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## Greetings from the Chair

I'd like to welcome our fabulous new interns, new residents, new fellows, new staff, and new faculty as we start the new fiscal year. Congrats to Sheldon Benjamin for taking the new role as the first vice chair of education, and to Bill Dube whose tenure recommendation has been approved by the Board of Trustees. You will read more about Bill in the August issue. Web pages are being created and revamped—thanks for your efforts to improve our web representation. Strategic planning is being implemented at a steady pace. We are off to a great start!

*Doug*

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## Calendar

**July is Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month**

**Aug 1:** 2nd Annual **Steven Banks Award for Research Mentoring application deadline**

**Aug 5:** **Next department meeting.** See you there!

**Oct 21:** Psychiatry research day

**Nov 5:** Psychology Day

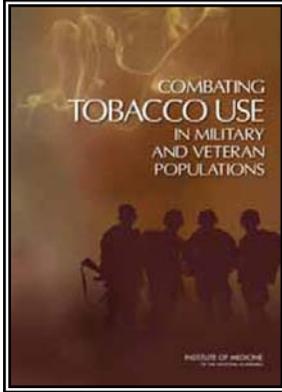
**Mar 1, 2010:** DMH Centers for Excellence Research Conference – UMMS Campus

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## Headlines

**THE MASSACHUSETTS CHILD PSYCHIATRY ACCESS PROJECT (MCPAP)** has received tremendous praise and feedback from colleagues, medical professionals, and compassionate caregivers. "They are doing an amazing job!" is just one of the many positive comments on this essential project. The offering and the quality of the program have been so highly recognized that the school leadership sent a recognition email to the department. The [MCPAP](#) is a system of

regional children's mental health consultation teams designed to help primary care providers (PCPs) meet the needs of children with psychiatric problems.



*IOM report*

**DOUG ZIEDONIS MD MPH** presented to the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, the White House, and Congress in Washington D.C. as a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) committee who wrote the report "**Combating Tobacco Use in Military and Veteran Populations**," Jun. 25. Read the press release [here](#).

**MASSACHUSETTS OXYCONTIN AND HEROIN COMMISSION** held the fifth in a series of hearings regarding the state's growing rate of OxyContin and heroin addiction on the University Campus, Jun. 26. **Douglas Ziedonis** testified that addiction to drugs and alcohol should be treated as a disease, like cancer. Legislators and physicians explained that addiction should get the same attention, support, and treatment options. For more information, read the [article](#) in the Telegram & Gazette.

**SUSAN PHILLIPS and KIM SMITH's design talent discovered by Hollywood.** The producers of the television show "**House**" from Universal Network Television, LLC contacted the UMass Office of Public Affairs and Publications, asking for permission to use the posters they found on one of the pages of psychiatry's Center for Mental Health Services Research website. After acquiring permission from the presenters of the posters, Susan Phillips, who designed some of the posters, (Kim Smith also designed some of the posters) sent 23 of the poster files to the studio's art director. The educational posters might be used as props and set decorations on a House episode that will air **Sep. 21**. While there are no guarantees that the posters will definitely be used, we will be watching with excitement to see if they are. You can view all the posters by visiting the following link: <http://www.umassmed.edu/posters.aspx>.

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## Recognitions

**TONY ROTHSCHILD MD** recently attended the **APA's 2009 Annual Meeting: Golden Gate to Learning**, San Francisco. In the picture, Tony signs a copy of his new book "*Clinical Manual for Diagnosis and Treatment of Psychotic Depression*" published by American Psychiatric Publishing Inc. for Eunice Wong MD of Hong Kong.

**TOM GRISSO PhD** spoke at the Annual **DMH Forensic Conference**, Leominster. More than 200 people from across the state representing the forensic community, court clinics and inpatient services attended the conference. Other than serving on a panel, Tom also presented on the essentials of forensic report writing.

**GERARDO GONZALEZ MD** received a three-year R01 grant on Memantine-enhanced buprenorphine treatment for opioid dependent young adults. Heroin use and non-medical use of prescription opioids among young adults continues to increase. Their study will evaluate if adding memantine to buprenorphine may become an effective alternative short-term intervention for many young adult patients, and change current clinical practice for this population. Congratulations!



Photo courtesy of APA

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## Announcements

### July

**SHELDON BENJAMIN MD** appointed as **Vice Chair for Education**, effective **Jul. 1**. Sheldon is a national leader in psychiatric residency training who has mentored many residency program directors. He will continue as Adult Psychiatry Residency Director but take on a coordinating role among all of our educational programs, including our residencies, fellowships, medical student programs, psychology training programs, and Grand Rounds Committee. Congratulations!

**FELICIA KUO MD's** photo exhibit "**Flights of Fancy, A Photographic Journey**" at the Lamar Souter Library through its Artist in Residence Series, **Jun. 8-Jul. 22**. 100% of the proceeds of the sale of each photograph will support the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

**TRAINING OFFICE PICNIC** to be held at Dr. Sheldon Benjamin's home, **Jul. 12, 3:30-6 p.m.** New residents and fellows will be welcomed at the party. **All faculty, trainees, alumni, and their families are invited.** For more information and directions, click [here](#) or contact Vickie White at [vickie.white@umassmed.edu](mailto:vickie.white@umassmed.edu).

**SHARON INOUYE MD MPH** to present a combined family medicine/psychiatry Grand Rounds on **Hospital Delirium in the Elderly, Jul. 14, noon, Memorial Campus**. This is a great opportunity to support combined departmental efforts and highlight quality improvement opportunities in this key area. Come and learn about Sharon's outstanding work! **Q&A** with the program director of the Hospital Elder Life Program Sharon developed: **1-2 p.m.**

**CONTENT MANAGER/DESIGN FORUM** discussion group to meet first time **Jul. 16, 2-3 p.m.**, location TBD. If you would like to attend or find out how to get involved with this group, please send a note of interest to Sharon Kershaw at [sharon.kershaw@umassmed.edu](mailto:sharon.kershaw@umassmed.edu).

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## Global

**2010-2011 HARKNESS FELLOWSHIPS open to applicants.** The Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice provide a unique opportunity for mid-career professionals to spend up to 12 months in the U.S. conducting a policy-oriented research study, working with leading U.S. health policy experts, and gaining in-depth knowledge of not only the U.S. health care system, but also the health care systems in the fellows' home countries. **Each fellowship provides up to US \$107,000 in support.** If you know someone from Australia, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, or the United Kingdom who might be interested, please send them to this [link](#) for more information. Deadline: **Sep. 15**.

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## Did U Know?

Last month, our newly acquired space at the Biotech One Building was finally complete! This move has been in the works for some time now, between negotiations and then renovations, and at long last on June 12th, Faculty and staff were moved in to their new home. Thanks to everybody for your cooperation and patience. Newly settled in Biotech are groups related to research, including the Career Development and Research Office, the addictions and VA groups,

and CANDI (Child & Adolescent NeuroDevelopment Initiative). The suite is located on the first floor of Biotech One, 365 Plantation street. If you haven't already, please drop in and say hello!

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