MUSC Psychiatry Chair Update
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FACULTY PROFILE: DR. CHRIS PELIC

Dr. Christopher Pelic received his undergraduate degree in psychology and pre-professional studies from the University of Notre Dame. After completing medical school at the University of Toledo, he pursued residency training in psychiatry here at MUSC and graduated from the program in 2004. He became board certified in general psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine. Since joining the faculty in 2004, his main focus initially was clinical work and teaching. He served as course director for several classes in the College of Medicine and all received rave reviews while at the same time running an inpatient team on the Adult General Psychiatry Unit (3 North) and the general Consultation Liaison service. Because of his strong work in the arena of education, he was promoted to Associate Dean of Students in 2008 and served as Associate Residency Director for Psychiatry. In the last few years, he has moved into the Associate Dean of Student Career Planning role and has taken over the Combined Neurology Psychiatry Residency Training Program. In addition, he is now the medical director of the inpatient unit at the Ralph H. Johnson VA medical center. Dr. Pelic has won numerous departmental, college and national awards for teaching psychiatry to students and residents. He serves on the American Psychiatric Association By-Laws Committee and is the Alpha Omega Alpha Councilor for the South Carolina Alpha Chapter. Just recently, Dr. Pelic was appointed Vice Chair of Education for the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. While his early scholarly work focused on inpatient psychiatry, quality control, and education he has since shifted his research focus to “interventional psychiatry.”

In 2011, Dr. Pelic in collaboration with Mark George served as an investigator for two unique pilot studies. The first study looked at using high dose left prefrontal repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) to treat suicidal inpatients at the VA. The second study involving rTMS examined combining rTMS with exposure therapy. He is the now site PI for a major 9 site VA Cooperative Study (CSP 556) that is studying the use of rTMS in depressed veterans. Dr. Pelic has found his research niche in the Brain Stimulation Lab (BSL) and has published several textbook chapters with the BSL team.
Dr. Aimee McRae-Clark is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences as well as the Department of Neuroscience at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). In addition, she is an adjunct Professor in the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. She received her undergraduate degree in pharmacy from the University of Georgia and her doctorate in pharmacy from MUSC. Dr. McRae-Clark completed a residency in psychiatric pharmacy and two years of a National Institute on Drug Abuse research fellowship. She is board certified in psychiatric pharmacy practice. Dr. McRae-Clark received a Mentored Career Development Award (K23) from the National Institute on Drug Abuse in 2001 focusing on treatment of marijuana dependence, and has since maintained continuous NIH funding. In addition to her work in medication development for substance use disorders, Dr. McRae-Clark has had a long-standing interest in research related to women’s health. She has been an integral member of the MUSC Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women’s Health since its inception in 2002, and is currently serving as Co-Director of the center. She has published more than 60 scientific papers and book chapters, has made numerous national and international scientific presentations, and has served as a consultant on medication development for marijuana use disorders for the National Institute on Drug Abuse. She sits on multiple national level committees, is on the editorial board of *Stress and Health*, and is a standing member of the Risk, Prevention, and Intervention in Addiction study section of the NIH Center for Scientific Review.
Dr. Hilary Bernstein is an Assistant Professor in the Community and Public Safety Psychiatry Division in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). She received a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from Tulane University where she majored in Psychology, a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of South Carolina and a Doctorate in Health Administration (DHA) from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Bernstein began her career in the Department of Psychiatry at MUSC in 1989. Since that time, she has been active in clinical and research programs at MUSC. She has an extensive background in research in the areas of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), depression and related disorders. She was the primary research coordinator for the ECT program for more than 10 years. As such, she coordinated several NIMH funded multi-center clinical trials studying ECT. She has numerous publications in the areas of depression, mood disorders, ECT, treatment efficacy and quality of life. Dr. Bernstein has clinical expertise in individual psychotherapy, couples and marital therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and brief solution-oriented therapy. Some areas of special interest to her include mood disorders, depression, anxiety, stress management, relationship issues, grief and loss, sleep disorders, quality of life and the destigmatization of mental illness.

Currently, Dr. Bernstein has an active outpatient psychotherapy practice where she works with individuals and couples. In addition, she coordinates a collaborative effort between the MUSC Department of Psychiatry and the SC Department of Mental Health conducting research studies for PTSD and Sleep Disorders.
• Garrett Aronson, Undergraduate Student, University of Florida – Mentored by Dr. Sarah Book

• Ashlan Bishop, Undergraduate Student, College of Charleston – Mentored by Dr. Connie Guille

• Delisa Brown, Graduate Student, Howard University – Mentored by Dr. Bryan Tolliver

• LaWonda Canzater, Medical Student, University of South Carolina – Mentored by Dr. Sudie Back

• Anna Hayes, Medical Student, MUSC – Mentored by Dr. Rochelle Hanson

• Thomas Hopkins, Medical Student, MUSC – Mentored by Dr. Baron Short

• Malcolm Kates, Undergraduate Student, College of Charleston – Mentored by Dr. Tripp Griffin

• Kate Measom, Medical Student, MUSC – Mentored by Dr. Kevin Gray

• Emily Payton, Medical Student, MUSC – Mentored by Dr. Mark George

• Parag Raychoudhury, Medical Student, MUSC – Mentored by Dr. Connie Guille

• Cole Rice, Undergraduate Student, Boise State University – Mentored by Dr. Gregg Dwyer

• India Robbins, Undergraduate Student, College of Charleston – Mentored by Dr. Howard Becker

• Benjamin Stoner, Medical Student, MUSC – Mentored by Dr. Jeffrey Borckardt
NEW INTERN CLASS FOR PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCIES

- Trey Bingham: Medical University of South Carolina
- Lynneice Bowen: Morehouse School of Medicine
- Josh Brown: Medical College of Wisconsin (Neuro-Psych)
- Kelly Campbell: The University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio
- Joe Cheng: Medical University of South Carolina
- Leon Cushenberry: University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
- Leah Fryml: Medical University of South Carolina
- Natasha Juneja: Medical University of South Carolina
- Alyssa Kennedy: USF Health Morsani College of Medicine
- Rachel Kennedy: Temple University School of Medicine
- Sara Oros: Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine (Med-Psych)
- Mike Sierra: Florida State University College of Medicine
- Allison Smith: West Virginia University School of Medicine (Med-Psych)
- Blake Werner: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
- AC Williams: Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine
- Jared Woodward: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
NEW DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTION OUTLOOK DISTRIBUTION LIST

We have combined the old Psychiatry, department and Psychiatry, Institution distribution lists into 1 new updated distribution list titled: Psychiatry, department and institution. To see the new list you need to follow the instructions below.

• First, you will need to update your Outlook Address book in order to see the new account. You can update your address book by doing the following: select the “Send/Receive” tab at the top of their Outlook window, then choose “Send/Receive Groups” you will need to scroll down to “Download Address Book”.

![Image of Outlook address book update process]

• When you choose this option, another box will pop up that says “Offline Address Book”. Make sure that the box is checked for “Download changes since the last Send/Receive”. Choose the option that says “Full Details”, then select “OK”.

![Image of Offline Address Book selection]

• After updating the address book, this could take anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours, you can check the address book again and it should be there.
The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences had a strong presence at the annual AADPRT (psychiatry training director’s) meeting in Tucson last week. We had 3 presentations and learned more about the upcoming Milestones initiative from the ACGME. Drs. Beckert, Cluver, Kantor, and Wright presented 2 workshops in collaboration with the University of Louisville. Dr. Kantor presented the poster based on a project headed up by our Interventional Psychiatry Fellow Dr. Suzanne Kerns, a collaboration between the Brain Stimulation group and the residency program. Liz Puca attended and presented at the coordinator training in preparation for the new Milestones implementation which is starting in July 2014.

Workshops:
Working Collaboratively With Your Medical School Education Office to Enhance Education – Moving Beyond Residents as Teachers.
Kathy Vincent MD, Jeff Cluver MD, Joyce Spurgeon MD, Edward Kantor MD, Sarah Johnson MD MSc, Dave Beckert MD

Teaching Substance Use Disorders Treatment in Residency Training.
Sarah Johnson MD MSc, Jeff Cluver MD, Edward Kantor MD, Dave Beckert MD, Joyce Spurgeon MD, Tara Wright MD

Short Cuts in Microsoft Word and Outlook that’ll Save You Time During Recruitment
Liz Puca, BA, Manager, Psychiatry Residency & Fellowship Training Programs

Poster:
A Proposed Model for Enhancing and Standardizing an Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) Certification Training Elective for Psychiatry Residents Reflective of Educational Milestones and the Next Accreditation System (NAS).
Suzanne E. Kerns MBBS, Edward Kantor MD, E. Baron Short MD, Gregory Sahlem MD, Nolan R. Williams MD, Mark S. George MD
COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN - CDAP
The Cooper River Bridge Run, one of the most widely recognized athletic events in the Lowcountry, has designated the department’s Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs (CDAP) as one of their 2014 Charity Connections! This means that participants in the Bridge Run have the opportunity to raise money and/or donate money to CDAP, however, CDAP must provide at least 100 volunteers to help with the race in order to receive donations and remain as a Charity Connection for next year!
Volunteers are needed on SATURDAY, APRIL 5th from 5:30-10:30 am in Mt. Pleasant. Attached is a volunteer sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, or would like to contribute to the CEAP team, please contact Sylvia Rivers at 792-9531 or riverssy@musc.edu. You can also make a contribution to the CDAP team at http://bridgerun.com/charity.php.

HOOPS FOR HOPE – DEPARTMENT
We are gearing up for another Hoops for Hope! The format has changed to we expect a much larger turnout and we need volunteers. Hoops for Hope will be on SATURDAY, APRIL 26th at the College of Charleston TD Arena. The tournament will run during the day (10:00am-4:00pm) and a minimal number of volunteers will be needed to help run the tournament.
Don’t like basketball? Don’t have to in order to participate this year! The fundraiser and silent auction will be from 4:00-7:00pm at the TD Arena. Volunteers are needed to help set up and man the auction, serve food and beverages, check IDs, and assist with children’s activities. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt.
If you have questions or would like to contribute an auction item or personal donation to Hoops for Hope, contact Jennifer Winchester at 792-6470 or winchest@musc.edu. Interested in volunteering? Contact Caitlin Norfleet at 792-0175 or norfleet@musc.edu. Visit www.muschoopsforhope.org to learn more.

These are great opportunities to get involved and spend some time with other Psychiatry employees, as well as give back to the department and university. We need your help so rally your friends and family, too!
SATURDAY
APRIL 26th
College of Charleston TD Arena
www.muschoopsforhope.org

Fundraiser & Silent Auction:
4:00 – 7:00pm
• Silent auction • Kids’ activities • Live music
• Food and beverage • Viewing access to the
Free Throw Tournament
ALL INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE!
$20 advance/$25 at the door
12 and under free
MOST AFFORDABLE CHARITY TICKET IN TOWN!
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

3-on-3 Tournament & Free Throw Competition:
10:00am – 4:00pm
• Double elimination
3-on-3 tournament
• 2 brackets! (Competitive and “For Fun”)
• Rapid fire free throw competition
(held during fundraiser event)
• $3,000 in prizes!!
$40/player and shooter to enter.
Max 4 players/3-on-3 team,
18+, no current NCAA athletes
Register online www.muschoopsforhope.org
Diana Mullis M.D. has been appointed Director of the Executive Committee for Clinical Operations (ECCO). The purpose of this committee, one of only five executive level committees in the Department, is to recommend policies and develop strategic plans to insure the provision of comprehensive mental health care within and across all clinical service units in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. The membership of the committee is composed of leaders in the clinical units and divisions. One of the duties of each member is to educate the committee about the clinical services provided within their programs and how these can be accessed for patient care. The committee will identify and promote effective interfacing of the clinical services by networking and collaborating between the divisions to develop a comprehensive approach to providing patient care.

This committee will also identify unmet clinical needs and work collaboratively to correct deficiencies with the goal of providing evidence-informed and high quality mental health care. The ECCO will analyze and facilitate development of practice models under the oversight of Thomas Uhde, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

KUDOS/WINS

• Dr. Susan Knight testified on a Community and Public Safety Psychiatry Division (CPSPD) case.

• Elaine Brown’s son, Byron Maxwell is the starting cornerback for the Seattle Seahawks. Elaine was able to go to the Super Bowl and see the Seahawks win!

• Dr. Gregg Dwyer was an invited faculty member for the 2nd Georgia State Patrol Post Critical Incident Seminar, a 3-day seminar for law enforcement and other public safety personal who have experienced traumatic events such as shootings, line of duty death, traffic accidents, suicide of co-worker or family member, etc.

PROMOTION PACKETS

For anyone who is requesting promotion effective July 1, 2015, all promotion requests must be received in the Chairman’s office no later than July 21, 2014, in the form of a complete packet 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. If you have questions, please contact Kristen Mulholland (mulhollk@musc.edu). The fall cycle is only for promotion packets. Tenure packets are accepted during the spring cycle.
RECENTLY AWARDED GRANTS

Southern Consortium Node of the Clinical Trials Network (TAPS Tool) – Kathleen T. Brady, MD, PhD (New Subaward-Duke Univ.)

Southern Consortium Node of the Clinical Trials Network (Cannabidiol Study) – Kathleen T. Brady, MD, PhD (Continuation)

Southern Consortium Node of the Clinical Trials Network (ACCENT) – Kathleen T. Brady, MD, PhD (Continuation)

Southern Consortium Node of the Clinical Trials Network (SBIRT Protocol) – Kathleen T. Brady, MD, PhD (Continuation Subaward-Duke Univ.)

Novel Methods to Reduce Children’s Secondhand Smoke Exposure – Matthew Carpenter, PhD (Continuation)

Biomarkers in Autism of Aripiprazole and Risperidone Treatment (BAART) – C. Lindsay DeVane, PharmD (Continuation)

West Philadelphia Consortium to Address Disparities – Phase 3 – Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD (Continuation)

Innovative Service Delivery for Secondary Prevention of PTSD in at-Risk OIF-OEF Service Men and Women – Thomas W. Uhde, MD (Continuation)

A Prospective, Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of the Deep Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation with the H-ADD Coil intended as an aid to Smoking Cessation – Mark S. George, MD (New)

Psychobiology of Trauma and Resilience Across the Lifespan – Dean G. Kilpatrick, PhD (Continuation)

Synthesizing HIV Behavioral Intervention Effectiveness in Developing Countries – Michael D. Sweat, PhD (Continuation)

Exploring Sex Differences in the Neural Correlates of PTSD: Impact of Oxytocin – Margaret Moran-Santa Maria, PhD (Supplement)
RECENTLY AWARDED GRANTS

Models for Tobacco Product Evaluation – K. Michael Cummings, PhD, MPH (Continuation)

Integrative Risk Reduction and Treatment for Teen Substance Use Problems and PTSD – Carla Danielson, PhD (Continuation)

SmartState Endowed Chair in Prostate Cancer Disparities – Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD (Continuation)

SmartState Programmatic Endowed Chair in Prostate Cancer Disparities – Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD (New)

Evaluation of Cue-Induced Brain Activation in Pedophilic Offenders – R. Gregg Dwyer, MD (Supplement)

Cortical Inhibition and Corpus callosum Integrity in Cocaine Users – Colleen Hanlon, PhD (Continuation)
FROM UNIVERSITY RISK MANAGEMENT:
Your safety and security is important to us while you work, study or attend to patient needs on campus! That being the case, we strive to immediately notify you of emergencies on or near campus that could impact your safety.

Our Emergency Notification System, MUSC Alert, can provide emergency alerts/notifications directly to musc.edu email addresses, personal email addresses and MUSC-networked desktop computers, as well as to your personal land line and cell phone numbers.

We would like to remind you to update your personal contact information so we can best contact you in the event of an emergency.

Please note that the only way to receive emergency notification on your personal device(s) is to register your personal contact information. Please visit www.musc.edu/muscalert to manage your account.

If you have any concerns regarding MUSC’s emergency notification process, please email muscalert@musc.edu or contact Amanda Ritsema.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• Community and Public Safety Psychiatry Division (CPSPD):
  • Dr. Gregg Dwyer is interested in sharing a general psychiatrist FTE for telemental health and expected expansion of SCDC contract work for the CPSPD.
  • Dr. Gregg Dwyer will be posting a full time forensic psychiatrist position in the CPSPD. Waiting on approval from the COM Dean.
  • Dr. Gregg Dwyer is looking for additional hours to build an FTE (ideally) for a clinical/forensic trained psychologist. We will likely have enough work in the CPSPD for a half time position and possibly slightly more forensic work almost immediately, but want to ensure enough income to ideally offer a full time position. A prospective part time candidate has experience working with trauma clients and with adolescents.
  If you are interested in any of the above positions or know of someone who might be a good fit, please contact Dr. Gregg Dwyer.

• Weight Management Center (WMC):
  • Dr. Pat O'Neil has recently posted a Nurse Practitioner III position in the WMC. The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) in the Weight Management Center reports to Dr. Patrick M. O’Neil, PhD., Director of the Weight Management Center and works in consultation and collaboration with a physician. Using extensive knowledge of physiology and pharmacology, the FNP exercises independent judgments in the assessment, diagnosis, and initiation of certain delegated medical processes and procedures for Weight Management Center studies and clinical services. For more information and to apply, go to https://www.jobs.musc.edu/postings/23187 or call Dr. O’Neil at 792 2273.
  **Temporary nurse position:** Until the above position is filled, the Weight Management Center could use some part-time nursing services from an RN or NP. This would be an excellent opportunity for a nurse who is already on board at MUSC in need of some partial salary support. For more information, call Dr. O’Neil at 792 2273 and/or e-mail him.

  • Dr. Pat O’Neil has also posted a Data Coordinator I position. The Weight Management Center is looking for an entry level data assistant for our Weight Watchers projects. An ideal candidate is someone that has basic to intermediate research experience in data monitoring, cleaning and querying databases. We would like the candidate to have some working knowledge of SPSS, and be proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite (namely Excel & some of Access). It is desirable that the candidate has a background in exercise science, nutrition or psychology, be a self-starter, collaborate with team projects and be able to create a cataloging system for new research development. The candidate should have the ability to generate reports, manage/organize diverse team projects and sites, assist with basic research development and have excellent communication skills. For more information or to apply, go to https://www.jobs.musc.edu/postings/22449 or call Lynne Becker at 792 2350.
This year’s conference will focus on the clinical applications for various brain stimulation methods and when to refer a patient for brain stimulation therapy. Held during Charleston’s premier arts event, Spoleto Festival USA, this conference brings together psychiatrists, neurologists, psychologists, counselors and social workers, as well as other physicians and healthcare professionals, for three days of networking and education.

For a list of continuing education opportunities, visit us online at www.muschealth.com/psychevents
For details on Spoleto Festival, visit www.spoletousa.org
SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN’S RESEARCH DAY

The MUSC Women’s Health Research Center will be holding its second annual Women’s Health Research Day on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in the Institute of Psychiatry Auditorium. The program will include scientific presentations and poster sessions highlighting sex and gender-based work conducted across campus. Speakers include:

Etta Pisano, M.D., Dean, MUSC College of Medicine
Larry Cahill, Ph.D, University of California, Irvine
Kathleen Brady, M.D., Ph.D., Distinguished Professor, MUSC College of Medicine

Register today: www.musc.edu/wrc
For more information, contact: Sarah Gainey at smithsar@musc.edu or 843-792-8207
At the end of fiscal year 2013 (last May/June), the existing policy related to the pre-approval of requests to cancel clinic sessions was “revived”. Over the last seven to eight months, clinicians have been completing and routing paper clinic cancellation forms for approval. MUSC Physicians had planned to roll out an electronic cancellation form but due to several challenges, that process has stalled. As a result, a team in the department (Jennifer Allen, Randy Majewski and Mike McGinnis) has been working over the last few months to create our own electronic clinic cancellation form. We are now ready to roll out the department’s electronic clinic cancellation form.

The cancelation form is web-based and secured behind MUSC servers. You can access the web form both on and off campus by securely signing in with your NetID and password. The shift to electronic processing allows our central scheduling team (under Kim Chilman) to proactively look for requests that have not been fully approved and/or completely routed. Hopefully, this will significantly help in the timeliness of schedules being accurately adjusted and we have an electronic timeline for requests versus paper copies that could be lost along the way.

As of this week, you will be able to begin routing your cancellation requests electronically via the link below - instructions are attached. Each clinic director will make the call regarding their shift from paper to electronic requests as we phase in the process, but we will be 100% electronic (no more paper requests) as of March 17.

Outpatient Clinic Cancellation Form

Thank you in advance for your patience as we start this process and please let Jennifer Allen or Mike McGinnis know if you have any technical difficulties when you submit requests.
Click the link below to open the form - log in with your Netid and password
Fill in your First and Last name, and your email address
Select the name of the Clinic where your patient is scheduled
Select your Clinic Director
Submit Date will auto-fill to ‘today’s’ date
Select the Appt Date – the date the patient is scheduled – and the Appt Time
Explain your reason for bumping the patient in the Bump Reason section
Click ‘SUBMIT’ to route the form for approval

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The John R. Raymond (JRR) Mentoring Fellowship is intended to provide financial support for a selected full-time female faculty member to initiate a relationship with a mentor who is an expert in her chosen field. The female faculty’s field of interest may be in research, clinical practice, or education/teaching. The fellowship is administered by the Women Scholars Initiative with support from the Office of the Provost.

Eligibility:
• The fellowship applicant must be a full-time female faculty member at MUSC.
• The mentor must be affiliated with an outside academic institution.

Funding:
• The funding amount is $2000. One JRR Mentoring Fellowship will be awarded per year.
• The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences will match the $2000 funding amount.

Fellowship Period:
• June 1, 2014-May 31, 2015

Submission of application materials:
• All application materials must be received no later than 5:00 PM, April 15, 2014. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Please submit all required materials as one pdf file

Questions regarding the application process or fellowship program should be directed to Mary Mauldin, Chair, JRR Fellowship Advisory Committee, (mauldinm@musc.edu).