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Calendar

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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.

Jul 7: Next department meeting in the Faculty Conference Room – see you there!

Headlines

Among those who have loved ones with autism, a perception is forming that the current health care system provides inadequate medical care for them. In an interview with *Health Leaders* magazine, **Lauren Charlot PhD**, assistant professor of psychiatry, and **William O'Brien MSW**, executive director of the UMass Memorial behavioral health system, explain how autism patients are at a greater risk of misdiagnosis, overmedication and unnecessary inpatient admissions. **Jean Frazier MD**, Vice Chair of Psychiatry, oversees the program. Read the [article](#).

GREGORY SEWARD MSHCA and **RYAN COFFMAN MPH** were guests on the Worcester District Medical Society's cable TV show May 11. They talked about tobacco and treatment options, including those at UMass Memorial. View the video [here](#).

CANDI research lab highlighted in UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center Spring 2010 edition of [Star Chronicle](#). **Jean Frazier MD** quoted: "In partnership with those who participate in our studies, we can advance our knowledge, improve care and offer new hope to families."

"If those hospital's walls could talk ..." Westboro State Hospital's murals, as digital art, will endure facility's closing. Read the recent [article](#) in the *Worcester Telegram* about how **Caroline McGrath RN, MA** was involved with these very special murals and how they came to be.

JOANNE NICHOLSON PhD is quoted in **boston.com** article *Family ties*, "'It's not just an individual who lives with and suffers illness but a family that lives with and suffers illness, whether that illness is breast cancer or diabetes or mental illness.'" Read the full [article](#).

Recognitions

ANTHONY J. ROTHSCCHILD MD delivered a speech at the ceremony for Senior Scholars Day held at UMass Medical School on May 3rd. Dr. Rothschild spoke about his career, how he entered his field of research, his own education and background, and how his research is related to his job here at the hospital. Dr. Rothschild was given a plaque honoring his efforts and achievements.

CAROL BOVA, PhD, RN, ANP and **CAROL JAFFARIAN, MS, RN, ANP** received the Office of Global Health 2009 Travel Grant Award on Jun 2nd for their article, "Exploring the Healthcare Needs of Rural Women in Armenia."

GERI FUHRMANN PsyD, Robert Zibbell, PhD, Tananbaum & Zibbell, P.C., and Amanda Zelechowski, JD, PhD (former psychology intern) presented "Foundations of Child Custody Evaluations" on Jun. 3 at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts annual conference in Denver. AFCC is an interdisciplinary association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of conflict.

MATILDE CASTIEL MD (*pictured center*), Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Executive Director of Latin American Health Alliance of Central Massachusetts, was a recent Katharine F. Erskine Award winner at Mechanics Hall in Worcester for the YWCA Central MA Tribute to Women - Katherine F. Erskine Awards luncheon. The YWCA honors extraordinary women in Central Massachusetts who have reached exemplary levels of achievement in their professions and communities.



CAROLINE MCGRATH RN, MS and the **Transitions** program have been invited to the National Building Bridges Summit in Nebraska in June to be representatives for the Building Bridges Initiative in Massachusetts. Beth and Gary Blau of SAMHSA are the founders and leaders of this initiative.

JOANNE NICHOLSON PhD recently spoke as guest lecturer at the Bruce Woodcock Memorial Lecture 2010 in Melbourne, Australia. Dr Nicholson discussed issues around people with a mental illness and the role that family members play in recovery. Read [more](#) and see photos...

ELLEN DOHERTY RN recently received an Excellence in Public Service Award from Commonwealth Medicine. Ellen has worked with Westboro State Hospital youth for 24 years as a staff and charge nurse.

The following are the **Employee Service Awards** announced at the June department meeting:

UMass Medical School Employees

30 Years

Mary Handley - Comm Med Credentialing & Support Services

UMASS Memorial Psychiatry Employees

30 Years

Patricia Capone – 8 East
Rebecca Kardon – OPD
Margaret O'Brien – PTC
Nancy M. Reed – Psychiatry

25 Years

Maryann Davis – CMHSR
Geri Fuhrman – CFFS
John Iwuc – Adolescent Unit

15 Years

Margarida Asaro – Adolescent Unit
Terry Benson – Adolescent Unit
Al Grudzinskas – CMHSR
Jesus Ozuna – IRTP
Christine Senechal – BIRT
Patricia Stanton – Adolescent Unit

10 Years

Robert Bass - Shriver
Curtis Deutsch - Shriver
Bill Dube - Shriver
Peter Fallah - IRTP
Paul Gardner - BNRI
Charles Hamad - Shriver
Richard Kowaleski – Adolescent Unit
Bill McIvane - Shriver
Juan Medina - BIRT
Ken Mitchell – Worcester State Hospital
Deborah Record - BIRT
Richard Serna - Shriver
Chad Tillbrook – Law & Psychiatry

Marilza Tolomeo – Adolescent Unit
Mark Wentworth – Adolescent Unit

25 Years

Mary Jeffers-Terry – Psychiatry Child OPD Clinic
Mary Tisdell – PTC
Gerald Wise – EMH

20 Years

Darlene M. Huscha – Psychiatry
Therese Macinnes – 8 East

15 Years

Michael P. Casello – Psychiatry
Donald Cox – PTC
Nathan S. Keedy – Psychiatry
Nancy Diterlizzi – EMH

10 Years

Collin Asukwo – PTC
John H. Backman, MD. - Psychiatry
Lisa Goss – 8 East
Linda Hart – 8 East
Ann Minns – EMH
Sharon O'Connor – ECT
Daniel O'Donoghue – 8 East
Anastasia L. Rizos, MD – Psychiatry
Jumoke Salami – 8 East
Van R. Silka, MD - Psychiatry
Madeline Spadola – Psychiatry
Anna Wolanin – 8 East

5 Years

Kimberly Abdow – PTC
Cathy Brown – 8 East
Patricia Cappadona – PTC
Roberta Wambach – 8 East
Edward J. Killeen, MD – Psychiatry
Bruce Meltzer, MD – Psychiatry
Brian R Szetela – Psychiatry
Alicia Turcos

Announcements

May



Thank you to all who donated and participated in the recent NAMI walk!

June

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

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...](#)

Parents Apart two-day, five-hour seminars to be held **Jun. 7-8, Jun. 29-Jul. 1, and Jul. 19-20**, 5:30-8 p.m. Each two-day seminar is specifically designed to assist parents in understanding the impact of divorce on children and provide them with the skills and tools necessary to lessen this impact. For more information, please click [here](#).

August

Genesis Club is looking for a few runners and possible sponsors to join Team Genesis at the 38th running of the Falmouth Road Race **Aug. 15**. Team Genesis includes five runners who are genesis members in recovery from mental illness. Anyone interested in joining Team Genesis or sponsoring a runner can contact Kevin Bradley at kbradley@genesiscub.org or at 508-831-0100.

People

New Faculty:

Monika Kolodziej, PhD	05/03/10	UMMS
Amy Harrington, MD	07/16/10	CHL
Angela Camacho-Duran, MD	08/16/10	Great Brook Valley & C/L
Chaya Bhuvaneshwaran, MD	08/29/10	Worcester State Hospital & OPD

Laura Myers - Director of Parent Engagement and Development
Joanne Hartmeyer - Academic Research Administrator
James Jones - intern in the work model program
Sherry Stumpo - Supervisor of Registration & Scheduling for Outpatient Psychiatry

Global

The World Psychiatric Association will hold an International Congress in Beijing, China, from Sep.1 – 5, 2010. A wonderful scientific program has been arranged, including lectures by D. Bhugra, P. Deva, D. Goldberg, O. Gureje, S. Hollins, D. Jeste, F. Lolas, J.J. Lopez-Ibor, M. Maj, M. Musalek, A. Okasha, R. Pynoos, P. Ruiz, S. Saxena, N. Sartorius, K. Stefansson, D. Stewart, R. Tandon, S. Tyano, T. Widiger, and many symposia and workshops. Deadline to register is June 30. [More information...](#)

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