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MSM Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

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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. John Gaston and co-chairs of the planning committee Dr. Kisha Holden and Dr. Brian McGregor. The event took place in the President’s Board Room of the National Center for Primary Care building on Wednesday April 26, 2017. 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 50 participants this year. The keynote speaker, Yolanda Graham, Medical Director, at Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health in Kennesaw enlightened the audience as she lectured on “Research, Advocacy, Policy: Strategies to Strengthen Behavioral Health for Youth and Families”. The community speaker, Lincoln Woods, Principal, at Tuskegee Airman Global Academy, lectured on “Socioemotional Implications on Student Engagement and Performance within At-Risk Communities”. The faculty speaker Sarah Vinson, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, captivated the audience with her presentation, “Advocacy: An Ethical Responsibility with a Myriad of Avenues”. We ended the day with several of our residents’ presentations:

- “Transgender Health: Assessing Residents and Fellows Medical Knowledge and Personal Comfort When Working With Transgender Patients” by Jordan Howard, MD, PGY-IV Chief Resident and Otega Edukuye, MD, PGY-II Resident.
- “Drawing Depression: A Look at Mental Health Themes in Visual Media” by Swathi Krishna, MD, PGY-IV Resident.
- “Examination of Diverse Internal Medicine Residents Comfort in Prescribing Antidepressants: Implications for Research, Practice, and Training” by Kevin Simon, MD, PGY-II Resident.
- “Crisis Intervention Training for Youth” by Jordan Howard, MD, PGY-IV Chief Resident, Brittnie Fowler, MD, PGY-III Resident, and Christopher Hoffman, MD, PGY-II Resident.



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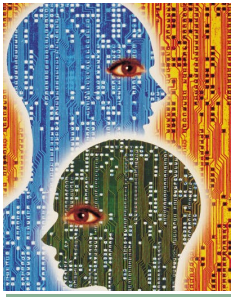
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The Power of Residency



Deirdre Evans Cosby, MD
Residency Program
Director

Our Program Director, Dr. Cosby, continues to make us proud. She just received the **Best MD4 Teacher Award** at the Morehouse School of Medicine Annual Faculty Appreciation Gala. This event which is sponsored by the MSM medical students and took place April 28, 2017 at the Fernbank Museum. So well deserved!

Dr. Deirdre Cosby is also the recipient of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) 2017 Faculty Member of the Year Award!!! She was honored for her outstanding service and dedication to residents, students and the entire GME community at large. In addition, she received the Residency Program’s Faculty Member of the Year award for the second year in a row.



The Power of Residency



RESIDENCY REALITY CLASS OF 2021

Happiness

To share happiness, and to have done something good before leaving this life is sweet. May all being be happy at heart.

BUDDHA



We would like to welcome our new intern class: (in order on the pic from left to right)

Kamille Williams, MD
Yesha Thakkar, DO
Jeala Barnett, MD
Kendra Michel, MD

The Power of Residency

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

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Siddharth Shah, MD

Ola Adedapo-Jimoh, MD

Jay Bhimani, MD

PGY-III RESIDENTS

Kevin Simon, MD

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PGY-IV RESIDENTS

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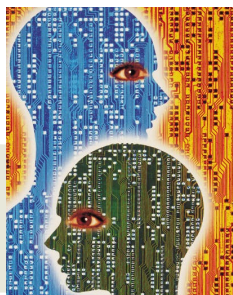
Chief Brittnie Fowler, MD

Chief Simran Brar, MD

Following graduation from residency, Dr. Howard has accepted a full-time position at Lee Arrendale Women's State Prison in Alto, Georgia. He also plans to stay with the department as an adjunct faculty member.

After residency, Dr. Meyyazhagan will begin her fellowship training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio.

Dr. Krishna plans to continue her training through the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at Emory University in November 2017 after she graduates at the beginning of October.



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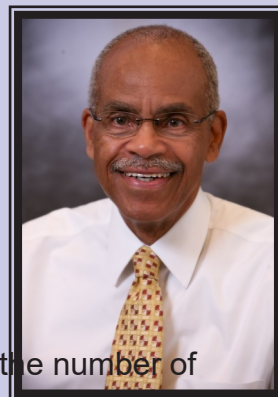
The Power of Medical Education



News from the HBCU-Center for Excellence: A big KUDOS to our own [Eugene Herrington, Ph.D., MSW, M.Div, LCSW](#), for receiving the NAADAC (National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors) Lifetime Achievement Award at their Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN! Dr. Herrington was presented with this prestigious award by NAADAC President, Dr. Kirk Bowden. The award is presented to individuals who have established outstanding services through a lifetime of consistent contributions to the advancement of the addiction professional and its professionals at a national level.

First Year Medical Students:

Had a Medical Student. Jack St. Jean, MS 1, who recently received the APA/APAF Minority Medical Student Summer Mentorship Program award (supported by the APA/APAF SAMHSA funded Minority Fellowship Program). This award allows medical students with an interesting pursuing a career in psychiatry to spend one summer month (May 28th - June 23rd, 2017) shadowing a psychiatrist Jack chose to shadow his mentor, Dr. Farzana Bharmal. His schedule included spending time at Grady Park Place, STAND and The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Buggy works.



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Quentin Smith, MD
Vice Chair for Education
Director - Psychiatry
Clerkship Program

students on each rotation has grown at our 3rd year psychiatry clerkship sites. We have grown from 8-10 students per rotation to 11 to 14 per rotation. With the larger number of students each of or 5 Clerkship sites increased the number of students it can accommodate to meet the growing class size.

3rd Year Clerkship Sites Class expansion:

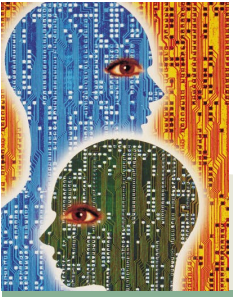
As the Class size continues to increase,

Other Department Highlights

- Ø Dr. Howard received the Resident of the Year Award at GME graduation on June 2, 2017.
- Ø Dr. Kalarithara was recently selected to serve as a Fellow of the American Psychoanalytic Association for 2017-2018.
- Ø Dr. Bharmal recently successfully completed Board Re-certification in Addiction Psychiatry.
- Ø Dr. Holden was elected as the chairperson for the MSM faculty assembly (2017-2018). She was also promoted to the rank of Professor effective July 1, 2017.
- Ø 1st year medical student Jack St. Jean received the APA/APAF Minority Medical Student Summer Mentorship Program Award, Dr. Bharmal will serve as his mentor for the summer.
- Ø Three of our 3rd medical students received an award at the APA's Innovation Lab in San Diego.
- Ø The Department of Psychiatry was well represented at the APA in San Diego through posters, workshops, presentations, networking etc.

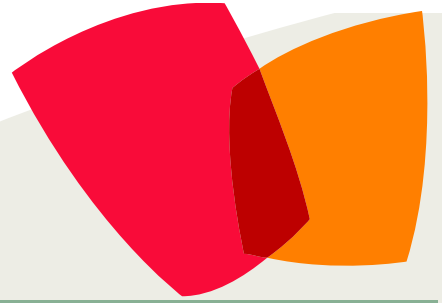


At the October GPPA Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Smith was appointed to serve on the 2017 Nominating Committee, with Dr. Kevin Winders serving as Chair. Congratulations! Look forward to your valuable input in helping to select the 2017-2018 leadership of the GPPA.



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RTP Update

Resident Rising

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Congratulations and Farewell: (L to R)

Swathi Krishna, MD

Kanaka Meyyazhagan, MD

Jordan Howard, MD



Dr. Howard also received one of five “Operation Keepsake Awards “ from the President, this is a loan repayment scholarship for two years based on service to Georgia after graduation.



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Welcome New Faculty Members



Fatima Kasiah, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Morehouse School of Medicine

Dr. Fatima Kasiah was born in Greensboro, N.C. and received her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in Greensboro, NC. She additionally received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Ross University, in Dominica, West Indies. Dr. Kasiah joined Morehouse School of Medicine in 2011 as a resident completed her Residency in General Psychiatry in 2015. This was followed by a Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at The University of Alabama at Birmingham from 2015-2017. Dr. Kasiah served as Chief Resident both at MSM and UAB. Dr. Kasiah is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, she successfully completed Board Certification in September 2015. Help us welcome Dr. Kasiah to the Psychiatry Family.

William Howard Hudson, M.D.

Assistant Professor
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Morehouse School of Medicine



Dr. Hudson was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia. He earned a B.A. in psychology from the University of Virginia and his M.D. from the Medical College of Georgia. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Hudson completed one year of a Pathology residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City before changing career paths and transitioning to Emory University to complete a residency in Psychiatry from 2013-2017 with additional training in psychotherapy via Emory’s psychotherapy track. He served as Emory’s chief resident for Adult Outpatient Psychiatry and is currently a candidate in the Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute. Help us welcome Dr. Hudson to the Psychiatry Family.

Nicole King Cotton, M.D.

Assistant Professor
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Morehouse School of Medicine



Dr. Nicole Cotton is a graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine and received her degree with Cum Laude honors. Dr. Cotton was a volunteer faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at the rank of Adjunct Assistant Professor since July 1, 2015.

Dr. Cotton received her Bachelors of Science degree in Chemistry from Emory University.

Dr. Cotton is licensed in the state of Georgia, she is a Diplomate of American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with sub-specialty board certification in child and adolescent psychiatry.

Dr. Cotton will join the faculty part time as Assistant Professor effective August 7, 2017. She will become full time in January 2018 and will serve as Associate Clerkship Director.

Remembering Dr. Donald Gibson



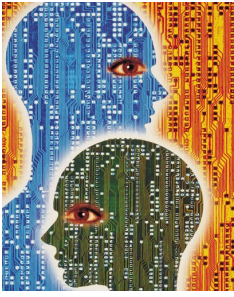
Dr. Donald L. Gibson, MD, was a Psychiatry specialist in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended and graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1975. Having over 42 years of diverse experience, especially in Psychiatry.

Dr. Gibson will be missed, he has been a huge asset to the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences department. Dr. Gibson touched so many lives in a positive way. He was a member of our volunteer faculty for 17 years.

Our very own Dr. Gail Mattox, MD, had the opportunity of being a guest speaker during his memorial services.



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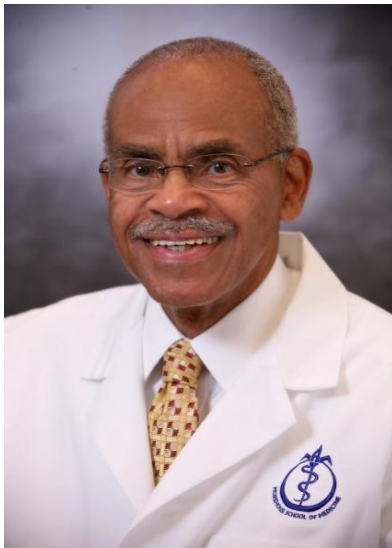


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Faculty and Staff Highlights



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Your exemplary dedication to our highest ideals—knowledge, critical inquiry, and the pursuit of wisdom— is greatly appreciated.

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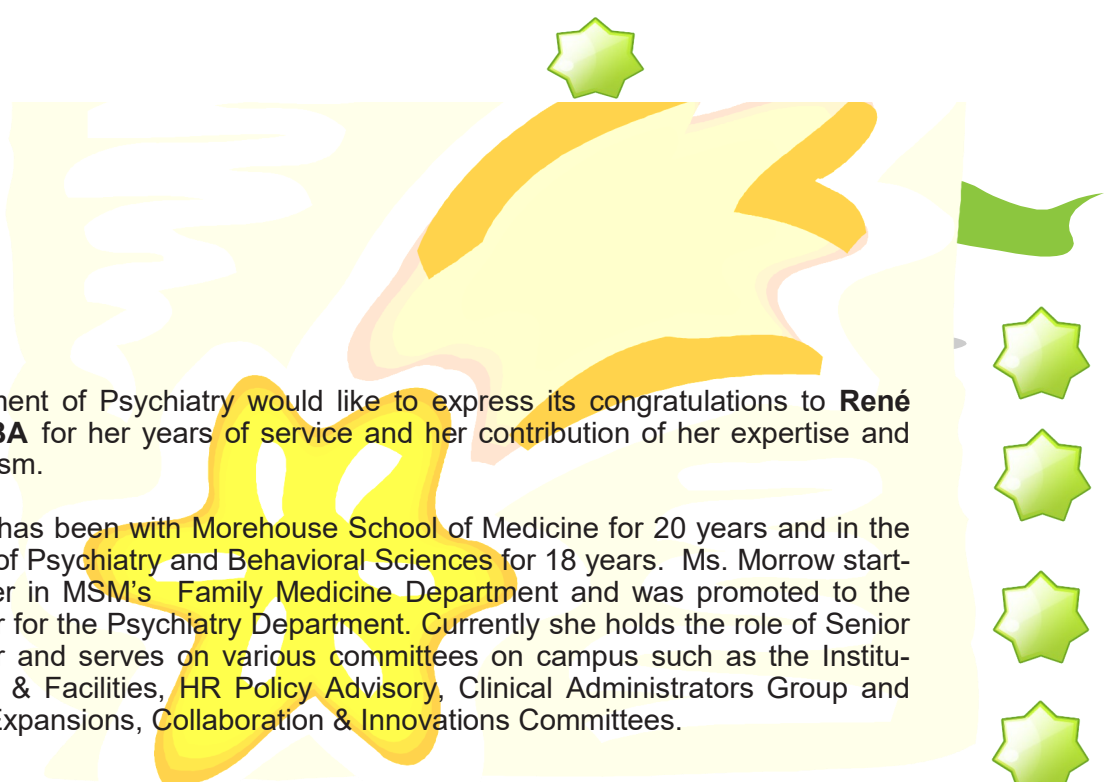
Love of Learning is the Guide of Life

Signed—Frederick M. Lawrence, Secretary/CEO



The Department of Psychiatry would like to express its congratulations to **René Morrow, MBA** for her years of service and her contribution of her expertise and professionalism.

Ms. Morrow has been with Morehouse School of Medicine for 20 years and in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for 18 years. Ms. Morrow started her career in MSM's Family Medicine Department and was promoted to the Administrator for the Psychiatry Department. Currently she holds the role of Senior Administrator and serves on various committees on campus such as the Institutional Space & Facilities, HR Policy Advisory, Clinical Administrators Group and the Clinical Expansions, Collaboration & Innovations Committees.



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BABY ON BOARD!



Baby Girl Zara Krishna
Bhatia
Daughter of Swathi
Krishna, M.D.

New
Additions
to Psychiatry
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of
Women
Residency

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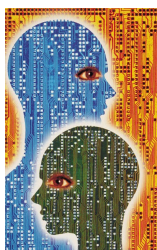
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