KUDOS/WINS

• Dr. Thomas Lewis was nominated and elected to be the GME resident/fellow rep for the following committees: Medical Executive Committee and the College of Medicine Progress Committee and Professionalism Subcommittee.

• Drs. Angie Moreland and Ken Ruggiero were honored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation at their Survivor Wellness Dinner. Drs. Moreland and Ruggiero were presented with a plaque for MUSC for their great promoting behavioral health and wellness among firefighters and their families. In addition, Drs. Moreland and Ruggiero each received a personal plaque, along with placing a brick in each of their names on the Wall of Honor in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


For anyone who is requesting promotion effective July 1, 2018, all promotion requests must be received in the Chairman’s office no later than August 4, 2017, 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.

Promotion to Associate Professor or Professor requires a minimum of four letters of recommendation, addressed to the Departmental Chair. Individuals selected to write the minimum four letters should be non-MUSC faculty in the candidate’s field at the academic rank of professor or its equivalent stature. At least two of these individuals should not be associated with the candidate by having been past mentors/teachers/students/trainees. We ask that you provide 4-6 names of individuals that we can contact to solicit letters of recommendation.

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.

PROMOTION PACKETS

PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Thomas Lewis, Psychiatric Fellow, Medical University of South Carolina, presented LGBTQ Clients 101: Providing Practical Information for Inclusive Mental Health Care, Employment, Advocacy and Community Resources at the South Carolina Employee Assistance Professionals Association, Columbia, SC.
2017 DART SUMMER STUDENTS, RESIDENTS, AND MENTORS

2017 class of DART Summer Research Students:
Kia Barclay
Nicholas Dawson
Allen Green
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George Book
Miyonta Mavins
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**Call for Papers**

**Special Issue: Ambulatory Assessment of Addictive Disorders**

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CONFERENCE LOCATION
Medical University of South Carolina
Bioengineering Building | Room 110
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CONFERENCE DETAILS
Thursday, June 1, 2017
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Friday, June 2, 2017
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Conference Schedule

Thursday July 27, 2017
8:30am - 9:00am (Welcome & Opening Remarks)
9:00am - 10:30am (Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Kusler)
10:30am - 11:00am (Breakout sessions: Q & A with Author: M. G.)
11:00am - 12:30pm (Breakout sessions: Q & A with Author: M. G.)
12:30pm - 1:30pm (Lunch made)
1:30pm - 3:00pm (Breakout sessions: Q & A with David Whitley)
3:00pm - 4:30pm (Breakout sessions: Q & A with David Whitley)

Friday July 28, 2017
8:30am - 9:00am (Welcome & Opening Remarks)
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Mental Health Awareness Fun Run/Walk
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A preconference workshop that will start in the morning of Sunday, July 23, 2017. **Students, postdocs, and other junior faculty/researchers attending the conference should definitely plan on attending this FREE and invaluable workshop.**


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- Submission of Brief Communication Abstracts - March 5, 2017
- Submission of Data Blitz Abstracts - March 5, 2017
- Submission of Poster Abstracts - April 9, 2017
- Symposia, Presenter, & Presidential Abstracts - April 9, 2017
- Submissions for the IASR SRDA - May 1, 2017
Title: rTMS for Adolescent Depression -- upcoming in the next couple weeks
Contact: 843-792-5702
Description: We are investigating the safety and efficacy of repetitive TMS as a treatment for adolescent depression for those aged 12-21 years old. We are seeking adolescents of this age range who have not received sufficient benefit from at least one antidepressant medication trial. TMS is currently FDA approved for treating adult depression.

Title: rTMS for Bipolar Depression - current
Contact: 843-792-5702
Description: We are investigating repetitive TMS as a treatment for bipolar depression in conjunction with mood stabilizers in adults aged 22-68 years old. We are seeking treatment refractory patients with bipolar disorder. TMS is currently FDA approved for treating adult depression.

Title: Enhancing Disrupted Reconsolidation: Impact on Cocaine Craving, Reactivity & Use
Contact: Amanda Smith, smitham@musc.edu, 792-6984
Description: The purpose of this double-blind, placebo-controlled study is to examine whether beta-adrenergic antagonist propranolol can attenuate cocaine-associated memories and thereby reduce cocaine craving, cue reactivity, and use in cocaine dependent participants. Participants will receive either placebo, 40mg, or 80mg of propranolol after each of two laboratory sessions of cocaine cue exposure. Participants will be evaluated on cocaine craving, physiological reactivity to cocaine cues, and cocaine use in follow-up sessions for 6 weeks.

Title: Assessing the Bite Counter as a Tool for Food Intake Monitoring: Phase II
Contact: Mary Harley harleyma@musc.edu 843-792-5428
Description: This study is a 15-week assessment of the possible utility of a wrist-worn device, the Bite Counter, in assisting the weight loss behavior change efforts of overweight and obese individuals. The Bite Counter tracks and analyzes wrist motions to identify those associated with taking bites of food and drinking beverages. It also has a step-counter feature. This study is designed to determine if using the Bite Counter with specific goals to reduce the numbers of bites and increase the numbers of steps will result in those changes.

Title: Girls Experiences in Middle School (GEMS)
Contact: Jennifer Powell, gems-study@musc.edu, 843-876-0567
Description: Participants are needed for the Girls’ Experiences in Middle School (GEMS) Study, a research study to understand girls’ thoughts, emotions, and experiences. Girls attending any middle school in the Charleston, SC area are eligible. If interested call, email, or visit www.musc.edu/gems and fill out a Parent Contact Form.

Title: Reward functioning, traumatic stress, and mental health in teen girls
Contact: Jesse Walker, walkerj@musc.edu, 843-792-7067
Description: Researchers at MUSC are recruiting teen girls aged 13-17 to participate in a research study using brain imaging (MRI, EEG) to understand connections between childhood experiences and mental health. Dates and times for participation are flexible. The study will involve 1 visit to the MUSC campus (2.5-3 hours). Compensation is provided.
Title: Psychological First Aid for Victims of Crime  
Contact: Dr. Michael McCart, mccartm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800  
Description: This study aims to implement and refine research protocols required for a full-scale randomized clinical trial of Psychological First Aid (PFA) for adult victims of crime. PFA is a promising acute intervention designed to reduce the severity and duration of trauma-related distress. Law Enforcement Victim Advocates are being trained to implement PFA with adult crime victims. A pilot trial is comparing PFA to usual services on key mental health outcomes from baseline through 4 months post-baseline.

Title: Synthesizing HIV Behavioral Intervention Effectiveness in Developing Countries  
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800  
Description: This is a project in which we are conducting systematic reviews and meta-analysis on evidence of effectiveness of a variety of HIV behavioral interventions in developing countries.

Title: Phase II RCT of Comprehensive Triage HIV Prevention: Tanzania  
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800  
Description: The purpose of this study is to conduct a rigorous 3-year Phase II trial of a promising HIV prevention strategy designed to significantly reduce population-level HIV incidence in rural developing country settings with severe generalized HIV epidemics.

Title: Community-Based Combination HIV Prevention in Tanzania Women at Heightened Risk  
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800  
Description: This is a two-arm Phase II community randomized controlled trial of a community-based combination HIV prevention intervention among FSWs in Iringa, Tanzania. The combination package examined includes integrated biomedical, behavioral and structural components: The study will establish base rates of key outcomes including HIV incidence and viral load suppression, examine the socio-structural and behavioral pathways of the intervention, assess feasibility, acceptability and safety, and document preliminary effectiveness. (1) mobile HIV testing and risk reduction counseling; (2) service navigation to facilitate access to treatment and retention in care; (3) sensitivity training for HIV clinical care providers; (4) SMS text messages to promote adherence to care and ART; (5) venue-based peer education and condom distribution; and (6) a community drop-in-center to promote cohesion and collective action to reduce stigma and discrimination.

Title: Dyadic-Based Diagnosis, Care & Prevention for Discordant Couples in Tanzania  
Contact: Dr. Michael D. Sweat, sweatm@musc.edu, (843) 876-1800  
Description: The primary goal for the proposed study is to examine the feasibility, safety, and impact on improved care and prevention of novel strategies to identify and engage HIV sero-discordant couples in an integrated prevention and treatment intervention.
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: A Phase 2, Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability Study of ALKS 3831 in Schizophrenia with Alcohol Use Disorder.
Contact: Melissa Michel, michelm@musc.edu, 843-792-1901
Description: This study is designed to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of ALKS 3831 in schizophrenia with AUD. ALKS 3831 is a combination of olanzapine, an approved antipsychotic treatment for schizophrenia, and samidorphan, a new medication. Potential subjects for this trial are adults with a diagnosis of schizophrenia and alcohol use disorder (AUD) with a recent change in symptoms. The study will test whether olanzapine with samidorphan will aide in lowering alcohol use for subjects at the same time that the combination of the two drugs lessens side effects of olanzapine such as weight gain.

Title: An Open-label, Long-term, Safety and Efficacy Study of Intranasal Esketamine in Treatment-resistant Depression
Contact: Melissa Michel, michelm@musc.edu, 843-792-1901
Description: The main purpose of this study is to assess the long-term safety, tolerability, and effectiveness of esketamine nasal spray plus a newly initiated oral (taken by mouth) antidepressant in patients with treatment-resistant depression. All patients in this study will be treated with esketamine nasal spray plus a new oral anti-depressant. The new oral anti-depressant will be one of the following approved and marketed oral antidepressants: duloxetine (Cymbalta), escitalopram (Lexapro), sertraline (Zoloft), or venlafaxine extended release (Effexor XR). Recruitment ongoing.

Title: Internet Crimes Against Children: Development of a Typology of Offenders for Use in Prevention, Investigations and Treatment
Contact: Dr. Gregg Dwyer, 843-792-1461
Description: This study is based on the collection and analysis of data from Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) investigated by ICAC Task Forces in 20+ states. The inferential analysis of perpetrator, victim and offense data and content analysis of Internet chats to solicit children serves to inform the mental health, social services, education and legal fields for use in forensic evaluations, treatment planning, criminal investigations, court proceedings and developing public safety strategies for protecting our communities’ youth. Funded by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant # 2010-MC-CX-4003; joint with the University of So. Carolina.

Title: Protecting Children Online: Using Research-Based Algorithms to Prioritize Law Enforcement Internet Investigations
Contact: Dr. Dwyer. 843-792-1461
Description: Using data from ICAC Task Forces across the U.S. to develop empirically-based algorithms to assist law enforcement in prioritizing cases of: child pornography production over possession/distribution; online luring to meet a minor to commit sexual offenses, over luring restricted to online behavior such as sexual chat or exchanging pornographic images; hands-on sexual offense offenders against children over cases of offenders with no known history. Funded by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant # 2011-MC-CX-0002; joint with University of South Carolina, Johns Hopkins University & University of Ottawa.
ONGOING STUDIES

Title: Rivastigmine Patch in Veterans with Cognitive Impairment Following Traumatic Brain Injury
Contact: Katy Donovan donova@musc.edu (843) 724-2945
Description: In light of the significance of memory deficits in persons with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and the strong relationship between posttraumatic memory impairments and posttraumatic cholinergic dysfunction, this study examines the efficacy and safety of cholinesterase inhibitor rivastigmine (transdermal patch), an intermediate-acting cholinesterase inhibitor, in Veterans (ages 19–65 years old) suffering from posttraumatic memory impairment following TBI in a multicenter, randomized placebo controlled 26-week trial.

Title: Apathy in Dementia Methylphenidate Trial 2 (ADMET 2)
Contact: Olga Brawman-Mintzer, MD mintzero@musc.edu; (843) 724-2945
Description: Apathy in Dementia Methylphenidate Trial 2 (ADMET 2) is a Phase III, placebo-controlled, masked, 6 month, 10-center randomized clinical trial sponsored by National Institute of Aging involving 200 participants with Alzheimer's disease (AD). ADMET 2 is designed to examine the efficacy and safety of methylphenidate as treatment for clinically significant apathy in AD participants. ADMET 2 will enroll participants from real world settings such as outpatient, nursing home, and assisted living facilities and will examine the effects of methylphenidate on apathy and cognition. ADMET 2 will also conduct careful safety monitoring.

Title: Low Field Magnetic Stimulation (LFMS) and Subjective/Objective Measures of Sleep
Contact: Allison Wilkerson, wilkersa@musc.edu, 843.792.4636
Description: This study is a double-blind, sham-controlled crossover pilot study of low field magnetic stimulation (LFMS) in people with insomnia. Participants will receive 4 LFMS treatments total (2 active, 2 sham) and complete 5 overnight sleep studies to explore the relationship between low field magnetic stimulation and improvement of insomnia.
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