

Psychiatry and Health Behavior

HIGHLIGHTS

ACHIEVEMENTS

Academic Year 2009-2010

- Brian Miller, M.D. awarded a \$50,000 grant, jointly funded by Medical College of Georgia, Brain and Behavior Discovery Institute Translational and Clinical Award, 2010, and Immunotherapy Discovery Institute Seed Grant, for the project "Inflammation, The Kynurenine Pathway, and Cognition in Schizophrenia."
- Gareth Fenley has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Georgia chapter of the U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA).
- Sandra Sexson, M.D. chaired AACAP's Spring Institute on Lifelong Learning; Seattle, Washington and gave presentation on "Lifelong learning as a part of Maintenance of Certification."
- Patient satisfaction survey results exceeded high performance for outpatient services and exceeded the target for inpatient services.
- Bernard Davidson, Ph.D. was featured in the article "How to deal with your child's friends you don't like" by Augusta Family Magazine, June 2010.
- Alex Mabe, Ph.D had the following accepted for publication:
 - Mabe, P.A. & Fenley, G. (2010) Project GREAT: Bringing Psychologists into the Revolution of the Recovery Model of Mental Health Care. Presented to the 2010 Joint Conference of Training Councils in Psychology. Orlando, FL.
 - Mabe, P.A., Fenley, G, & Buckley, P. (2010) Patients as practice partners: Catalyzing recovery through collaboration. Presented to the 163rd Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. New Orleans, LA.
- M.J Albright, M.D. received first place in the 2010 Skobba Award research contest, and Erica Smith, M.D. received 2nd place.
- Brian Miller, M.D. awarded a 4,552 Euro grant by the University of Oulu (Finland) for work on his doctoral thesis, "Advanced Paternal Age, Psychosis, and Mortality in the Northern Finland 1966 Birth Cohort."
- Christian Lemmon, Ph.D., along with Rebecca Rogers, Ph.D. from Augusta State University, presented a Continuing Education Workshop, "Eating Disorders: From Diagnosis to Treatment," at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association in Chattanooga, TN in March 2010.
- The geriatric, adult and child and adolescent psychiatric inpatient units were renovated.
- Bernard Davidson, Ph.D. spoke to the MCG SERTOMA CLUB regarding Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).
- Eric Lewkowicz, M.D. presented Grand Rounds at the University of South Carolina entitled, "Bringing ADHD Down to Light Speed" on June 18th, 2009.
- Sandra Sexson, M.D. chaired AACAP's Institute on Lifelong Learning; Honolulu, Hawaii and gave presentation on "Lifelong learning as a part of Maintenance of Certification."
- Gareth Fenley co-authored the official response to DSMV being issued by USPRA (the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association).

- Lara Stepleman, Ph.D. and the Multiple Sclerosis Psychological Services Program were awarded grants from the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation and the Clinton Anderson Hospital Foundation to provide psychological services to those living with MS.
- Brian Miller, M.D. named the 2010 MCG Resident of the Year.
- Bernard Davidson had the following accepted for publication:
 - Saini, A.P. & Davidson, B. (2010). Video Game Addiction As A 21st Century Problem. (Chapter 21). Lessons Learned: Caregivers and Parents Sharing Stories about Adolescence, Eds. C.V. Echols & F.B. Wilson, Kendall Hunt Pub., Dubuque, IA
 - Saini, A. & Davidson, B. (2010). Video Game Addiction: Review of the Literature, Discussion, about Current Treatment Options, and A Case Study Presentation. Grand Rounds presentation at The University of South Carolina, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia, SC. April 16, 2010.
- New contracts for clinical services were established with Transitional Family Services, Lighthouse Residential Treatment Center and the Augusta Judicial Circuit Drug Court Program.
- The Charlie Norwood VA's recovery coordinator, Belinda Walker, has invited Gareth Fenley to serve on the VA Mental Health Consumer Advocacy Council. This is an "opportunity for NAMI, service organizations, VA staff and veteran consumers to learn from each other... to provide input regarding local mental health structures and share information."
- The article, "Development of a Group Educational Intervention for Sexual Functioning and Intimacy Concerns in Patients with MS." by Drs. Wright, Stepleman, Davis, and Hughes was the feature article in the fall issue of the International Journal of MS Care.
- Brian Miller, M.D. one of 10 residents nationally awarded the prestigious Laughlin Fellowship by the American College of Psychiatrists
- Sandra Sexson, M.D. presented at an invited workshop to the AACAP CME Committee on "Multiple Choice Question Writing" April 2010.
- Christian Lemmon, Ph.D. served as a reviewer for journal articles submitted to the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, the Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, and the Scandinavian Journal of Medicine and Science in Sports.
- Bernard Davidson, Ph.D. was featured in an article titled "Military Families and Depression" in the Augusta Chronicle.
- Lara Stepleman, Ph.D. authored the patient and family focused article "Mental health counseling provides tools for improving emotional health" for MS focus, the national magazine of the MS foundation.
- Eric Lewkowiez, M.D. was appointed as the first liaison from the Georgia Council of Child Psychiatry to the Georgia Academy of Pediatrics
- Brian Miller, M.D. published the following 5 scientific papers:
 - Kirkpatrick B, Miller B, Garcia-Rizo C, Fernandez-Egea E, Bernardo M. Is glucose intolerance in antipsychotic-naïve nonaffective psychosis confounded by poor health habits? Schizophrenia Bulletin. In press.
 - Isohanni M, Jääskeläinen E, Tanskanen P, Koivumaa H, Kiviniemi M, Alaräsänen A, Räsänen S, Wahlberg K-E, Haapea M, Juola P, Rannikko I, Penttilä M, Koponen H, Miller B, Miettunen J. Midlife progression in schizophrenia. Psychiatria Fennica. In press

- Miller B, Messias E, Miettunen J, Alaräsänen A, Jarvelin M-R, Koponen H, Rasanen R, Isohanni M, Kirkpatrick B. Meta-analysis of paternal age and schizophrenia risk in the offspring. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*. In press.
- Miller B, Pihlajamaa J, Haukka J, Cannon M, Henriksson M, Hannele H, Huttunen M, Tanskanen A, Londqvist J, Suvisaari J, Kirkpatrick B. Paternal age and mortality in nonaffective psychosis. *Schizophrenia Research*. In press.
- Miller BJ, Alaräsänen A, Miettunen J, Jarvelin MR, Koponen H, Räsänen P, Isohanni M, Kirkpatrick B. Advanced paternal age, suicide, and all-cause mortality in the general population. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*. In press.
- Bernard Davidson, Ph.D. was featured in the article "Riding the Roller Coaster: Tips to help you navigate your changing role as parents" in *Augusta Family Magazine*, Sept. 2009.
- Denise Noseworthy and Gareth Fenley invited to consult on RAISE study (Schooler).
- Dr. Peter Buckley, Dr. Wesley Seabolt, and Gareth Fenley met with Congressmen Patrick Kennedy and John Barrow and local Georgia legislative delegation at Gracewood campus. Project GREAT packets were presented to the congressmen.
- Eric Lewkowiez, M.D. was inducted as a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association at its annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- Brian Miller, M.D. served as a mentor for Nick Culpepper, medical student, who was awarded a Dean's Summer Research Fellowship for the project "Clinical Features of Advanced Paternal Age-Associated Schizophrenia"
- A new Behavioral Health Unit constructed as part of the MCG Emergency Department renovations.
- Positive Impact, Inc of Atlanta and Lara Stepleman, Ph.D. co-authored and were awarded a 5-year SAMHSA grant entitled, "The Georgia HIV Substance Abuse Treatment Engagement Program (HIV-STEP)." She serves as the Augusta site PI.
- Denise Noseworthy has been invited to become a Mental Health First Aid trainer for GMHCN, initial training by National Council for Behavioral Health in Orlando in mid-March, followed by subsequent training responsibilities in Georgia.
- Sandra Sexson, M.D. had the following papers accepted for publication:
 - Juul, D, Schneidman, B, Sexson, et al. Relationship Between Resident-In-Training Examination in Psychiatry and Subsequent Certification Examination Performances. *Academic Psychiatry*. 33:5, September-October 2009.
 - Sexson, SB. *Child Psychiatry: Special Areas of Interest, Adoption and Foster Care*. Section 52.1. Sadock, B. J., V. A. Sadock, et al. (2009). *Kaplan & Sadock's Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry*. 9th edition. Philadelphia, Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
 - Sexson, SB. Directing Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Training for Resident. *Child and Adolescent Clinics of North America*. 19:1, January 2010, 31-46.
- Bernard Davidson, Ph.D. and Anil Saini, M.D. presented the poster "Video Game Addiction as a 21st Century Problem" at the 21st Annual National Youth at Risk Conference in Savannah, GA.
- Brian Miller, M.D. ran the Augusta Half Marathon to raise money and awareness for the Augusta chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.