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## Calendar

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**April is National Mental Health Month**

**Apr 30: Translational Medicine & Science Retreat: The Next Generation of "From Bench to Bedside"**

**May 5:** Department Meeting Canceled

**Jun 2:** Next department meeting. Noon-1 p.m., Amphitheater 1, University campus. See you there!

**Jun 16:** 26th Annual **Public Sector Psychiatry Conference:** Young Adults in the Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Criminal Justice and Social Welfare Systems in the 21st Century.

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## Headlines



**NANYIN ZHANG PhD's** paper "High-resolution fMRI mapping of ocular dominance layers in cat lateral geniculate nucleus" was published in the May issue of *NeuroImage*. The fMRI map (on the left) in that paper was selected as the cover. [Read the paper.](#)

**FERNANDO DE TORRIJOS TTS, MBSRS** contributes article to *Worcester Business Journal* entitled "**Knowhow: Take It Easy - Tips for relieving stress in the workplace**". [Read the article.](#)

**SHELDON BENJAMIN MD** quoted in March 30 *Washington Post* article, "**Google and Facebook raise new issues for therapists and their clients**". [Read the article.](#)

**AMY WACHHOLTZ PhD, MDiv**, contributes to chapter entitled "Shaking the Blues Away: Energizing practices and the treatment of chronic pain" in new book, *Contemplative Practices in Action: Spirituality, Meditation, and Health*, scheduled to be out in June/July. [More information.](#) Dr. Wachholtz will also participate in presenting segments of this book at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention in San Diego on Aug. 12.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the University of Massachusetts Medical School joined a very special group of places and organizations around the world to splash the medical school's façade with the **Autism Speaks** puzzle-piece logo in bright blue lights as part of the "Light It Up Blue" global effort to heighten awareness of autism.



**KIMBERLY LARSON JD, PhD**, Law and Psychiatry Program, and **JOSEPH MCGILL LICSW**, Child and Family Forensic Center, recently authored the article, "Adolescent Input Into Custody Decisions: Evaluating Decision-Making Capacities" in the [Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice](#),

**LINDA CAVALLERO PhD** contributes "UMASS Family Court Clinic Brief, Focused Assessment Model" to Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' (AFCC) "[Innovations in Court Services](#)".

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## Recognitions

**"Implementing a Youth and Family Center Model to Decrease Juvenile Justice Involvement: From "Front Porch" to "Back Yard"** symposium presented at the 23rd Annual Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference in Tampa, FL, Mar. 8. The Central Massachusetts Communities of Care Youth and Family Center Models presented were: *A Public Health Approach to Juvenile Justice Diversion* by **Anthony Irsfeld PhD**, *Expanding the Role of Family Members in the Provision of Care* by **Toni DuBrino MA**, **Migdalia Velez**, and **Ana Perez**, and *Youth and Family Outcomes and Satisfaction* by **Melodie Wenz-Gross PhD**, who also chaired the symposium.



**THOMAS GRISSO PhD** recently received the **Beth Clark Distinguished Service Contribution Award** from the American Academy of Forensic Psychology at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in Vancouver, Canada.

American Psychiatric Association (APA) Travel Scholarship for Minority Medical Students awarded to first year medical student (class of 2013), **David Wang**. The scholarship supports medical students interested in psychiatry to attend

either the APA annual meeting in May or the Institute on Psychiatric Services (IPS) meeting in October. This program is a terrific way for medical students to witness organized psychiatry at work and to learn more about the field.

The workshop proposal submitted by **Peter Metz MD** on the Use of the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) and the Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument (ECSII) in Systems of Care has been accepted for presentation at the upcoming July national conference meeting of the System of Care Training Institutes sponsored by Georgetown University. Dr. Metz has also been invited to be the presenter at a special session on Roles for the Child Psychiatrist in Systems of Care.

Congratulations to **Caroline McGrath RN, MS** and our esteemed colleagues in the Department of Mental Health who have received a Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) award for their success in achieving and sustaining restraint reduction in each of their statewide programs. Special thanks to DMH Commissioner Barbara Leadholm, DMH, Assistant

Commissioner Joan Mikula, and DMH Director of Program Management, Janice Lebel for their leadership and unwavering support for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

The MPS has awarded **Jeffrey Geller MD, MPH** the **2010 Outstanding Psychiatrist Award** for his work with Public Sector Psychiatry. Congratulations!

The ECT team of **Tatyana Shteinlukht MD, Sharon O'Connor, RN and Kerrie Latino, MHW**, was nominated for the **2010 Schwartz Compassionate Caregiver Award**. This award honors Massachusetts caregivers who display extraordinary compassion in caring for patients and their families.

**NANCY BYATT DO, MBA** has been accepted to attend the **Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar** to be held July 10-13 in Washington, DC. The seminar's goal is to provide women at the assistant professor or instructor level an introduction to the knowledge and skills needed to follow the path to leadership in academic medicine.

Psychiatry has been well-represented in this year's UMMHC's **Champions of Excellence** employee recognition nominations! Nominated for awards are: **Pat Barkey, Tatyana Shteinlukht MD, John Njenga, Michelle Mullaney, Dennis Callahan, the MCPAP Team, and the Tobacco Consult Team..**

**DAVID COCHRAN MD** was awarded a **Janssen Resident Psychiatric Research Scholar** and will attend the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting being held in New Orleans in May. Congratulations!

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## Announcements

### April

The April **department meeting minutes** are now [online](#) in PDF format.

Check out the latest issue of [UMASS Transitions Spring Newsletter!](#)

The Department of Medicine and the Department of Psychiatry will co-sponsor the first annual UMass Translational Medicine & Science Retreat—**Translational Medicine & Science Retreat: The Next Generation of “From Bench to Bedside,” on April 30th**. The retreat focuses on the collaboration between basic scientists and clinicians in developing new patient care therapies, emphasizing the current work of faculty members. ALL UMMS and UMMHC faculty, residents, fellows and post-docs were invited and encouraged to submit posters for the event. Clinical and basic science faculty were also invited to participate in panel discussions. Free of charge but [registration](#) is required.

### May



Please join team UMASS Psychiatry for Boston's **NAMIWalks 2010**. The walk takes place on the morning of Saturday, **May 15th**, starting at Artesani Park, Brighton (Boston). Check-in is at 9am, start time at 11am. Sign up [here](#) to participate or sponsor a walker!

## **June**

26th Annual **Public Sector Psychiatry Conference**: Young Adults in the Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Criminal Justice and Social Welfare Systems in the 21st Century. **Jun. 16, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Amphitheater 3, University campus. [More information](#).

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