

Psychiatry Chair Update
November 2011

Student Research Day:

The annual Perry V. Halushka-MUSC Student Research Day will be held Friday, November 4. Poster presentations will be in the Harper Student Center gym from 8:30am-12:00pm. Oral presentations will be held in the College of Health Professions (CHP) Building A from 11:45am-3:15pm and in the Bioengineering Building (BE) Room 112 from 11:45am-3:15pm. Several representatives from the department will be presenting at Student Research Day. The featured keynote speaker is Mark Sussman, Distinguished Professor of Biology at San Diego State University. The awards ceremony will begin around 5pm in the Drug Discovery Auditorium. For more information please visit <http://www.musc.edu/grad/srd/>

Out of Darkness Walk:

The 5th annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk Charleston will be held from Sunday, November 6 at Hampton Park. Registration is from 1-1:30pm and the walk begins at 2pm. The event offers support for friends and families who have lost a loved one to suicide. Program includes music, poetry readings, postings to a memory wall, personal interaction, community resources, and the walk itself. The walk raises funds for research and education and to prevent future loss of life. It is one of 250 walks being held, organized by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). For more information on the walk please contact the local AFSP representatives, Martina Mueller (muellerm@musc.edu) or Tom Robinson (robinsw@musc.edu).

Continuing Education Opportunities and Guest Lectures:

Frederick K. Goodwin, MD has been selected as this year's Jason Pressley Visiting Professor. Dr. Goodwin will be on campus November 17 and 18 and will present "Understanding Bipolar Disorder and its Treatment: An Update" Friday, November 18 from noon – 1:00 p.m. in the IOP Auditorium. To schedule a meeting with Dr. Goodwin, please contact Caitlin Norfleet at norfleet@musc.edu.

Mary Velasquez, PhD presents "Translating Research Innovation into Practice: Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment for Substance Abuse Among High-Risk Individuals" Thursday, November 10. Dr. Velasquez serves as Professor and Dean for Research, Director of the Center for Social and Behavioral Research, and the Director of the Health Behavior Research and Training Institute at The University of Texas at Austin's School of Social Work. Her lecture will be held from noon – 2:00 p.m. in the Education Center/Library Building Room 109. Seating for this seminar is limited and you *must* RSVP to Dr. Josh Smith at smijos@musc.edu to attend.

Anna Scheyett, PhD, MSW, LCSW, presents "Developmental Transitions: Personal and Professional Findings" Wednesday, December 7. Dr. Scheyett serves as Dean and Professor at the University of South Carolina College of Social Work. Her lecture will be held from noon – 1:00 p.m. in the Weight Management Center Day Room (IOP 4 South). Seating for this seminar is limited and you *must* RSVP to Caitlin Norfleet (norfleet@musc.edu) to attend.

Veteran's Day

The Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences would like to honor and thank those who served our country in the past and those who are currently active: Connie Best, John Cusack, Milton Jack Foust Jr, JR Magpantay, Robert Malcolm Jr, Lloyd Pate Jr., Robert Peiffer, Ed Weiss, Steven Ratliff, and Archie Reid.

Boeing Family Health Day

The Boeing Family Health Day will be on Saturday, November 12 from 10am-2pm at the Boeing facility. Faculty members from the Department-- Dr. Diana Mullis, Dr. Kelly Barth and Dr. Andrei Vedeniapin and therapist Tammy Yarnall, MA, LPCI--will be onsite to offer sleep, stress reduction, and depression screenings.

Weight Management Center and Boeing

In early 2012, the MUSC Weight Management Center will be offering Boeing employees a worksite weight loss program. The program will be 10 weeks, competition-based, and led by a registered dietitian, psychologist, and exercise physiologist from the WMC. Boeing employees will be able to payroll deduct the program, and Boeing corporate will be offering multiple incentives for employee participation and weight loss performance.

Smoke-free Campus:

In March 2012, MUSC will become a smoke-free campus.

Town ALL:

The next Town ALL will be held on November 21, 2011, and Dr. Gregg Dwyer will be doing a brief presentation on the Forensics Psychiatry Program. Feel free to email your questions that you want addressed prior to the next Town ALL to psychall@musc.edu.

Save the Date:

The departmental holiday lunch will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. More information will follow.

Department Holiday Luncheon:

The Department will host a holiday luncheon on December 13 from 11:30am-1pm. Turkey, dressing, gravy, and green beans will be provided but we would like to have members of the department volunteer to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you would like to volunteer to bring a side dish or dessert, please email psychall@musc.edu.

Faculty Reception:

Mark your calendars—the Department will host a faculty reception on February 9, 2012, from 5-7pm at the Wickliffe House. More information to follow.

Research Update:

During the month of October, faculty members in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences submitted 19 new grant applications, 6 noncompeting continuations, 2 competing continuations, 1 resubmission, and 1 supplement. These requests totaled \$6,918,869 in proposed funding.

Kudos/Wins:

Dr. Layton McCurdy accepted an invitation to chair the End-of-the Year Appeal at the South Carolina Aquarium. The End-of-the-Year Appeal is the culmination of the Annual Fund for the South Carolina Aquarium.

Congratulations to Mack Shieder, Dawn Vocolina, and Karen McMillan on their promotion to RN III.

Central Scheduling (Langdon Ellington, Valerie Gorin and Alicia Taylor) had the highest answer rate (94.07%) last quarter for the entire hospital scheduling call centers.

Congratulations to Tonya Henderson and Glenn Coltharp who have met the requirements for advancement to Lead Therapeutic Assistant through the Human Services Specialist Advancement Program (HSSAP).

Senior Care which recently opened on 4North is full!

The IOP hit a record census of 90 on November 4th.

Drs. Kelly Barth and Chris Pelic were nominated as teachers of the month for October by the students in the COM.

Dr. Steve Chin was quoted in an article titled "Hope & survival: Man believes pancreatic cancer not death sentence," in the Post and Courier.

Dr. Connie Best is serving on the COM Standards of Conduct Committee.

IOP staff held a Hand Hygiene Fair on the 15th to raise awareness of this critical patient safety issue. Kudos to Bryan Counts for coordinating the event.

Thank you,
Tom Uhde