

# UMass Psychiatry Connections

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## Greetings from the Chair

How wonderful to connect with you as the commencement is quickly approaching. This is a time for celebration, a time for hope. We are nearing the end of the budget process for FY10 and I'm happy to report that we are holding strong financially. The department as a whole has submitted **19 NIH stimulus grants**, accounting for 25% of what was submitted by the entire Medical School. We have 19 active academic interest groups (**AIG**) whose members continue to contribute with passion and dedication. We recently launched a **mentoring program** to help staff with professional development. A **content manager/design forum** has just been created to support those who update websites and produce dissemination materials. More growth is anticipated within the department and many new things are happening. Keep up the good work and enjoy the summer!

*Doug*

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## Calendar

June is Professional Wellness Month.

Jun 17: 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Sector Psychiatry Conference

Jul 1: Next department meeting. See you there!

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## Headlines

**PSYCHIATRY RAISED \$4,575 FOR NAMIWALKS BOSTON 2009** for the Minds of America. More than 50 people from the Department participated in the walk at Artesani Park in Brighton, May 31. Contributions from each team are: **FARMHOUSE: \$2070; CMHSR: \$1740; ADMINISTRATION: \$445; CCNI: \$320.**



*Department representatives at the Walk*

Photo courtesy of Lisa Smith

Thanks to all team leaders, walkers, sponsors and supporters for their commitment to raising awareness about mental illness, eradicating "stigma," and raising fund for this worthy cause. A special thank-you goes to **Lisa Smith** and **Carl Fulwiler MD** for organizing and coordinating the effort, and **Sue Phillips** for designing the very beautiful T-shirt.

**EVGENY ROGAEV PhD** recently interviewed by **National Geographic** for his work on the remains of Tsar Nicholas II Romanov's children. Evgeny's research supported the evidence that the two missing children of the last Russian monarchs were executed with their family in 1918, closing a case that has captivated the world for almost a century. The interview is part of a segment on the mystery of Tsar's children. [Click here](#) to read the National Geographic article *Murder of Missing Russian Royals Confirmed*.

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## Recognitions

**JOANNE NICHOLSON PhD** honored as a **NIDRR Mary E. Switzer Distinguished Fellow**, May 13, Washington, D.C. She was also an invited reviewer and contributor to the **National Research Council and Institute of Medicine** of the National Academies report on "Depression in Parents, Parenting, and Children: Opportunities to Improve Identification, Treatment, and Prevention." The report will be released on Jun. 10.

**UMASS RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED AT SAN FRANCISCO APA MEETING** for their participation and contributions. **Stacey Burpee DO MPH** participated as a panelist in two workshops. She also received a plaque commemorating her year as an American Psychiatric Leadership Fellow. **Kristina Deligiannidis MD** presented her research project at the Research Colloquium for Young Investigators. **Yael Dvir MD** was both awarded the Wyeth Fellowship by the Association of Women Psychiatrists (awarded to two residents nationally) and a plaque commemorating her two years as an American Psychiatric Leadership Fellow. **Felicia Kuo MD** co-chaired the workshop "Immigrant Mental Health: Challenges and Considerations." **Shirley Liu MD** co-chaired the workshop "International Disasters: Challenges and Opportunities to Contribute." **Teo Carlo Straun MD** participated as a representative to the APA Committee of Residents and Fellows.

**TOM GRISSEO PhD** to give an address at the annual conference of the **Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health in London**, England, Jun. 12. Tom will talk about developments in mental health services for youth in juvenile justice settings in the U.S. He will continue his journey in **Toledo**, Spain where he will address the annual conference of the Legal and Forensic Psychiatry Section of the **European Psychiatric Association** and **World Psychiatric Association** regarding new developments in forensic assessment methods in psychiatry and psychology, Jun. 17.

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## Announcements

### June

**SHEILA NOONE PhD** to present on **Initiating and Conducting Successful Clinical Trials Part I**, Jun. 10, 1-2:30 p.m., Amphitheater II. Sheila is assistant vice provost for Clinical Research at UMass Worcester. This workshop is being presented by the Career Development and Research Office. Email Paula Nims at [paula.nims@umassmed.edu](mailto:paula.nims@umassmed.edu) for more info.

**BRYAN H. KING MD** to speak at our **Psychiatry Grand Rounds lecture** hosted by the Shriver Center colleagues, **Jun. 11**, 9-10:30 a.m., **Amphitheatre I**. Topic: **Pharmacotherapy in Autism: Time for an Update**. Bryan is professor and vice chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the **University of Washington** and **Seattle Children's Hospital**.

**THE 25TH ANNUAL PUBLIC SECTOR PSYCHIATRY CONFERENCE** to be held **Jun. 17**. This year's theme is **Health & Wellness for Persons with Serious Mental Illness: Challenges & Opportunities**. For more information, click [here](#).

**ELLEN MORE PhD** to speak at **Pioneering Women Physicians Conference, Jun. 24**. This conference is sponsored by the Massachusetts Medical Society and its Committee on Women in Medicine. Ellen will speak on the *Struggles for Equality and Professional Development of Women over the Past 150 Years*. For more information, click [here](#).

**A FREE conference call training “Principles and Practices of Motivational Interviewing”** with MINT Trainer Jonathan Fader to be held **Jun. 24**, noon-1 p.m. This training is recommended for addiction professionals and medical, nursing, and CASAC students. MI is an Evidence-Based Practice used in counseling individuals with substance use disorders (including tobacco dependence). **The call offers FREE CME, CNE, and CASAC/CPS/CPP educational credit hours**. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

**WELCOME THE NEW RESIDENTS AND SEND OFF THE OLD** reception to be held on **Jun. 30**, 5 p.m., Faculty Conference Room (S1-342). All UMass psychiatry residents, fellows and faculty (significant others welcome) are invited. RSVP by Jun. 26 to Vickie White at 6-4087 or [vickie.white@umassmed.edu](mailto:vickie.white@umassmed.edu).

## **July**

**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 1-2 p.m. with the program director of the Hospital Elder Life Program Sharon developed.

## **October**

**PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH DAY** set for **Oct. 21**, Faculty Conference Room (S1-342). More details to come. Mark your calendar.

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## **Attention, Content Managers and Designers!**

Do you work with websites, brochures, flyers or presentations? Have you ever been frustrated with where to go to find help with creation, content, layout, graphics or images? If so, we would like to invite you to join the newly formed **Content Manager/Design Forum** discussion group. Our goal is to help each other trouble shoot, share resources, updates, common practices and advocate as a group to IS for changes or services. If you would like to 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). We would love to hear from you!

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## Did U Know?

Did you know that our chairman Doug is available to talk to groups about the Department's strategic planning? He recognizes the importance of understanding the strategic plan and the challenge of its implementation. A group meeting with him may help you clarify things and better align your plan with the Department's priorities. Please contact Denise Barrett at [Denise.Barrett@umassmemorial.org](mailto:Denise.Barrett@umassmemorial.org) to schedule a group meeting with Doug.

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