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Greetings from the Chair

March and April are busy months. Please check out the announcements section for some wonderful conference opportunities. Want to catch up on what you missed in the department meetings? The minutes are [online](#) now. I want to thank those who continue to make outstanding contributions, as you can see in the recognitions section. And welcome new colleagues—we are glad you are here!

Best,

Doug

Calendar

(Check the [announcements](#) section for more event info.)

Apr 7: 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

Apr 13: Substance Use Among Youth: Prevention & Treatment

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

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.

Headlines

NEGAR BEHESHTI MD and **ANTHONY ROTHSCILD MD** highlighted in February 2010 issue of UMMG newsletter [Group Talk](#).

AARON LAZARE MD article in February Washington Post, On Faith, regarding Tiger Woods apology: "An ineffective and insincere apology from Tiger Woods." Read the [article](#).

JEAN FRAZIER MD to be a guest, along with Dr. Robin Adair, on the television program, *Physician Focus*. The program is a primary patient education tool of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and reaches some 230 communities across the state. It is also available for viewing online at www.physicianfocus.org and at www.massmed.org/physicianfocus. Dr. Lynda Young of Worcester, VP of the Medical Society, will host the program.

NEGAR BEHESHTI MD interviewed by the *Telegram & Gazette* regarding the effects of bullying on children. [Read the article](#).

Recognitions



SUN KIM PhD, RN, participated in a recent health fair sponsored by the Korean Nurses Association which assisted (mainly) Chinese and Korean participants with blood pressure checks, blood glucose levels, CO reading for smokers, and other health concerns.

CAROLINE FISHER MD, PhD, will be editing an upcoming issue of [The Carlat Psychiatry Report](#). The Report is an eight-page monthly newsletter that provides clinically relevant, unbiased information on psychiatric practice.

ANTHONY ROTHSCCHILD MD and **KRISTINA DELIGIANNIDIS MD** have been selected to participate in the 2010 Career Development Institute (CDI) for Psychiatry, a career enhancement opportunity that provides support around launching and maintaining a career in mental health research. 15-20 participants were chosen nationally to attend the CDI this year.

For the second year in a row the **Tobacco Consultation Service** has been nominated for a UMass Memorial Medical Center Champion of Excellence Award. The ceremony will be held in late April. Last year the team won in the category "For Patient Experience."

The workshop proposal submitted by **Colleen McKay MA, CAGS**, "Incorporating Evidence-based Tobacco Cessation Activities in a Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program: Initial Results and Lessons Learned," has been accepted for presentation at the 2010 NAMI National Convention. The convention will be held in Washington, DC, Jun. 30–Jul. 3.

The workshop proposal submitted by **Felicia Kuo Wong MD**, "The Resident Perspective: Pros and Cons of Cultural and Linguistic Matching Patient to Provider," has been accepted for presentation at the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture's annual conference in Montreal, Quebec, Apr. 29–May 1. Presenting will be Felicia Kuo Wong MD and **Daniel Fallon MD**. They, along with **Sarah Langenfeld MD**, will also present "Cultural and Linguistic Matching Patient to Provider: Pros and Cons" at the APA IPS to be held in Boston Oct. 14-17.

PAUL PLASKY MD has been selected by the American Psychiatric Association and its Corresponding Committee on Graduate Education as a recipient of the Annual Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Residents. This award recognizes his outstanding and sustaining contributions made as a faculty member at UMMS. Winners will be announced at the 2010 APA Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

DEB FIELD MD has been selected by the American Psychiatric Association and its Committee on Medical Student Education as a recipient of the 18th Annual Nancy C.A. Roeske, MD, Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education.

The Lamar Soutter Library Humanities is Medicine Committee has chosen two of **Dr. Felicia Kuo Wong**'s photographs as First Place winners in their contest to select images for their publications, including their website, and possibly on their brochure. They will also display the images in the Student Art Show held in the Library starting Mar. 12.

ERIC SMITH MD, MPH received VA Career Development Award for his research project, "Assessing Medications as Interventions to Prevent Suicide in the VHA."

ERIC KOSINSKI MD selected for a fellowship to attend the ASCP Workshop on Clinical Trials in Psychopharmacology in New York City, Apr. 27-29.

KERRY WILKINS, Psych PG-I, and **RUTHANN RIZZI MD** recently participated in a Medical Student Wellness Conference at Yale University. The panel discussion in which Dr. Rizzi participated was entitled "Managing the Emotional Roller Coaster of Medical School: Ask the Experts," and both helped co-lead break-out groups.

RUTHANN RIZZI MD has accepted a position with the Physician Health Service of the Massachusetts Medical Society. [Physician Health Services](#) is a non-profit corporation founded by the MMS that provides confidential consultation and support to physicians, residents and medical students facing health concerns related to alcoholism, substance abuse, behavioral or mental health issues, and physical illness.

Announcements

March

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.

April

Massachusetts Health Council presents Body Parts Uncovered: Healthcare Above the Neck on **Apr. 8**, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Westin-Waltham Hotel, Waltham, MA. For more information and registration, go [here](#).

Healthy Minds across America, a National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) forum, will be held **Apr. 10**, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Faculty Conference Room, University campus. Featuring our own faculty, Drs. Anthony J. Rothschild, Curtis Deutsch, and Alexis Henry. Free and open to the public. **Space is limited so RSVP today!** For more information visit <http://www.umassmed.edu/Psychiatry/NARSAD.aspx> or click [here](#).

Dr. James Prochaska, University of Rhode Island, will be the keynote speaker at the **Substance Use Among Youth: Prevention & Treatment** continuing education event **Apr. 13**, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Worcester Senior Center. [Registration](#) and more information.

Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry will co-sponsor the first annual UMass Translational Medicine & Science Retreat—**Translational Medicine & Science Retreat: The Next Generation of “From Bench to Bedside,” Apr. 30.** 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 UMMHC faculty, residents, fellows and post-docs are invited and encouraged to submit posters for the event. Clinical and basic science faculty are invited to participate in panel discussions. Free of charge but [registration](#) is required.

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.

People

Christine Bibeault has joined the department as Administrative Assistant at the BNRI. She was previously with Behavioral Medicine.

Elizabeth (Liz) Jacques has joined the department as administrative assistant for Psychology. She will be managing tasks for the WSH/UMMS Clinical Psychology Pre-doctoral Internship, as well as the Psychology Network and the Psychology Steering Committee.

Casey Pabian will be the new postdoc working on a grant with Dr. Ed Boudreaux. Though she will be hired in Ed's department, Casey will also have one day a week of clinical work in the Department of Psychiatry.

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