Annual Dewitt C. Alfred, Jr., MD

PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences hosted its Annual Dewitt C. Alfred, Jr., MD Psychiatric Research Symposium under the leadership of Dr. Kisha Holden and Dr. Brian McGregor, co-chairs of the planning committee. The event took place in the President’s Board Room of the national Center for Primary Care building on Wednesday April 20, 2016. This symposium is held in honor of Dewitt C. Alfred, Jr., MD, the founding Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Morehouse School of Medicine and Venessa L. Tatum, MD, a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Morehouse School of Medicine. The event had about 30 participants this year. The keynote speaker, D. Parinda Khatri, PhD, Chief clinical Officer, Cherokee Health Systems enlightened the audience as she lectured on Achieving Population Health through Integration: Blending Behavioral Health and Primary Care for Wellness, Prevention, and Intervention. Dr. Dominic H. Mack, MD, MBA, Associated Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Director, National Center for Primary Care, lectured on The Role of Health Information Technology in Integrated Care. The Guest Speaker Ms. Christine Beatty, MSW, Strategist/Inspirational Speaker captivated the audience with her personal experiences and brought to fruition the reality of mental illness in our homes and on our jobs with her lecture Reclaim, Restore, Recover. We ended the day with our three residents’ (Dr. Sanjeev Rally, Dr. Swathi Krishna, and Dr. Vipan Kumar) research presentations that tied into this year’s theme, “Integrated Care: Getting to Outcomes.”

Stay Tuned for 2017 Psychiatric Research Symposium!
Funding to Support Behavioral Health Capacity Expansion Needs on HBCU Campuses!

By Joan Trent

The HBCU-Center for Excellence is pleased to announce that Morehouse School of Medicine has received a Notice of Award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to continue as the Historically Black Colleges and Universities-Center for Excellence (HBCU-CFE) in Behavioral Health. We look forward to working with all Historically Black Colleges and Universities to promote student behavioral health, workforce development and student retention. The HBCU-CFE will again support a Behavioral Health Capacity Expansion Sub-Award program. The purpose of this program is to promote opportunities for HBCU institutions to foster behavioral health careers through internships; to expand knowledge of culturally appropriate, evidence-based and emerging best practices; to expand screening and referral services for students at risk for behavioral health disorders; and to support educational activities around behavioral health and prevention strategies.

For questions please contact Dollmesha Greene, Program Manager dgreene@msm.edu or call toll-free 1-866-988-4228.
Medical Education is proud to announce that beginning July 2016 they will now have 3rd year psychiatry clerkship rotations at the Atlanta, VA Medical Center at Fort McPherson.

♦ Dr. Roohi Abubaker M.D. Psychiatrist, FTM Campus Atlanta VA Medical Center where she serves as the Adjunct Faculty

♦ Dr. Sheril Kalarithara M.D. Psychiatrist, COE-Women’s center Excellence Fort McPherson.

♦ Dr. Abubaker gives the students one 30-minute lectures on a topic of their choice once during their rotation.

The students spend 3 weeks at the VA Fort McPherson. During this time students shadow a psychiatrist or resident and are given the opportunity to interview the patients for 15 minutes and then come up with a treatment plan and present it to the attending. The objective is to get them ready for the OSCE Objective Structured Exam.
RTP UPDATE

Resident Rising
With a lot of hard work and perseverance everything is possible. Congratulations residents on successfully completing another year in the MSM RTP.

PGY-II RESIDENTS
Kevin Simon, MD
Christopher Hoffman, MD
Otega Edukuye, MD
Rashad Smith, MD

PGY-III RESIDENTS
VIPAN Kumar, MD
Brittnie Fowler, MD
Simran Brar, MD

PGY-IV RESIDENTS
Chief Jordan Howard, MD
Chief Kanaka Meyyazhagan, MD
Swathi Krishna, MD

Congratulations and Farewell:
Sanjeev Rally, MD

RESIDENCY REALITY CLASS OF 2020

The Psychiatry Residency Training Program (RTP) is honored to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. The class of 2020 featured above [L to R: Jay Bhimani, MD, Olasupo Adedapo, MD, Siddharth Shah, MD, Je Ajayi, MD] will be our 26th incoming resident class since the program began in 1991.

MSM’s Department of Psychiatry welcomes the incoming resident class of 2020.
Dr. Bharmal on February 24, 2016 gave a Grand Rounds presentation on “Medicine & Psychiatry: A Global & Cultural Perspective”, which captured aspects of her extensive international travel.

Dr. Bonhomme on January 8, 2016 participated as an invited speaker at the White House Dialogue on Men’s Health.

Dr. Cosby received the faculty member of the year award in 2016 and was the featured faculty member in the Grady newsletter for the month of August 2016.

Dr. Garrison is providing clinical service at Grady in the Cancer Unit and is serving on MSM’s wellness committee.

Dr. Gaston, Vice Chief of Service at Grady is now serving on the Quality Enhancement Committee, he continues to serve as Chair for Grand Rounds.

Dr. Sarah Herbert received the 2016 Barbara Gittings Award which was presented to a woman who demonstrated exceptional leadership and advocacy for LGBT issues on May 16, 2016 at the APA Annual Conference.

**Staff Welcome: Michele Baskett, Latrice Dyer, and LaToya Daniels**

Dr. Herrington was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry effective July 1, 2016.

Dr. Holden has been recognized for her outstanding career achievements and demonstrated leadership potential, the American Psychological Association (APA) and will participate in its 2016-2017 Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP).

Dr. Kalarithara is expanding her teaching role with students and residents and has been appointed as a Clinical Skills Scholar in the Department of Psychiatry.

Dr. Mattox was inducted as a “Distinguished Life Fellow” at the APA 60th Convocation of Fellows during the Annual Conference in Atlanta May, 2016.

Dr. McGregor has been appointed to the Fulton County Pre-arrest Diversion Design Team.

Dr. Seidu has completed sub-specialty board certification in Sleep Medicine.

Dr. Smith was a featured speaker on the topic of mental health for Health Currents, AIB TV series sponsored by SHLI.

Dr. Vickerson continues to provide community education on V-103 studios for Hip Hop Doc Week through Grady Health System.

Dr. Vickerson had such rave reviews the year before that he was requested by the station to interview again.

Dr. Vinson this year was voted by students to receive the Community Preceptor Award by the Morehouse School of Medicine, she has also recently started a new child and adolescent psychiatry clinic at Families First for our PGY 2 residents.

Dr. Wrenn was inducted as a “Fellow” at the APA 60th Convocation of Fellows in Atlanta on May 16, 2016. Dr. Wrenn was also promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry effective July 1, 2016.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOU

Congratulations to Dr. Eugene Herrington, on receiving the NAADAC (The Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors) Lifetime Achievement Award.

Please submit your comments and contributions to ldaniels@msm.edu. Be sure to include “Newsletter” in the subject line. This newsletter will be published twice annually. All content (i.e. articles, photos, news and announcements) must be received 6 weeks prior to the publish month. Additionally, content is subject to approval and will be included based on space.

Thank you faculty, staff and residents for your newsletter contributions.

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