association of Suicidology 52nd Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. April 27, 2019
  - Effect of electric parameters and electrode placement on cognitive side effects of ECT in patients with schizophrenia. International Society for Electroconvulsive Therapy and Neurostimulation (ISEN) annual meeting. San Francisco. May 19, 2019 (poster)
  - Reduction of Suicidality in depressed patients with Focal Electrically Administered Seizure Therapy (FEAST) Compared to Standard Right Unilateral (RUL) ECT International Society for Electroconvulsive Therapy and Neurostimulation (ISEN) annual meeting. San Francisco. May 19, 2019 (poster)
  - Sleep Disorders. Review in Geriatric Psychiatry: preparations for subspecialty examinations. American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. March 1, 2019
  - Prolonging remission in depressed elderly (PRIDE): quality of life measurement. In the Symposium: “Update on electroconvulsive therapy in geriatric depression.” American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. March 3, 2019
  - Ad Hoc Reviewer for NIMH Special Emphasis Panel ZMH1 ERB-B (04) “Dysregulation and Proximal Risk for Suicide Review Meeting”
  - What’s new in the alphabet of therapeutic brain stimulation: ECT, MST, FEAST, TMS, VNS and tDCS. Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association Annual Psychiatric Update. Columbus, Ohio. March 30, 2019
  - Insomnia – diagnosis and management. Primary care and Family Medicine Symposium. Augusta, Georgia. April 3, 2019
- Hypnotic medications in relation to suicide risk. Physical and Mental Health Integration: the Sleep Medicine perspective. The American Association of Suicidology 52nd Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. April 27, 2019

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- Should sleep apnea testing be a component of the diagnostic evaluation for treatment resistant depression? Association of Professional Sleep Societies annual meeting. San Antonio. June 11, 2019 (poster)

Dr. Joseph McEvoy

- Articles


- **Presentations**
  o Featured on the Means Report for "Mental Health Awareness: Navigating the darkness of mental illness to find light" on WJBF on May 20th.
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**Dr. Brian Miller**

- **Chapters**

- **Articles**
  
  
  
  
  
  


• Presentations
  o Oral Presentation: Meta-Analysis of Cytokine Levels and Psychopathology in Schizophrenia
  o Poster: Meta-Analysis of Cytokine Levels in High-Risk Psychosis

• Achievements/Awards
  o MCG Intramural Grant Program award (IGP) for submission of "Insomnia, Autonomic Dysfunction, and Suicidal Ideation in Schizophrenia" Augusta University Pilot Study Research Program 11/2019 - 12/31/2019 Total direct costs: $25,000
  o Promotion to Professor effective 7/1/2019

Dr. Dale Peeples

• Other
  o Quoted by Univision on Why Teenagers Risk Their Lives to Take on Social Media Challenges

• Presentations
  o Presented childhood and adolescent anxiety and depression talk at Augusta Prep parent seminar. January 29, 2019

• Achievements/Awards
  o 2018 Exemplary Teaching award for medical students in Physical Diagnosis
  o Elected as co-chair of the Region V caucus at AADPRT
Dr. Anil Pillai

- **Articles**

**Dr. Michael Rollock**

- **Articles**

- **Achievements/Awards**
  - Awarded Nationally Caffeinated Hero for his work at ECRH from local business BuonaCaffe
  - 2018 Exemplary Teaching award for medical students in Problem Based Learning
  - Promotion to Associate Professor effective 7/1/2019.

**Dr. Peter Rosenquist**

- **Articles**


- **Presentations**
  - Symposium Chair: ECT Now and Aiming Toward 2038: Recent Advancements and Speculations for the Centennial of the Bini-Cerletti Brain-Child. 3rd International Brain Stimulation Meeting February 25, 2019, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Dr. Joseph Seal

- **Achievements/Awards**
  - 2018 Exemplary Teaching award for medical student 3rd year in Rome

Dr. Sandra Sexson

- **Achievements/Awards**
  - Awarded as the Top 1% of America's Most Honored Professionals
  - Served on the ACGME-International Review Committee for Medicine Specialties July 18-20
  - Represented the PIPE Commission which I chair to a meeting organized by The American College of Psychiatrists to select a vendor for PRITE, CHILD PRITE, and PIPE exams July 21-22.
  - American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Virginia Q Anthony Outstanding Woman Leader Award
  - Awarded the 2018 Exceptional Women in Medicine by Castle Connolly Top Doctors
  - Served on the ACGME-I Medical specialties Review Committee which met in early January in Muscat, Oman.
  - Named Top Doctors for 2019
  - Awarded as the Top 1% of America's Most Honored Professionals

Dr. Singh

- **Books**

- **Chapters**

- **Articles**


**Dr. Erin Spearman**
- **Achievements/Awards**
  - Awarded the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award from the Gold Foundation for demonstrating both clinical excellence and outstanding compassion in the delivery of care and showing respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues.

**Dr. Lara Stepleman**
- **Articles**


**Presentations**


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**Dr. Sandarsh Surya**

- **Articles**
  - Surya S, Bishnoi R, Reddy S. Balancing medical ethics to consider involuntary administration of ECT. J ECT. In Print.

- **Abstracts**

- **Achievements/Awards**
  - 2018 Exemplary Teaching award for 3rd year clerkship

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**Dr. Varshney**

- **Abstracts**
Dr. Michael Vitacco

- Articles
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Dr. Nagy Youssef

- Articles


- **Abstracts**


- Youssef NA. Treating treatment-resistant PTSD with ECT: systematic review, proposed mechanism of how ECT might help in PTSD, and how research should move forward? J ECT 2018;34:203-204


- **Other**
  - Youssef NA. Improving the lives of our patients suffering from Bipolar Disorder (Editorial). Published online Guest Editor for special issue of Brain Sciences entitled “Etiology, Pharmacological, and Neuromodulation Brain Stimulation Interventions for Bipolar Disorders.” Brain Sciences 2018 July 5. http://www.mdpi.com/journal/brainsci/special_issues/Brain_Bipolar_Disorders
Youssef NA. Best practices in training learners to address adverse childhood experiences and promote resilience. Education Journal Club, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia. Aug 13, 2018.


**Presentations**

Youssef NA. News 12 / WRDW (reporter: Alexa Lightle). Invited to comment on the new Georgia law that allows doctors to prescribe medical marijuana to treat PTSD. This law was signed took effect on July 1, 2018. Interviewed on July, 5th, 2018. “Efficiency of CBD oil in treating PTSD”: http://www.wrdw.com/content/news/Efficiency-of-CBD-oil-in-treating-PTSD-487441481.html

Youssef NA. Development of Low Amplitude Seizure Therapy (LAP-ST) to Avoid Cognitive Adverse Effects of ECT. What have we learned from 2 initial clinical trials? Harvard Medical School, Boston, August, 2018. (Invited presentation).


TV interview: Channel: "TRT World." Roundtable program broadcasted out of London, UK Host David Foster (sky channel 516) Nagy Youssef, Martyn Bignold, Samah Jabr, Steve Wilkins (expert discussants) https://www.trtworld.com/video/roundtable/understanding-ptsd-have-we-got-it-wrong/5c53099aad3b1742b174260c99b9 January 31, 2019

**Achievements/Awards**

Dr. Tasha Wyatt

- Articles
West, T., Loomer, K. & Wyatt, T. R. How Diverse is your Universe? An Activity for Students to Reflect on Diversity During Orientation, MedEdPORTAL, 2019


- Presentations
  - Wood E., Wyatt T. R., McManus, J., Ma, K. & Wallach, P. (2018, November). The impact of an emergency medical technician basic course prior to medical school on medical students. Poster presented at the Association for American Medical Colleges (AAMC), Austin


- Achievements/Awards
  - Awarded a two-year SGEA MESRE grant. The Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA) is the AAMC's regional arm of researchers working in medical education. Their mission is to support the professional development of medical educators and advance research in medical education.
  - Promotion to Associate Professor effective 7/1/2019.