

Psychiatry Chair Update
October 2011

New Faculty:

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences welcomes two new faculty members who will also fill prominent roles within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Hollings Cancer Center: Dr. Chanita Hughes-Halbert and Dr. K. Michael Cummings.

Dr. Hughes-Halbert will be developing the Cancer Disparities Program within the Mental Health Disparities and Diversity program in Psychiatry. This focus will mirror her leadership appointment as section leader for Cancer Disparities within the Hollings Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control research program under the direction of Dr. Anthony Alberg as well as being appointed as a SmartState Endowed Chair in Cancer Disparities. Dr. Hughes-Halbert comes to MUSC from the University of Pennsylvania where she was Director of both the Center for Community-Based Research and Health Disparities and the Community and Diversity Initiative at the Abramson Cancer Center.

Dr. Cummings comes to MUSC with extensive experience in tobacco policy and control after a long stint at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Dr. Cummings was the Director of Roswell Park's Tobacco Cessation Center and the New York State Smokers' Quitline. He joins the psychiatry faculty in a leadership role in the department's newly developed Tobacco Policy and Control Program, which coincides with his role as section leader for Tobacco Policy and Control within the Hollings Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control research program under the direction of Dr. Anthony Alberg.

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 Caitlin Norfleet (norfleet@musc.edu) to attend.

Centralized Inpatient Programming Services (CIPS) Outcome Reports:

Patients surveyed participated in 1 of 4 therapy tracks as part of the CIPS program—MAP (Mood, Anxiety, Psychiatric), COD (Co-Occurring Disorders), LS (Living Skills), or SC (Senior Care). A total of 94.8% reported that as a result of the CIPS program, self-efficacy had increased 'extremely', 'very much', or 'somewhat.' Over 95% of adolescents and 90% adults found the CIPS program helpful, enjoyable, and relevant. Contact Dr. Viktoriya Magid for more information.

Town ALL:

Town ALL was held on October 17. Dr. Mark George gave an informative presentation about the Brain Stimulation Laboratory. Faculty CV's need to be entered in FAIR by March 31, 2012. A FAIR "super-user" has been assigned to each division and will be in touch with each faculty member. Jennifer Green won the incentive prize. 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.

Faculty Meeting:

The faculty meeting was held on October 18. Dr. Kevin Gray received the incentive prize. The next faculty meeting will be held on January 17, 2012, and 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.

MUSC-VA Advisory Committee:

Dean Pisano and Florence Hutchison, Chief of Staff RHJ VAMC, co-lead the MUSC-VA Advisory Committee, which is composed of four workgroups to promote MUSC-VA research, clinical service, or education-training collaborations. The department is well represented on this committee. Members include: Dr. Kathleen Brady, Dr. Deborah Deas, Dr. Hugh Myrick, Mike McGinnis, and myself.

Clinical Trials Recruitment Tool:

www.SCresearch.org is an easy to search listing of IRB approved research studies, not just clinical trials that are recruiting human subjects. It's geared to the lay public and provides contact information on who can be contacted for additional information about the study. This website is populated directly through the IRB application, and it is the investigator's choice to have their study published or not. Instructions for publishing can be found under the "Investigator's Access" link on the website. There are a number of Psychiatry investigators currently utilizing www.SCresearch.org. This project originated at MUSC but is in the process of being rolled out across the State to all of the HSSC consortium members utilizing the Click eIRB platform which is quite exciting. This will be the only website of its kind that will ultimately serve to provide research opportunities throughout the state. Another great opportunity for volunteers and investigators alike is www.ResearchMatch.org. General-interest research participants register themselves in a secure environment, making their de-identified information available for investigator feasibility searches. For help listing your study on www.SCresearch.org or using www.ResearchMatch.org to find participants, contact the Jenna Gillis at the SUCCESS Center at success@musc.edu or call 792-8300.

Email Updates:

In keeping with our *communication, communication, communication* theme, we want to make sure that we have the correct email addresses for everyone within the department. We send out several weekly emails and we want to make sure that the information is disseminated to everyone. If you feel that you have been left off our email lists and have not been receiving email updates, please email Caitlin Norfleet at norfleet@musc.edu with your correct information.

The Department has a Facebook page. All members of our community are strongly encouraged to "like us" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MUSCpsychiatry. Currently, we have 138 likes. We also have a Departmental Twitter account and you can "follow us" at www.twitter.com/MUSCpsychiatry. You can

follow my personal twitter account at www.twitter.com/orexin. Please contact Jennifer Green, Kristen Mulholland, or Caitlin Norfleet for assistance in setting up a Facebook or Twitter account.

Kudos/Wins:

Vickey Cornelison was elected to the board of American Society of Victimology (ASV). The ASV advances the discipline of victimology by promoting evidence based practice and by providing leadership in research and education.

Joe Taylor, MD, PhD student received the MUSC Women's Club Scholarship for 2011. The mission of the MUSC Women's Club is to promote goodwill, interest in, and support of MUSC and to provide activities that will promote fellowship.

TMS/fibromyalgia research from the Brain Stimulation Laboratory was published in Psychiatric News.

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