

Psychiatry Chair Update
December 2011

Recruitment Efforts:

Chair, Department of Public Health Sciences: This new department, which is being formed as a result of the College of Medicine's recent research strategic planning process, has been approved by the institution's Board of Trustees and will be established concurrent with the recruitment of the Founding Chair. The selected individual will report directly to the Dean of the College of Medicine. The new Chair will be expected to help define the vision for the new department and to conduct recruitments necessary to complement and build upon existing institutional strengths, which include robust research programs in Biostatistics and Epidemiology. Dr. Kathleen Brady is the Chair of this search committee and Dr. Mike Sweat also serves on this committee. For more information or to apply for this position please visit

http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/hrm/career_opps/index.htm (requisition id 047841)

Director, Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE): The CIE Director will provide resources and expertise for technology commercialization to the MUSC community, and will work collaboratively with the Foundation for Research Development (FRD) and the South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Institute (SCTR). The Director will serve in a high-level role within MUSC to implement and oversee the operations, assessment, and growth of the CIE. Dr. Kathleen Brady is serving on this committee. For more information or to apply for the position please visit

http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/hrm/career_opps/index.htm (requisition id 047677).

Director, Center for Genomic Medicine: The mission of the Center for Genomic Medicine will be to promote and support basic and clinical research and training in genetic and genomic influences on human health and disease, and to translate these discoveries into clinical practice. The MUSC Center for Genomic will provide the leadership, expertise and core resources to facilitate the acquisition and application of genetic and genomic information to research and to the practice of medicine across the MUSC campus and throughout South Carolina. Dr. Ray Anton is serving on this search committee. For more information or to apply for this position please visit

http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/hrm/career_opps/index.htm (requisition id 047819)

Although the Public Health Sciences, Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and the Center for Genomic Medicine are system-wide initiatives, the recruitment of excellent leaders into these positions is extraordinarily important to the long-term success of the department's research goals. I'd like to thank the members of our faculty who are serving on these search committees. Please bring to the attention of Drs. Anton, Brady, and Sweat any nominations that are appropriate for these key positions.

Departmental Faculty Mentorship Committee:

Dr. Layton McCurdy will serve as the Director of the Departmental Faculty Mentorship Committee and the following faculty members have agreed to serve on this important committee: Drs. Ben Saunders, Ashli Sheidow, Bernadette Cortese, Ron Acierno, Carla Danielson, Sarah Book, Mark Wagner, Kelly Holes-Lewis, and Michael de Arellano.

Hoops for Hope: Everyone Deserves a Shot at Good Mental Health Annual Fundraiser:

The highlighted program this year is the **Mental Health Disparities and Diversity program**. The event will be held on March 10, 2012, from 2-6pm at the MUSC Wellness Center. There will be a free throw competition, 3-on-3 tournament, and a live auction. The winner of the free throw competition will receive 2 tickets to the NCAA finals in New Orleans and the winners of the 3-on-3 tournament will receive a cash price of \$1,500. For questions regarding this event, please contact Jennifer Green (greenjen@musc.edu) 792-6470. In addition to the Mental Health Disparities and Diversity program, the other department divisions and programs that are participating this year include **Project Rex, Brain Stimulation Laboratory, National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, Youth Psychiatry, Clinical Neurosciences, and Forensic Psychiatry**. To donate to a specific program or division contact the following:

Project Rex: Dr. Frampton Gwynette (gwynette@musc.edu)

Brain Stimulation Laboratory: Teresa Garner (garnertl@musc.edu)

National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center: Dr. Alyssa Rheingold (rheingaa@musc.edu)

Mental Health Disparities and Diversity: Dr. Michael de Arellano (dearelma@musc.edu)

Youth Psychiatry: Fran Trotman (trotmanf@musc.edu)

Clinical Neurosciences: Gwen Jones (handg@musc.edu) or Jennifer Peterson (jenpeter@musc.edu)

Forensic Psychiatry: Alison Knight (knightab@musc.edu)

State Observed Holidays:

The following is a list of official state observed Holidays for Christmas and New Year's Day for STATE employees of MUSC.

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 23

Christmas Day: Monday, December 26

Day after Christmas: Tuesday, December 27

New Year's Day: Monday, January 2

Spring Cycle for Promotion and Tenure:

For anyone who is requesting promotion or tenure **effective January 1, 2013**, all promotion and tenure requests must be received in the Chairman's office no later than **February 13, 2012**, 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/com1/faculty/index.htm>. If you have questions, please contact Kristen Mulholland mulholk@musc.edu.

Neuroscience Institute (NI) Fellowships:

The Neuroscience Institute (NI) is happy to invite applications for training fellowships for international students and postdocs working in the labs and research clinics of NI faculty. To be eligible, the applicant must not be a US citizen nor green card holder, must be in good standing academically, must be full-time at the time of application, and must have no more than 3 yr experience as a student or no more than 2 yr as a postdoc. Applicants can be conducting basic, clinical or translational research in neuroscience. These awards are competitive; the NI has formed a committee to select among the student and postdoc applicants. Awards will be for 1 year, renewable for up to 2 years depending on performance and availability of funds. **The deadline for applications is January 13, 2012.** Applications should be submitted to Emily Pusser electronically (pusser@musc.edu) and include the following:

1. NIH-style biosketches for the applicant and advisor
2. A description of the proposed research project (limit - 3 pages). Include Specific Aims, Background, and Research Design & Methods sections.
3. A summary/transcript of grades from graduate courses (as well as for undergraduate courses for student applicants).

Dr. Dean Kilpatrick's Consultation in Norway:

Dr. Dean Kilpatrick recently consulted with colleagues at the Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies, a national interdisciplinary research center. The NCVTSS was established in 2004 and is a part of the University of Oslo. It is funded by several ministries of the Norwegian government and has played a central role in the national response to the terrorist attack in July. Dr. Kilpatrick's involvement with the Center began several years ago when one of their faculty members attended a workshop he gave on epidemiological methods in trauma research. They invited him to Oslo several times to present and discuss our work, and they asked Dr. Kilpatrick to consult with them on several research projects and to supervise some of their Ph.D. students' dissertation research.

On this trip, he spent a lot of time conducting interviews with adolescents and their parents who survived the mass murder at camp on the island of Utoya which is near Oslo. A total of 69 people were murdered, and many others were injured by the killer, who has now been declared to have been legally insane at the time of the crime. This has outraged many Norwegians in general and the victims and their families in particular. Dr. Kilpatrick gave a presentation on burnout and stress management.

Trauma Focused CBT web statistics:

The number of registered participants has increased for the Trauma Focused CBT (TF-CBT) web database. In October, November, and the first 12 days of December, over 6,000 people registered for the TF-CBTWeb. That is an average of 82 new registered learners each day. This is an amazing achievement and a model of training dissemination excellence.

Town ALL:

The next Town ALL will be held on December 19, 2011, and Dr. Kathleen Brady will provide a brief presentation on the Clinical Neuroscience Division. Feel free to email your questions that you want addressed prior to the next Town ALL to psychall@musc.edu.

Faculty Meeting:

The next Faculty meeting will be held on January 17, 2012, in the IOP auditorium. Dean Pisano will be attending. Feel free to email your questions that you want addressed prior to the next faculty meeting to psychall@musc.edu.

Influenza Vaccination:

The influenza vaccine is available for MUHA, MUSC, UMA, and Sodexo employees and volunteers. Employees can receive the flu vaccine at Employee Health Services' office, 57 Bee Street, Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm, with faster service between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Faculty with

MUHA medical staff privileges and MUHA staff must either receive the influenza vaccine or choose to decline the flu shot by filling out the flu declination form

http://mcintranet.musc.edu/ehs/2011fludeclination_C166%20Flu%20Vaccine%20_3_.pdf

Departmental Holiday Lunch:

Please join us on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, in the IOP lobby for the departmental holiday lunch. Turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy will be served. Please email psychall@musc.edu if you would like to volunteer to bring a dessert or side dish to share with the group.

Department "Diversity Matters" wristbands:

If you are interested in the department's "Diversity Matters" wristbands, please stop by Kristen Mulholland and Jennifer Green's office (509B4), or visit Liz Puca and Dr. Kantor in the REC.

Photo Exhibition at MUSC:

On behalf of the MUSC Global Health Strategic Initiative, President Greenberg is holding a reception for the opening of Okurase: Portrait of a Village. This exhibition of images from West Africa is based on the work led by Dr. Cynthia Cupit Swenson of Family Services Research Center and Dr. Eve Spratt of the Department of Pediatrics. The reception will take place at the James E. Colbert Education Center and Library on Thursday January 12, 2012, from 6-8 pm. The exhibition will be on permanent display on the second floor of the Colbert Center.

About the Photographer:

Gerald Bybee is a Northern California-based photographer and digital imager specializing in portraiture, commercial, and fine art imaging. He works from a state-of-the-art digital studio at his West Sonoma County vineyard just north of Sebastopol. Gerald visited the village of Okurase in Ghana in June 2011 with Drs. Swenson and Spratt to develop this exhibition. Gerald's work has been featured in: [Communication Arts Magazine](#), [French Photo](#), [Graphis](#), [Photo Electronic Imaging](#), [Online Design](#), [PC Photo](#), [WorkBook](#). He has won multiple gold and "best of show" awards in the Art Directors and Ad Club-sponsored San Francisco Shows and hundreds of Creative awards nationally and internationally.

Kudos/Wins:

Drs. Jeff Cluver and Steve McLeod-Bryant have agreed to serve on the Case Assessment Taskforce to assure that cases are relevant to our goal of training future physicians who are knowledgeable of cultural issues as they care for their patients and serve their communities.

Dr. Alyssa Rheingold was named the chair of the Faculty and Institutional Relations Committee for the MUSC Faculty Senate.

Joe Taylor, MD, PhD student received a score of 19, 4th percentile for his training grant.

Dr. Gregg Dwyer provided a successful and informative training session to the US Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York.

Dr. Pat O'Neil was awarded honorary membership by the American Dietetic Association for his work in the field of obesity and weight management.

The following faculty members in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences were nominated for Golden Apple Awards in the College of Medicine: Drs. Chris Pelic, Kelly Barth, Jack Foust, Barron Short and Deborah Deas.

Dr. Chris Pelic won the Golden Apple Award for Special Appreciation from the Class of 2014.

Dr. Chris Pelic has accepted the new role of Associate Dean for Student Career Planning and Advising.

Dr. Gregg Dwyer was featured on ABC News 4 and provided insight into the Skip ReVille case.
<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/16317176/skip-reville-out-of-jail-for-first-time-in-months-to-undergo-psychological-evaluation>

Dr. Alyssa Rheingold was also featured on ABC News 4.
<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/16231549/families-remember-murdered-loved-ones>. She organized a successful and meaningful vigil service for homicide survivors.

Dr. Gregg Dwyer has been nominated as President-Elect of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry.

Dr. Sarah Book was awarded tenure effective January 1, 2012.

Bob Peiffer received the 2011 President's Award from the United States Tennis Association - South Carolina in recognition of his valuable contribution and advice in support of the president of the organization.

Congratulations to Banner Award winners 1 North for Inpatient Psychiatry and the Mood Disorder Clinic for Outpatient Psychiatry. Support Banner winners were IOP maintenance and IOP security.

I want to thank all faculty, staff, trainees, students, and friends of the department and Institute for your dedication and contributions over the past twelve months. Because of your hard work, it has been a very productive year. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

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