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Greetings from the Chair

This month we are sad to say good-bye to a few colleagues but are truly happy for them as they pursue their own career goals. We are also excited to see new staff and faculty joining us. We are now hiring for several administrative positions. I encourage you to talk to Jane CokenRyan if you are interested in learning about these positions. I had the pleasure to welcome a number of outstanding new faculty at the New Faculty Reception last Thursday. This can be another productive year with our continued team effort and fresh energy from new colleagues!

Best,

Doug

Calendar

Feb 19: Chinese New Year Celebration, LRB Blais Pavilion, 5-11 p.m.

Mar 1: DMH Centers for Excellence Research Conference – University campus

Mar 3: Next department meeting. Noon-1 p.m., Amphitheater 1, University campus. See you there!

Apr 10: Healthy Minds across America, a National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) forum. Faculty Conference Room, University campus. 1-4 p.m. Featuring our own faculty, Drs. Anthony J. Rothschild, Curtis Deutsch, and Alexis Henry. Free and open to the public.

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. Amphitheater 3, University campus. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Headlines



The 4th Annual Central Massachusetts Regional Brain Bee Competition was held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Medical School. Fifty-three students from nine schools competed for the Andrew Sheridan Young Neuroscientist award. [Read details](#) and see photos from the event.

Recognitions

NEW FACULTY RECEPTION successfully held Feb. 11 to officially welcome new faculty to the Department, thanks to the Career Development and Research Office. These faculty were hired since the end of 2008. The reception gave them an opportunity to meet and network with other new colleagues. Each of them was introduced by respective center and division leaders and also talked briefly about their own work in the Department. Dr. Ziedonis and Dr. Terence Flotte, dean of the School of Medicine and provost & executive deputy chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS), also extended their warm welcome.

NEGAR BEHESHTI, MD, director of child psychiatry consultation-liaison service at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, contributes to [Telegram & Gazette](#) article regarding concerns that children may have after natural disasters such as the Haitian earthquake.

DEPRESSION SPECIALTY CLINIC opening featured in February [News & Views](#).

ANTHONY J. ROTHSCILD MD, editor of new book *The Evidence-Based Guide to Antipsychotic Medications* published by American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc. [Check it out!](#)

Announcements

February

A **CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** will be held on **Feb. 19**, in the **LRB Blais Pavilion**, beginning at 5 p.m. There will be dinner, performances, and dancing.

March

The DMH Research Agenda: PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION, WELLNESS & SELF CARE will be held on Monday, Mar. 1, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m., at UMMS Faculty Conference Room. This is the 2010 Massachusetts Department of Mental Health's Research Centers of Excellence conference.

The LATIN AMERICAN HEALTH ALLIANCE will host a fundraiser to mark the one-year anniversary of the opening of the **Hector Reyes House** (the first Latino substance abuse treatment facility in Central Massachusetts) on **Mar. 26**, 7:30-10 a.m., at Assumption College. They will be honoring **John O'Brien**, CEO of UMass Memorial Health Care, for the outstanding work that he has done to support the Hector Reyes House during the past year. For ticket (\$25), contact [Dr. Mattie Castiel](#): 508-269-2428.

People

We are pleased to announce that **RYAN COFFMAN MPH, CHES, TTS** has joined the Department. As the new full-time tobacco treatment specialist, he will work in the UMass Tobacco Consultation Service and our Department. Ryan will work with Fernando de Torrijos and Greg Seward, seeing patients at three major campuses, the PTC, and the OPD as part of the new outpatient tobacco dependence program. He has much experience including facilitating smoking cessation classes and supporting groups for various populations in clinical settings, education of staff, as well as tobacco conference and community outreach planning and delivery. He has worked in the past for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Holy Cross Hospital Cancer Institute, as well as the Brady Urological Institute in Maryland. Ryan started Feb. 8 and his office is on A-Level of University campus, Room HA-318A.

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