

SAVE THE DATES

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Upcoming faculty development seminars, which will be held from 9:00-10:30a, [Zoom](#) link:

- Wednesday March 15, 2023 – Promotion: Writing an Effective Personal Statement
- Wednesday May 17, 2023 – Powerpoint: From Basics to Innovation

WRITING GROUPS: UPCOMING

The Writing Group is the 1st Wednesday of every month from 8:00-9:00am. These meetings are on [Zoom](#).

Wellness Committee

Wellness Resources:

Healthy Emory is bringing back the [Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less](#) program in September.

Challenges with Healthy Emory are ongoing - the Sharecare app is the platform and incentive dollars are available!

[Operation Eat Right](#) encourages you to improve your nutrition and boost your well-being using Healthy Emory Connect!

Resources from Healthy Emory and a link below to the ACPH.

- [Benefits](#)
- [Rewards](#)
- [Career](#)
- [Learning](#)
- [Wellness](#)
- [Work Life](#)
- [Employee Assistance](#)
- [Employee Assistance – Physician Wellbeing Conference](#)

Healthy Emory resources including the Sharecare platform for Move More, Refresh from Stress and more! Open to University and Healthcare Employees
[Healthy Emory Connect | Emory University | Atlanta GA](#)

Wellbeing and mental health support for Emory University Employees [Faculty Staff Assistance Program](#) and for [Emory Healthcare Employees](#) username EHC (800 327 2251)

Graduate Medical Education Well-being [Resident Well Being | Emory School of Medicine](#)

International Conference on Physician Health (alternates years with American Conference) [International Conference on Physician Health™ | American Medical Association \(ama-assn.org\)](#)

[Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes Foundation | Dedicated to Protecting the Well-Being of Physicians and Health Care Professionals \(drlornabreen.org\)](#)

Office of Well-Being established for Woodruff Health Sciences
[Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center establishes Office of Well-Being | Emory University | Atlanta GA](#)

FACULTY KUDOS

Major Leadership Appointments, Activities and Achievements

Justin Palanci was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Georgia Psychiatric Physician's Association. He will also serve as the Chair for the Community Psychiatry Committee.

Research

Burton MS, Sherrill AM, Zwiebach LC, Fenlon EE, Rauch SAM, & Rothbaum BO. (2023). [Consultation competencies in prolonged exposure therapy for posttraumatic stress disorder](#). *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 15(2), 279–286.

Davis EP, McCormack KM, Arora H, Sharpe D, Bachevalier J, Short AK, Glynn LM, Sandman CA, Stern H, Sanchez MM, Baram TZ. (2022). Early life exposure to unpredictable parental sensory signals shapes cognitive development across three species. *Frontiers in Neuroscience* 16:960262. doi: 10.3389/fnbeh.2022.960262. PMID: 36338881. PMCID: PMC9630745.

Godfrey JR, Howell BR, Mummert A, Shi Y, Styner M, Wilson ME, Sanchez MM. (2022). Effects of Social Rank and Pubertal Delay on Brain Structure in Female Rhesus Macaques. *Psychoneuroendocrinology* 149:105987. doi: 10.1016/j.psyneuen.2022.105987. Online ahead of print. PMID: 36529113. [PMCID in progress].

Gunter C, Harris RA, Kovacs-Balint KA, Raveendran M, Michopoulos V, Bachevalier J, Raper J, Sanchez MM, Rogers J. (2022). Heritability of social behavioral phenotypes and associations with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in rhesus macaques: a whole exome sequencing study. *Autism Research* 15(3):447-463. Doi: 10.1002/aur.2675. PMID: 35092647. PMCID: PMC8930433.

McCormack KM, Howell BR, Higgins M, Bramlett S, Guzman D, Morin EL, Villongco C, Liu Y, Meyer J, Sanchez MM. (2022). The developmental consequences of early adverse care on infant macaques: a cross-fostering study. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*. 146: 105947. doi: 10.1016/j.psyneuen.2022.105947. PMID: 36242820. [PMCID in progress].

Honors, Awards, Rankings

The following faculty received faculty development funds to support their participation in the following activities:

- Geoff Goodman – Present his research at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research in Dublin, Ireland
- Monique Hunter – Participate in the American Psychological Association's Leadership Institute for Women and Psychology (LIWP) Signature Program
- Benson Ku – Present his research at the Society of Biological Psychiatry
- Laura Loucks – Training and Certification in the Gottman Methods for Couples Therapy
- Mansi Mehta – Attainment of the Unified Protocol Level III Trainer Certification

- Ellie Santy – Participation at the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry Annual Meeting
- Joseph Vinson – Receive the training to complete the Foundations of Existential-Humanistic Practice Certificate

Michael Morrier has been appointed to the Editorial Board of Infant and Child Development.

Sanne van Rooij will be co-hosting the Scientific Research Symposium at the ADAA 2023 Meeting in April. The topic will be Precision Medicine and Device-Based Treatments for Depression.

Education

Jeffrey Rakofski was the recipient of the 2022-23 American Psychiatric Association Irma Bland Teaching Award.

Presentations

Negar Fani gave the following talks recently: (1) Laureate Institute for Brain Research, Diversity Seminar Series, “Putative Neurobiological Mechanisms of Race-related Trauma: Pathways of Vulnerability and Strategies for Resilience.” January 24, 2023. (2) Columbia University, T32 Seminar Series, The intersection of attention, emotion, and racial trauma. Using a decade of research to inform meaningful trauma interventions and strategies for progress.” January 31, 2023. (3) Stanford VA Postdoctoral Research Fellows Seminar Series, “Lessons learned on studying the intersection of racial trauma and PTSD.” February 7, 2023.

Justin Palanci and Keith would presented at the Georgia Psychiatric Physician Association’s Winter Meeting on “Racial disparities in the assessment and treatment of persons experiencing psychosis.”

Media

Negar Fani (1) Washington Post – [Racism takes a toll on the brain, research shows](#).

ADJUNCT KUDOS

Mark Ackerman will present at the 38th Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology on the topic “Differential Diagnosis in Assessment of Malingered vs. Substantiated PTSD Symptomatology within the Context of Personal Injury Psychological Evaluations.”

The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) released its latest update of the Standards of Care to Version 8 on September 15, 2022. The 260-page document has 18 chapters. It is the culmination of five years of work, delayed by the pandemic, of over 120 healthcare professionals and experts from around the globe. The WPATH Standards of Care are used by many government agencies, institutions, schools, legal settings, insurance companies and healthcare professionals to guide the care and treatment of transgender/gender diverse adults and young people around the world. Ren Massey was a committee member selected to contribute to two chapters: Adolescents and Institutional Environments.

Beverly Stoute presented at the 2023 Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association’s Winter CME Meeting on the topic of “How Our Mind Becomes Racialized: Lessons from the Therapeutic Encounter.”

TRAINEE KUDOS

The Chief Residents for 2023-2024:

- Zachary Bosshardt, MD - Chief Resident, Emory University Hospital
- Chaewon Im, MD, and Brandon Sims, MD - Co-Chief Residents, Grady Memorial Hospital
- JJ Reitz, MD, and Tyler Vanderhoof, MD – Co-Chief Residents, Atlanta VA Medical Center
- Nicholas Thompson, MD, MPH, and Justin Trop, MD, MSc - Co-Chief Residents Outpatient Psychotherapy and Psychopharmacology Clinic, Emory
- Sumeet Sharma, MD, PhD - Chief Resident, Research Track
- Alejandra Grullon, MD, and Nicholas Thompson, MD, MPH - Co-Chief Residents, DEI

Catherine Bennett won the inaugural Southern Society of General Internal Medicine Teaching Competition.

Abby Clark is presenting a poster entitled “A quiet culprit: A case of SILENT syndrome” related to the syndrome of lithium effectuated neurotoxicity at the Society of General Internal Medicine.

Courtland Hyatt was accepted into the Class of 2023 at the Career Development Institute for early career researchers, co-sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh and Stanford University. This is a fully-funded travel and training opportunity to receive intensive mentorship on how to be successful in collaboration, grantsmanship, networking, etc. in academic psychiatry departments.

Hyatt CS, Halvorson MA, & Campbell SB. (2023). A daily diary study of the romantic partner relationship dynamics associated with anger and other PTSD symptoms. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, manuscript in press.

Owens MM, Hyatt CS, Xu H, Thompson MF, Miller JD, Lynam DR, MacKillop J, Gray JC. (in press). Test-retest reliability of the neuroanatomical correlates of impulsive personality traits in the ABCD study. *Journal of Psychopathology and Clinical Science*.

Cristina Pritchett is the recipient of the prestigious American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry Member-In-Training Research Award.

Nick Thompson received the Fellowship to provide funds to take the CBCT Teacher Training Course. It is an advanced training and focuses on how to help others learn about and practice CBCT. This training would give him the proficiency and skills he would need to be able to administer CBCT with patients and potentially apply CBCT in research settings.

Justin Trop received the award to support participation in the ongoing, multi-departmental exchange that Emory has with Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He plans to build on previous resident involvement and teach in inpatient and outpatient settings on a variety of topics