Jeffrey Bennett, MD, Janice Hill-Jordan, PhD, and Karen Reinke, PhD (UIS), with Rebecca Kelly, RN, received an inaugural grant award from the Caryl Towsley Moy, PhD, Endowed Fund for Collaborative Research. This funding supports research collaborations between SIU SOM and the University of Illinois-Springfield. The researchers will be conducting a study to determine whether EEGs can serve as a predictor of the success of TMS treatments in adults with major depressive disorder. Dr. Reinke is also working with Sarah Shah, MD, on her research project related to stigmatization of the mentally ill.

Obiora Onwuameze, MD, PhD, received a one-year grant from the Memorial Medical Center Foundation for research titled, “Patient-centered outcomes: Perception of treatment vs. public health strategy in management of mental health patients.” Co-investigators on the project include Albert Botchway, PhD; Sanket Dhat, MD; Janice Hill-Jordan, PhD; Yae Rim Lee, MD; and Aghaegbulam Uga, MD.

Malathi Pilla, MD, received the Janssen Academic Research Mentorship (ARM) Program Award for her research project titled, “Trends, cardiac catheterizations, revascularization and inpatient mortality after acute myocardial infarction in patients with mental health disorders.”

Collaboration with UIS Faculty

Karen Reinke, PhD, from the University of Illinois-Springfield, Department of Psychology, has become an adjunct faculty member, and is working on two research projects in our department. Dr. Reinke received her doctorate from the University of Arizona and teaches a variety of courses at UIS and at SIU-Carbondale. Her research interests include cognitive neuroscience, electroencephalography (EEG), functional MRI, learning, attention, and emotions.
Welcome New Faculty!
Hillary LaMontagne, LCPC, CADC, has joined the ranks of our counseling staff. Ms. LaMontagne earned her Master of Arts in Human Development Counseling from the University of Illinois at Springfield. Her career has included working for Memorial Health System for 11 years in various capacities doing both individual and group psychotherapy including the PSR Program and Access Center at the Springfield Mental Health Center, as an inpatient substance abuse counselor for Memorial Hospital, and as an outpatient therapist with Memorial Partial Hospitalization Program and Memorial Counseling Associates. Ms. LaMontagne currently teaches the “Substance Abuse Seminar” and “Human Sexuality Seminar” to residents and “Introduction to Psychotherapy and Human Sexuality” to medical students. She is interested in research related to dual diagnosis, human sexuality, happiness, and ways to improve patient care.

2014 Resident Graduation and Awards

The department held its resident graduation on June 13. Dr. Johnathon Yost graduated from the general residency program, and Dr. Trinadha Pilla graduated from the Medicine/Psychiatry program. Drs. Prawesh Basnet and Subodh Jain completed the Child Fellowship. The following awards were distributed:

- American Psychiatry Association Resident Recognition Award
  Kamna Handa, MD

- 2014 Resident Chi-Square Research Award
  Trinadha Pilla, MD

- 2014 Faculty Chi-Square Research Award
  Obiora Onwuameze, MD

- 2014 Catherine Speedie Memorial Award
  Sanket Dhat, MD

- 2014 Resident of the Year
  Pravesh Deotale, MD

- 2014 Most Growth and Development in Psychotherapy Training Award
  Yae Rim Lee, MD

- 2014 Psychotherapy Mentor Award
  Rev. Richard Chiola, PhD

- 2014 Faculty of the Year Award
  Sandra Vicari, PhD

- Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award for Resident Teaching
  Philip Pan, MD

- 2014 Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award for Clerkship Teaching
  Jeanné Hansen, LCSW

- PRITE 90th Percentile Global Psychiatry Training Director Award
  Abigail Buoy, MD, PGY2
  Richard Chung, MD, PGY3
  Sanket Dhat, MD, PGY2
  Subodh Jain, MD, Child Fellow
  Yae Rim Lee, MD, PGY3
  Trinadha Pilla, MD, PGY5
  Johnathon Yost, MD, PGY4

- PRITE 90th Percentile Global Neurology and Neuroscience Training Director Award
  Abigail Buoy, MD, PGY2
  Sanket Dhat, MD, PGY2
  Subodh Jain, MD, Child Fellow
  Chrystal Joseph, MD, PGY2
  Shreedhar Kulkarni, MD, PGY3
  Yae Rim Lee, MD, PGY3
  Trinadha Pilla, MD, PGY5
  Aghaegbulam Uga, MD, PGY4

Previous Resident Chi-Square Award recipients include:
2013-Lokesh Shahani, MD
2012-Melanie Rylander, MD
2011-Gaurav Jain, MD
2010-Rajeev Kandukuri, MD

Previous Faculty Chi-Square Award recipients:
2013-Pamela Campbell, MD
2012-Jeffrey Bennett, MD
2011-Kristina Dzara, PhD
2010-Chad Noggle, PhD
Previous Catherine Speedie Memorial Award recipients include:
2013 - Sheila Thomas, MD
2012 - Pravesh Basnet, MD
2011 - Lokesh Ramesh Shahnani, MD
2010 - Mir Nadeem Mazhar, MD
2009 - Sarah Maudlin, MD
2008 - Nancy Graves, MD
2007 - Ani Annamalai, MD

Previous Faculty of the Year Award recipients include:
2013 - Ron Kanwischer, LCPC, CADC
2012 - Sandra Vicari, PhD
2011 - Manisha Punwani, MD
2010 - Stephen Robinson, MD
2009 - James Black, MD, PhD
2008 - Jeffrey Bennett, MD
2007 - James Black, MD, PhD
2006 - David Decker, MD
2005 - Philip Pan, MD
2004 - David Resch, MD
2003 - Redentor Galang, MD
2002 - Robert Pary, MD
2001 - Kimberly Espy, PhD
2000 - David Decker, MD

New Faculty!
We welcome Patricia Fank, PsyD, to the department. Dr. Fank received both a doctorate and a master’s degree in clinical psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology with a specialization in health psychology. Her program offered an emphasis on clinical work and training resulting in the completion of three year-long clinical rotations at a state psychiatric hospital, general medical hospital, and cancer wellness center. Additionally, she completed an internship at Loma Linda University/ Medical School in southern California, and a postdoctoral residency at Washington University/ Barnes-Jewish Hospital’s Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis. Dr. Fank completed her research dissertation on the subject of psycho-oncology and quality of life. She remains interested in the topic of psycho-oncology and how it relates to distress, coping, end-of-life, and treatment decisions. Dr. Fank is also interested in combining her clinical work in oncology and fertility to study patient satisfaction with and the utilization of fertility conservation prior to oncology treatment.

Faculty and Staff Accolades

Jeffrey Bennett, MD, was nominated as president-elect for the Illinois Psychiatric Society for the 2014-15 year.

Jan Hill-Jordan, PhD; Nancy Crone, PhD; and Mary Dobbins, MD, won Third Place at the SIU SOM 5th Annual Symposium on Teaching and Learning held in April for their poster, “A structured approach to teaching research methods in journal club.”

Chad Noggle, PhD, has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of psychiatry.

The Community Support Network (CSN) was showcased in the 6.6.14 (Vol. 27 No. 2) issue of the Examiner.
**PSYCHIATRY IN THE NEWS**

Khondakar Hasanat was quoted about mental health and holiday blues in *The Southern Illinoisan*, 1.2.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 1.10.14*).

Jeffrey Bennett was quoted about depression in the *Senior News*, Feb/March/April issue (*School of Medicine Examiner, 2.7.14*).

Jill Koester was quoted about medical issues resulting from the severe winter weather by *The State Journal-Register*, 2.6.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 2.7.14*).

Patricia Fank was quoted about cancer and emotions by WHOW Radio and the Dewitt Daily News.com, 3.11.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 3.21.14*).

Ron Kanwischer was interviewed for an article on men’s health for the Spring 2014 issue of *Aspects*, written by R. Budde & Steve Sandstrom (Vol. 37 No. 2).

Jeffrey Bennett and Trinadha Pilla were quoted in an article about anxiety and depression influencing quality of care by *Medscape*, 4.5.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 4.21.14*).

Jeffrey Bennett was interviewed about SIU’s Telemedicine psychiatry services with Macon County Hospital by WILL radio on 4.11.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 4.21.14*).

Rebecca Loschen was quoted in a news story about teens taking selfies and posting in social media, sometimes resulting in cyber bullying and other problems in *The State Journal-Register*, 5.25.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 6.6.14*), and was quoted about teens and stress on 4.8.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 4.21.14*).

Chad Noggle and Patricia Fank were interviewed by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (5.1.14) for an article regarding cancer and emotions (*School of Medicine Examiner, 5.16.14*).

Stephen Soltys was quoted in an article about hospital geriatric psychiatry services in *The State Journal-Register*, 5.12.14 (*School of Medicine Examiner, 5.16.14*).

We Welcome New Residents!

**Categorical Psychiatry**
Hitekshya Nepal, MD  
Sowmya Puvvada, MD  
Sudhakar Shenoy, MD  
Thripura Thirtala, MD

**Medicine-Psychiatry Program**
Sidharth Chandra, MD  
Ahmer Siddiqui, MD

**Child Division Fellowship Program**
Pravesh Deotale, MD  
Ravi Patel, MD

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Editor: Janice Hill-Jordan, PhD

*Let us know about your scholarly achievements! Please submit research or accolades to be included in Psychiatry Research Today to the editor at jhill2@siumed.edu. We are also seeking guest contributors to write brief summaries about their current research or other activities.*
Publications

Bennett JI, Handa K, Mahajan A, Deotale P. Psychiatry chief resident opinions toward basic and clinical neuroscience training and practice. Acad Psych. 2014 April;38(2):141-144.


New Faculty Member!

We welcome Dana Ingram, MSW, LCSW, CADC, to our counseling staff. Ms. Ingram received her master’s in social work in 1990 from the University of Illinois-Champaign, with an emphasis on mental health. Her career has included working at the Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois (MHCCI), Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center (AMMHC), Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health (LPBH), and Memorial Medical Center (MMC), and in private practice providing individual, couple, family, and group therapies. Ms. Ingram teaches “Couples Therapy” and “Family Therapy” in the general psychiatry residency program. Her areas of interest are geriatrics, depression, anxiety, relationship issues, grief issues, and PTSD.

Conference Presentations


Resident Accolades

Abigail Buoy, MD, won the Best Poster Award at the 2014 Resident Education Retreat. The poster title “Patient perceptions of ketamine treatment for depression”

Shreedhar Kulkarni, MD, was selected as chief resident for 2014-15.

Trinadha Pilla, MD, was nominated to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, USA. The nomination was based on excellence in academic achievement and accomplishments in leadership, professionalism, research, teaching, and service.
Trinadha Pilla, MD, won Third Place in oral presentations at the 24th Annual Trainee Research Symposia (SIU SOM, April 2014).

Trinadha Pilla, MD, was selected as a Clinical Research Poster Finalist for the American College of Physicians (ACP) for 2014. He was also enlisted for the ACP Young Achievers Award.

Trinadha Pilla, MD, won a Certificate of First Place nationally for his research entitled, “Trends, cardiac catheterizations, revascularization and inpatient mortality after acute myocardial infarction in patients with mental health disorders,” from the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin Annual Conference (Austin, June 2014). In addition, Dr. Pilla won a travel award through a national competition to present his research on “Using a poverty simulation experience to promote empathy and understanding of poverty among physicians-in-training.”

Trinadha Pilla, MD, also won First Place for “Designing and implementation of quality analysis and improvement project” from the SIU SOM Department of Internal Medicine.

Malathi Pilla, MD, and Trinadha Pilla, MD, won the 2014 APA/Lilly Resident Research Award for their research, “Trends, cardiac catheterizations, revascularization and inpatient mortality after acute myocardial infarction in patients with mental health disorders.”

Posters


Abstracts


The mission of the SIU School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry is to engage in excellence in psychiatric education and research while providing high quality, effective, state-of-the-art clinical care.

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