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Tulane Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Departmental Newsletter



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Message from the Chair

By John W. Thompson, Jr., MD



Tulane University recently announced exciting plans to partner with LCMC Health to bring expanded care to southeast Louisiana. This innovative merger will provide greater healthcare access across the state, an influx of new jobs, and, increased training opportunities for our department's residents.

Most of you have heard this news by now, and I know there has been some anxiety about how everything will fall into place. Please remember that this is a lengthy process--we will have more than enough time to settle all our questions and loose ends before everything moves forward at the new location at East Jefferson General Hospital. This agreement has taken years to come to fruition, and its implementation will not be rushed. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to working with you all as we navigate these changes, and work toward building a stronger future for all. Between this progressive LCMC partnership, the great success of our CALM fundraising event, and everyone's continued hard work, our department is poised to accomplish great things in the coming years. I'm excited to watch it unfold alongside you all.

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Updates

Check out the latest departmental happenings!

Departmental Academic Wins



A team of Tulane authors has had their abstract, titled "Factors in Psychiatric Recidivism - University Medical Center, New Orleans," accepted for the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry's Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA. Authors on this project include **Jessica Epere** (T3), **Marcus Wright** (T3), **Katie Hughes** (T2), **Michael Polchert** (T4), **Dr. Spencer Steadman, M.D.** (PGY-1), **Dr. Leslie Miller, M.D.** (PGY-4), and **Dr. Robert Detrinis, M.D.** (Primary Investigator). You can read the abstract [at this link](#). Congratulations to all!

Leslie R. Miller, MD was accepted for the AACP Annual Symposium, being held in October 2022 in Toronto, Canada. Her topic is titled "Symposium 21.4: Risk Mitigation Strategies in Clinical Case Examples of Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) and Suicidality." This opportunity is expected to be a great chance to promote Tulane Psychiatry. Congratulations, Dr. Miller!

Visiting Italian Psychiatrist Gets ELMHS Tour



Jacopo Santambrogio (second from right, top photo; on right, bottom photo), a psychiatrist from Monza, Italy, visited ELMHS after meeting Dr. Patrick O'Neill at a conference. He is working as a consultant both in rehabilitation and intellectual disability fields, and has nearly finished his Ph.D. program about ID and psychiatric comorbidities. He has also published a book called "Gli Intravisti," ("The Half-Seen Ones: Stories from the Italian Judicial Hospitals") for Palgrave Macmillan. The book contains 18 stories of forensic patients whom Dr. Santambrogio interviewed before the OPGs (historical Italian forensic facilities) closed in 2015.



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Addiction Medicine on Display

The Tulane Addiction Medicine Fellowship program sponsored a table at the 2022 IDAA conference (right), held in Dallas, Texas. As conferences begin to return to in-person programming, our department will once again become a visible presence at such industry events.



Department Faculty Recognized With Tulane Awards

We are pleased to announce that several of our faculty members have been recognized with Tulane University awards.

Stacy Drury, MD, PhD received the 2022 SOM Faculty Recognition Award for Research: Basic Science.

Myo Thwin Myint, MD received the 2022 Faculty Recognition Award for Professionalism and the 2022 Mentorship Award.

Ashley Weiss, DO, MPH received the 2022 Gloria P. Walsh Award for Teaching Excellence by the Tulane Owl Club.

J. Brad McConville, MD was selected Best Attending Physician in Psychiatry by the Tulane Owl Club.

Zakaria Ray, MD was selected as the Best Resident in Psychiatry by the Tulane Owl Club.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department Grants Awarded

We are excited to share information about the grants that members of our department have worked so diligently to secure.

Dr. Ken Roy: HRSA ADM Fellowship Grant awarded. \$607,726.00. The HRSA ADM Fellowship Grant was also submitted for renewal.

Section News From Around The Department

Read on to learn about what's happening across our department--we have lots of great news to share!

Dr. Shelby Buckley published [an article](#) with Dr. D. Clay Kelly in The Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law in September 2022.

Dr. Silai Mirzoy won the 2022 Marcus/Kraft Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Dr. Silai Mirzoy and **Dr. Chad Gremillion** joined Tulane faculty; **Dr. Myrline Belzince** started Forensic Child Psychiatry Fellowship at Tulane; and **Dr. Sarah Hanif** started Tulane General Psychiatry residency program.

We are excited to welcome **Dr. Rachael Stevens** from Tulane School of Medicine and **Dr. Neel Reddy** from Rosalind Franklin University, who joined our Med/Psych Residency program!

Dr. Amber Boutwell, **Dr. Cecilia Webb**, and **Dr. Myrline Rose Belzince** joined the Forensic Fellowship program.

The psychology training program wishes to congratulate **Brittany Hinkle, M.S.**, who has won the prestigious award of being invited to the Child Well-Being Research Network. Brittany is completing her internship in clinical psychology with a focus on infant mental health. Congratulations, Brittany!

Dr. Rachel Hammer, Psychiatry clerkship director, reported that statistics from TUSOM regarding student evaluations of **the Psychiatry clerkship** have been received. We are highly favored—in fact, we are the TOP site/clerkship among all 3rd year clerkships for overall student satisfaction, enjoyment, and a well-balanced learning environment. Many kudos to our faculty and residents who do the lion's share of the work to facilitate this winning environment.

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Our Addiction Medicine Fellowship program has filled our full complement of fellows this year - **Dr. Kathryn Germeraad, Dr. Mohammad Basit, Dr. Chris Patin and Dr. Stephen Milhollin.** We have a new site to experience withdrawal management at Odyssey House of Louisiana, and a new collaborative care experience with Absolute Care on St. Charles Avenue. Other sites have grown in census and training has been robust. We are especially energized by the experience at the Hancock County Family Treatment Court in Bay St. Louis, where we provide addiction medicine care for court participants who have child custody challenges related to substance abuse - usually addiction.

We are excited to announce that **Amy Mikolajewski, Ph.D., and Letia Bailey, LCSW,** are providing mental health treatment for young children in the Tidewater Building. They have two playrooms ready to go and are looking forward to getting started with new referrals! Their focus will be infants and young children up to 8 years of age. They offer Attachment and Bio-behavioral Catch-up, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, and other interventions depending on the needs of families. They accept private pay and insurance. Please let them know if you have questions and/or would like to discuss specific cases. Referrals can be sent directly to Ms. Joycelyn Jordan at jjorda3@tulane.edu.

ICYMI: Dr. Ashley Weiss testified on Youth Mental Health



Click on the laptop above to play the video in a new window.

On November 30, 2022, **Dr. Ashley Weiss** testified at the United States Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee on Children and Families regarding Youth Mental Health, where witnesses discussed a variety of topics discussed, including the need to destigmatize mental health issues and increase health care access, providing pre-kindergarten mental health care services, and training school staff, students and family members to detect the beginning signs of mental illness.

Presentations and Scholarly Activity By Our Faculty, Staff and Trainees

The department is delighted to see the number of presentations that our faculty have given, and the scholarly endeavors they have undertaken. Here, we share and celebrate their commitment to academic achievement.

Please click on a faculty member to be taken to their webpage, which lists their scholarly activity and/or presentations.

PRESENTATIONS

[Chris Buckley](#)
[Rachel Hammer](#)
[Julie Larrieu](#)
[Devi Miron Murphy](#)
[Ken Roy](#)
[George Sayde](#)
[Charles Zeanah](#)

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

[Rachel Hammer](#)
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Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department's Professional Awards

The department would like to extend our congratulations on all the hard work members of our department have put forth to merit these awards.

Dr. J. Christopher Buckley was elected Secretary for the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association (LPMA) Executive Council for 2022-2023 after serving two terms as the Early Career Representative.

Dr. Shelby M. Buckley was selected as Tulane's Resident Deputy Representative for the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association (LPMA) Executive Council for 2022-2023.

Dr. Charles Santos was selected as a 2021-2022 VA Health Professions Trainee of the Year, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System, New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Taylor Terrebonne was selected as one of three nominees for the 2022 Champions of Healthcare Award for the category of Mental Health. The Champions of Healthcare Awards are awarded by University Medical Center of LCMC Health and are sponsored by the Spirit of Charity Foundation. Per UMC, this honor recognizes those who are moving the needle by doing great work to better the health of everyone in the Greater New Orleans region. Nominees were selected from all employees of the UMC system, including the hospital and all associated clinics.

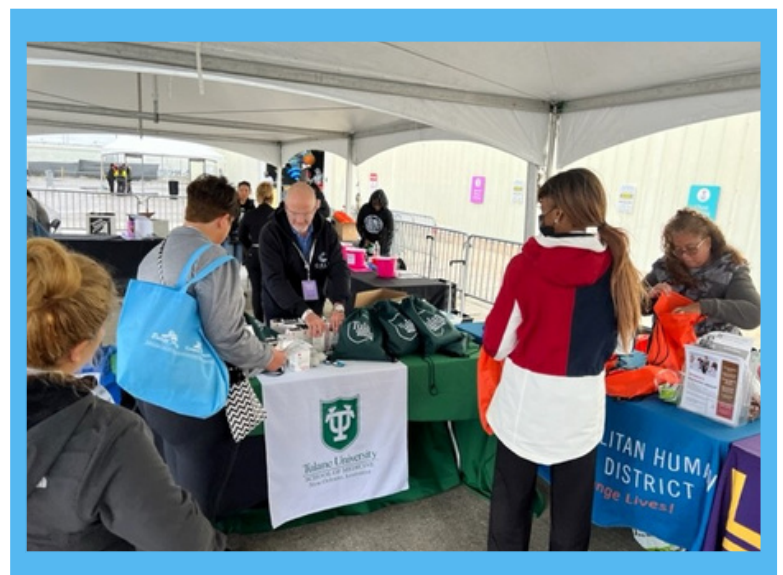
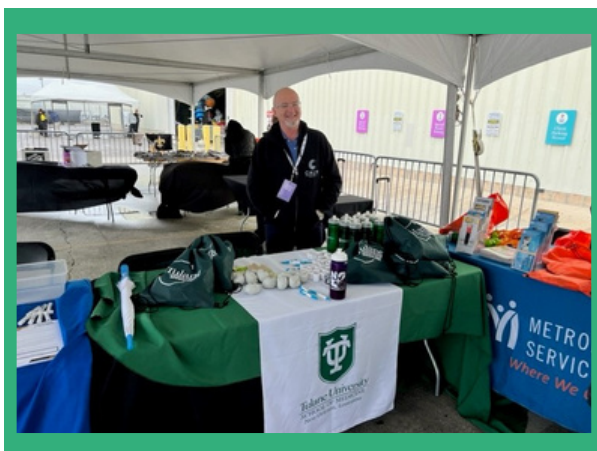
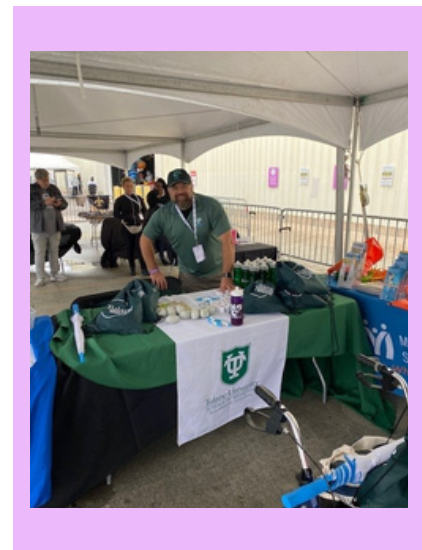
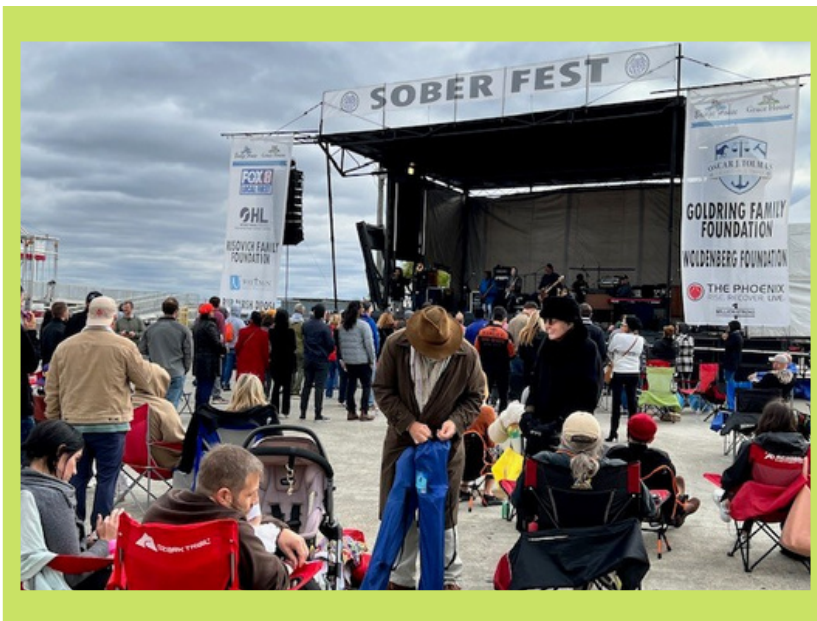
Dr. Charles Zeanah was named to Stanford's List of Top Two Percent of World's Scientists.

Dr. George Sayde received the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP) William Webb Fellowship Award, Recipient; 2022-2023. "This award is given to a select number of outstanding advanced residents and fellows in C-L psychiatry at an early stage in their career."

Dr. Sayde also won the American Academy of Psychodynamic Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis (AAPDPP) Scott Schwartz Award, Recipient; 2023. "This national award is given to a trainee for the best unpublished manuscript / original article."

Inaugural SoberFest provides a new way to celebrate in New Orleans

The inaugural SoberFest took place on November 12, 2022. The free festival featured multiple music acts, food vendors, and non-alcoholic beverages.



Personal News from Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department

We are excited about the good news members of our department have shared with us. Don't forget to submit yours for the next issue!



Taylor Terrebonne, MD shows off her 2022 Champions of Healthcare award for the Mental Health category from UMC. Congratulations, Dr. Terrebonne!



The poster submission abstract for one of our research teams was accepted for the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry Annual Conference in Atlanta. Above, team members from left to right are: **Jessica Epere, Katie Hughes, Leslie Miller, and Marcus Wright.**



Colbear has arrived! **The Zeanah family's** new Doxidor (half Lab, half Dacshund) puppy was adopted on May 14th. Abear is adjusting.



Some of the **Psychiatry staff** got together for a Secret Santa exchange ahead of the winter break.



GETTING IN TOUCH

A questionnaire will be sent out to the entire department at least twice a year to gather information for this newsletter. If you would like to provide information for the next newsletter as it comes up, please contact Lora Ghawaly at lghawaly@tulane.edu.