MUSC Psychiatry
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R. Serber, PhD, received her BA in psychology at the University of San Diego and her MA in psychology with an emphasis in physical and mental health research at San Diego State University. Dr. Serber received her PhD in clinical psychology with a specialization in health psychology from the University of Florida. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston Consortium) and her postdoctoral fellowship in cardiovascular behavioral medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University as part of a T32 training grant. She served as a faculty member for 3 years at The Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals and at the Warren Alpert Medical School for Brown University, conducting an NHLBI-funded R21 and establishing cardiac psychology clinical services at both hospitals. Dr. Serber returned to MUSC as a faculty member in the Division of Biobehavioral Medicine in 2011. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 2014.

Dr. Serber is active in patient care, research and training on a daily basis. In the clinic, she is a health psychologist generalist; with nationally recognized expertise in cardiovascular behavioral medicine, with an emphasis in cardiac rhythm disorders and cardiac devices. She is an attending psychologist in the Behavioral Medicine Clinic, conducting pre-bariatric and pre-transplant surgical evaluations and providing psychotherapy to patients with comorbid medical and psychological health conditions. She is a member of the Heart Transplant and Ventricular Assist Device Selection Committee. Dr. Serber has a current NHLBI-funded R34 clinical trial, “Positive Psychotherapy to Improve Autonomic Function and Mood in ICD patients” (PAM-ICD Trial), examining a positive-emotion focused cognitive behavioral intervention compared to a heart healthy education intervention among patients with implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICD) on autonomic and heart function, mood, and ICD therapies. In addition, Dr. Serber is a supervisor within the Charleston Consortium Internship Program, for the Behavioral Medicine – IOP Rotation. She also is a member of the Psychology Education Committee (PEC) for the Internship Program and the Executive Committee of Education and Training Programs for the Department.

Dr. Serber takes her passion for health and fitness outside of the “office,” and is also a fitness enthusiast, working out in the gym, on the road, or in the studio training for her next physical challenge.
Alvaro A. Giraldo, MD, MA, is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina. He was previously an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Associate director of the Adult Resident Training Program of Psychiatry at Pennsylvania State University, Hershey, PA. He is board certified in Psychiatry. He is a Diplomat in Jungian Psychoanalysis (Analytical Psychology) from the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts (IRSJA), a journey of eleven years. He has a Master’s degree in Clinical Pastoral Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary a Division of Ashland University at Ashland, OH. He has a Diploma of Spiritual Direction from Manresa, Royal Oak, MI. Dr. Giraldo received his Medical Degree from the Pontifical Javeriana University in Bogota, Colombia.

Dr. Giraldo was previously involved in the biological and molecular sciences. His interest in this area has extended to the areas of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. His graduation thesis as a Jungian Psychoanalyst was titled, “DNA Biology and the Archetypes” His interest in the area of DNA as it relates to Psychiatry and Psychotherapy continues and he has lectured on this subject at different Jungian Societies. He is also interested in the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality and has lectured on the subject. His Jungian Analytical practice contains a nucleus of universal spirituality not dependent on any religious affiliation.

Dr. Giraldo is a member of the American Psychiatry Association (APA), The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry (AAPDP), International Association for Analytical Psychology (IAAP), Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts (IRSJA), and North Carolina Society of Jungian Analysts (NCSJA). He is also an Emeritus member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), United States-Canadian Association of Pathologists (USCAP), the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) and the American Association of Immunologists (AAI).

Dr. Giraldo main duties include the supervision of psychiatry residents in 5 South outpatient clinic a labor that he takes seriously and with significant dedication and enjoyment. He maintains also a private practice at MUSC which is limited to Jungian psychoanalysis aiming for deep transformation and personal growth of his clients.

Dr. Giraldo has been married for 44 years and have two sons and a grandson. He enjoys travelling and his preferred destination is the Caribbean. He plays tennis but not that well.
Dr. Catherine Louis is now accepting referrals at Comprehensive Psychiatric Care Specialists. Prior to joining the CPCS team, she performed ER telepsychiatry consults at MUSC. Dr. Louis is now returning to her primary interest of outpatient psychiatry. Her main focus is the treatment of adults with a range of conditions including depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety disorders. She describes her approach as whole person care incorporating medication management, supportive therapy, and an overall focus on wellness including diet, exercise, and sleep hygiene.

If you have questions regarding referring patients to CPCS or have interest in joining the faculty practice please contact Dr. Kirk Meekins at meekins@musc.edu.
I am very excited to join the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. I appreciate the warm welcome you have all given me and look forward to being an integral part of the team. I am pleased to add one more element of diversity to an already diverse team: my 15 years of experience at MUSC have given me a valuable outlook on the healthcare system in America. I also bring to the Continuing Education program a multi-cultural background - growing up in Argentina then France, I landed as a teenage immigrant in Boston and have adopted the positive qualities of American citizenship while preserving my heritage. Just as in my favorite sport of sailing where a small adjustment of the sails can make a difference, I am confident that my small contribution to the team will have a positive impact on this fine institution making us more effective and valuable. Please stop by the Annex with any ideas or thoughts for the CE team.

Favorite Food: Shrimp and Grits is a brilliant specialty of the lowcountry that works for breakfast, lunch or dinner. My recipe includes lots of seasonal veggies and local shrimp, no sausage - it’s a delicious dish without the meat.

Most played song on your iPhone/iPod: “All you Need is Love” and any other song by the Beatles

Favorite quote: "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." By Winston Churchill

One thing you love about Charleston: being surrounded by water, history and culture

One thing people might not know about you: I love being grandmother to eight super kids!
iDilate: Travis Turner is a neuropsychologist at the VA and MUSC. He will be working with Jenna Renfroe, a neuropsychology postdoctoral fellow, and Qonceptual, a local software engineering firm, to develop and validate an iPhone-based application for measuring the pupillary light reflex (PLR). The PLR is a highly sensitive measure of neurologic integrity. Disturbances of PLR latency, magnitude, and return to baseline are associated with conditions such as movement disorders, concussion, stroke, and intoxication. This study will determine how reliably the iPhone application can measure the PLR relative to gold-standard eye-tracking equipment in healthy older adults and patients with newly diagnosed Parkinson’s disease. If successful, results will be leveraged toward further development of the application and validation in other relevant clinical groups.

Rates of teen pregnancy are significantly higher among under-represented minority groups, with higher pregnancy rates among African American, Hispanic, and American Indian adolescents than White adolescents. Pregnancy puts an adolescent at risk for physical health problems, economic hardships, and low educational attainment; children of adolescent mothers also experience significant risk for poor developmental outcomes and an especially concerning problem is their risk for exposure to child maltreatment. To address this significant public health concern, the current study aims to extend feasibility and effectiveness of implementing an evidence-based home visitation parenting intervention that has overcome many barriers to implementation and is effective in preventing many of the poor developmental outcomes for adolescent parents and their children. Specifically, the SafeCare program will be adapted for delivery with parenting teens, with particular focus on reducing repeat pregnancy among parenting teens. The adapted SafeCare program will then be examined for feasibility among high risk parenting teens recruited through community-based settings. This project will collect pilot data for a planned R-01 that includes a Phase 2 controlled clinical trial to evaluate the feasibility of engaging teen parents in a preventive parenting program (SafeCare), compared to a TAU condition. In line with the mission of NIH, the results of the proposed study will have a significant impact on public health by informing prevention efforts in the development of better programs that incorporate the diverse needs of parenting adolescents.

The long-term objective of the research reflected in this Chair Research Development Fund (CRDF) proposal is to utilize individually tailored brain stimulation (transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)) as an adjuvant to empirically-supported cognitive-behavioral treatments (CBT) for the most chronic and refractory constellations of highly comorbid anxiety and depression (i.e., broad negative affectivity). The goal is to expand treatment options and enhance prognosis for those patients, in particular, for whom comorbidity renders diagnostic reliability poor and prominent symptoms reflect hallmark features of multiple disorders (e.g., anhedonia, worry, panic, inattention, behavioral avoidance, hyperarousal). Consistent with the NIMH Research Domain Criteria Project (RDoC), we aim to ultimately target brain stimulation to personalized neurobehavioral signatures of emotional dysfunction rather than as prescribed by subjective diagnosis. As such, in the current project we will recruit a sample with broad negative affectivity varying in dimensional severity and will utilize concurrent TMS-fMRI to probe neurocircuit integrity and broader connectivity as a function of emotional arousal during imagery. By administering TMS probes to prefrontal neural network nodes shown to be aberrant in broad negative affectivity, we aim to gather essential data for guiding a therapeutic repetitive TMS intervention aligned with a symptom/circuit approach for facilitating network plasticity and ultimately enhancing regulatory capacity.
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For anyone who is requesting promotion effective July 1, 2016, all promotion requests must be received in the Chairman’s office no later than August 3, 2015, in the form of complete packets accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your Division Director. Packets with checklists, requests for materials, and forms specific for regular and modified faculty have been developed to make the submission process more straightforward. Packets are available on the College of Medicine’s website. Follow this link: http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/com/faculty/apt/musc/index.html. The letter of recommendation from your Division Director must follow appendix 2 in the COM APT guidelines. Division Director letters should include the following paragraphs: introductory, education, research if applicable, scholarly publications, clinical practice if applicable, administration, and other activities and accomplishments. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Mulholland mulhollk@musc.edu.

YOU’RE INVITED

The Department of Psychiatry  
& Behavioral Sciences  
Invites you to our  
Graduation &  
Academic Recognition Ceremony  

Friday, June 12, 2015  
3:00-4:30 pm  
IOP Auditorium
The jointly hosted reception between MUSC and Meharry Medical College was held during the 2015 American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting, and was a great success. Various chairs from departments of psychiatry across the nation were also in attendance. Be on the lookout for invitations to future receptions.
Last week, Reid Barefoot, MUHA maintenance, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Reid’s family.
Congratulations to Dr. Lyneece Bowen, General Psychiatry Resident, who was selected as a Diversity Leadership fellow by the selection committee for the APA Minority Fellowship.

Dr. Eva Serber’s research was highlighted in the Catalyst. [http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/catalyst/archives/2015/5-1Videogames.html](http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/catalyst/archives/2015/5-1Videogames.html)

The Community Public Safety and Psychiatry Division (CPSPD), led by Dr. Gregg Dwyer, now has a service contract with the Charleston Police Department Crime Scene Unit. Dr. Dwyer will serve as their psychiatrist and Medical Officer.

Congratulations to Lisa Nunn for submitting the winning IOP slogan.

During “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week,” the US Attorney’s Office recognized the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center for providing outstanding services.

The IOP Patient Family Advisory Council was awarded another YES grant for Rides and Resources for Recovery which will supply homeless and indigent patients with bus passes and med minders.

Dr. Joe Taylor received the College of Graduate Studies Distinguished Graduate of the Year Award. Dr. Kathleen Brady received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Ed Kantor served as a National Minority Mentor with the APA Office of Diversity & Health Equity at the APA Meeting in Toronto.

Drs. Daena Peterson and Fampton Gwynette presented a workshop at the APA Meeting titled “Transgender Care in the Bible Belt: Challenges of Family and Societal Nonacceptance.”

Congratulations to Dr. Dave Beckert who was awarded the 2015 Region 5 Mentor Award at the APA Meeting in Toronto.

Congratulations to Kedron Young, Sandy Wilson and Cheryl Lawrence who successfully completed the requirements for promotion through the IOP Human Services Specialist Advancement Program. These outstanding leaders achieved the following promotions:

- Kedron Young – Senior Lead Therapeutic Assistant, 2 North
- Sandy Wilson – Lead Therapeutic Assistant, 3 North
- Cheryl Lawrence – Lead Therapeutic Assistant, Addictions Unit
Suicide Prevention: A Community of Caring
Thursday, June 4th, 2015
College of Charleston

The conference is organized by Counseling and Substance Abuse Services at the College of Charleston and aided by the Garrett Lee Smith Grant through SAMHSA.

This highly informative conference is intended to be a forum, discussion and a networking place for researchers, administrators, educational leaders, faculty and college staff, professionals, advanced students and community members who are invested in this topic.

The conference will cover relevant information about suicide prevention, intervention, postvention, special populations and/or comorbidity challenges in the young adult category.

Community Focused
9am: Question Persuade Refer: A Suicide Prevention Training, Rachael McNamara, Health Educator, CofC
10am: An Attempt Survivor's Story of Bullying, Emily Torchiana, Student, CofC
11am: Suicide Prevention by Risk Reduction, Connie Guille, MUSC
12-1pm: Lunch
1pm: Building Traditions: CCU's Inaugural Out of the Darkness Walk, Chris Dovenant-Haines, CCU
2pm: Engaging Your Campus Community in the Implementation of a Comprehensive Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Programming Plan, Jennifer Myers, USC
3pm: Cougar Counseling Team, Zoe Rosoff-Verbit, Student CofC

Special Populations
9am: Suicide Among Religious Congregations, Spike Coleman, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
10am: Substance Use and Increased Suicide Risk, Jennifer Arreola
11am: Suicide Among LGBT, Tom Robinson, AFSP
1pm: Suicide Prevention for Military Veterans: Programming Recommendations to Promote Resilience, Kate Hendricks Thomas, CSU
2pm: Pres+on Foundation

Conference registration will cost $30.00 and will have seven LPC CEUs available for those who attend the whole conference. [https://secure.touchnet.com/C20590_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=299](https://secure.touchnet.com/C20590_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=299)

IOP/Red Cross Blood Drive

- Friday June 19th
- 10:00am to 3:00pm
- 4 South Weight Management
- Andolinis Pizza and other snacks/drinks provided
- Call or email to schedule 792-6341, jonesb@musc.edu
Small Group Preceptors needed for COM Year 1 Fundamentals of Patient Care (FPC) Course:
Interested in shaping the future of medicine? Enjoy working with medical students? Need teaching experience for promotion or future job experience? FPC may be the opportunity for you! We are looking for psychiatry faculty, residents, or postdoctoral fellows to serve as small group preceptors for medical student’s Year 1 Fundamentals of Patient Care course. FPC is a year-long theme within the integrated curriculum of the COM’s preclinical years. The theme covers topics and skills related to medical interviewing, physical diagnosis, behavioral science, professionalism and career planning. In addition to lectures, workshops, and simulation center activities, student participate in a 2 hour per week (with a number of weeks off during the semesters) small group seminar experience. Each small group is co-facilitated by two preceptors. Consider serving as a preceptor! You are provided the syllabus, course material, weekly agendas, and all other relevant teaching materials.
For more information, contact Dr. Alyssa Rheingold at rheingaa@musc.edu

Small Group Ethics Preceptors needed for COM Years 2, 3 & 4 Fundamentals of Patient Care (FPC) Course:
The Department of Psychiatry & behavioral Sciences is looking for interested faculty and residents to serve as small group ethics preceptors. Being an ethics small group preceptor offers you the opportunity to work with a group of students from their second year of medical school until they graduate. The ethics small groups require a three hour obligation six times a year (total 18 hours/year) and you will be working with a co-preceptor. These sessions focus on building our students’ ability to reflect and process ethical dilemmas that arise in clinical and research settings. In the MS 2 year, the students have preassigned readings and discuss ethical and public health issues involved in a clinical case the students discussed in another part of the curriculum. The preceptor role is to facilitate the theoretical and real world applications of the ethical principles they reviewed in their readings. As these students advance in their education preceptors have the opportunity to continue to meet with the same group of students in their third and fourth years of medical school. The discussions during the clinical years center on cases or difficult situations the students have encountered.
If you are interested in being part of this educational journey please contact Dr. Tom Brouette at: Brouette@musc.edu
#049668 SmartState Endowed Chair in Neuroimaging (Associate Professor/Professor)
The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) invites applications for a tenure track faculty position in the area of Translational Neuroimaging Science. Applicants for the MUSC Endowed Chair of Translational Neuroimaging Science should be trained in a neuroscience field (including but not limited to psychiatry, psychology, neurobiology, audiology, otorhinolaryngology, behavioral neuroscience, neurology, neurosurgery, neuroradiology). They should have a record of externally funded research. Prior evidence of mentoring junior researchers, and scholarship, particularly activity that spawns new industries, would be highly prized. This position is part of the SmartState Endowed Chairs program. The successful candidate would be expected to perform their own imaging related science, and would provide scientific leadership including the grooming of junior researchers and generating pilot data. They will be expected to participate in research projects throughout the BICOEE (at both USC and MUSC) to maximize their cognitive and behavioral sophistication.

#070176 CPSPD MD opening for telePsychiatry and Medication Management (Assistant Professor)
The candidate will provide psychiatric medical evaluation to patients via telePsychiatry services to include penitentiaries, county detention centers, and other clinical service areas. The candidate may also be involved in providing in-person psychiatric evaluations and medication management services to patients.

#070487 CPSPD MD for Forensic case work (Instructor or Assistant Professor)
Candidate will be an MD who has completed a Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship and is able to hold an unrestricted medical license in South Carolina. Candidate will be the lead MD on forensic cases from private law firms, State agencies and/or doing private competency evaluations. Candidate will also be part of the clinical team to provide TelePsychiatry services to the SC Department of Corrections as well as in-person evaluations of prisoners at correctional facilities.

#070519 Outreach Orangeburg MD (Assistant Professor)
Candidate must be an MD with an unrestricted license to practice in the State of South Carolina. The candidate will be responsible to managing an inpatient psychiatric unit at Regional Medical Center (Orangeburg). Candidate will be responsible for daily rounding, admissions, discharges and working with medical staff in the other unites and emergency department.
MANDATORY CATTS EPIC TRAINING

The Epic system will be upgraded to version 2014 on May 3, 2015. The new version has some positive enhancements and changes that you should be aware of before you see it in practice. We believe some of these enhancements will make your practice better and even more profitable. In order to take advantage of these enhancements, physician leadership has determined that CATTS training for this new version is mandatory for those lessons that apply to you. You can review the list of lessons and determine which ones to review – see instructions below. There is a one question lesson with a test called ‘Epic 2014 eLearnings Completion Attestation,’ which serves as an attestation that you have reviewed all videos that are applicable to your practice or department at MUSC.

We know that CATTS can sometimes be a bit cumbersome to use. A new system to replace CATTS will be coming in the future. Because it was not possible to automatically assign these lessons to your ID in CATTS, you must self-enroll using the instructions below.

There are also tip sheets available at:
http://mcintranet.musc.edu/epic/upgrade/upgradetipsheets

Instructions for completing the mandatory CATTS eLearning (Tegrity) modules:

1. Log into CATTS using your NetID and password: https://www.musc.edu/catts/
2. Hover over ‘eLearning’ on the blue bar at the top and click on ‘Self Enrollment’
3. Scroll until you find Epic 2014 Upgrade Physician and Other Provider Training
4. Click Enroll on the right; a Self Enroll window displays
5. Click the Select All box on the left of the Assignable Item Name. At this point if some of the lessons are clearly not applicable to your practice you may select the lessons which are applicable to download. Be sure to download the Completion Attestation lesson.
6. Scroll down and click Add Lessons
7. Click Close Window on left (blue)
8. Scroll up and click the Assigned Items tab
9. View the eLearnings that are applicable to your practice at MUSC.
10. In order to get credit for viewing the tegrity videos in CATTS, click the lesson called Epic 2014 eLearnings Completion Attestation.
11. Click ‘Start the Lesson’
12. Close the Completion Attestation window (click on X)
13. Click on the Epic 2014 eLearnings Completion Attestation AGAIN.
14. Click ‘Take the Test’
15. At top right, click on the icon labeled ‘Take Test’
16. Click the radio button next to ‘Yes’
17. Click ‘Submit Test’

Please call 792-9979 or email epicregassistance@musc.edu if you have any questions.
You may also email Arthur Ellis or Deb Carbone or training team leaders for assistance with Version 2014 Upgrade or other training needs.
APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASIST)

ASIST is for anyone (community members to Mental Health Professionals) who wants to be able to provide a suicide first aid model. ASIST teaches effective intervention skill while helping to build suicide prevention networks in the community. It is a two-day interactive/skills based session where participants learn to intervene and help prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

The College of Charleston is offering three trainings this summer, May 7th and 8th, June 15 and 16 and August 19 and 20th. They are two day sessions. Because of the Garrett Lee Smith Grant Assistance we are able to charge only a minimal amount, $40.00 which is the cost of the materials.

For more information, please visit:  
https://secure.touchnet.com/C20590_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=6

CATTS MANDATORY TRAINING

It is the policy of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Physicians/Primary Care, the Medical University Hospital Authority, and our affiliates to comply with the law and to follow ethical business practices. To promote understanding of various federal and state laws, key policies and regulations, we jointly require that all employees and affiliates complete annual CATTS or Mandatory training.

Individuals should complete ALL lessons by the assigned deadline within the system. CATTS or Mandatory training Deadline: June 30, 2015.

You can access the system easily at www.musc.edu/catts and log in using your NetID and password.
The annual College of Medicine Dean’s Diversity Colloquium will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 12:00 – 1:30 PM in the Drug Discovery Building Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mahazarin Banaji, Harvard Professor and Author of the Book, *Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People*. MUSC is fortunate to have such a renowned expert visit our campus.
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