

EMORY DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES KUDOS  
JUNE 2023

**REMEMBER**

**Please send me your accomplishments, program/team activities, and personal updates for the July 2023 Kudos**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS**

Upcoming faculty development seminars, which will be held from 9:00-10:30a, [Zoom](#) link:

- Wednesday September 20, 2023 – TBD

**WRITING GROUPS: UPCOMING**

The Writing Group is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 8:00-9:00am. These meetings are on [Zoom](#).

**SPOTLIGHTS**

**ADJUNCT FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Leah Jones, MD**

Leah Jones is a general adult and forensic psychiatrist currently working in private practice at Peachtree Comprehensive Health. She enjoys working with college-age and early-career young adults, and much of her work focuses on issues affecting women's health and well-being. She is a former graduate of the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship at Emory, and does a combination of criminal and civil evaluations as a part of her forensic work.

Leah helps to provide didactic training for the forensic psychiatry fellows, and her work with the program involves teaching landmark cases in mental health law, disability rights and ways to self-evaluate for bias when working with minority populations. She enjoys being able to share the personal stories of the people whose experiences helped to establish precedents for mental health laws, and coming up with ways to make sometimes-daunting legal information feel engaging and welcoming to new learners. She loves being able to work with the forensic fellows as they shape their careers, and being able to contribute to the program that helped to shape her own.

Outside of work, you can find Leah enjoying the great outdoors in national parks, knitting or trying any kind of new craft.

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Brian Hogan**

Brian Hogan manages financial planning and analyst at the Brain Health Center. In particular, he manages the finances for both the Departments of Psychiatry and Orthopedics. He also manages access to the accounting programs, Compass, Emory Business Intelligence and Emory Express.

Brian most enjoys working in an educational setting because it forces everyone to not only teach the latest technology, but we also the need to use it in day-to-day work.

Outside of work, Brian's interests include involvement with charity organizations promoting and protecting children and their families that have been affected by either broken homes, homelessness, discrimination and/or poverty. His chosen affiliations are CHRIS 180, Jerusalem House, Living Room and For the Kid in Us. Brian's favorite past time however is softball. He has been an active member of his softball league for 33 consecutive years, and it is the highlight of his week. He has been inducted into the "Hall of Fame" and shares that distinction with a small group. He has also been on several teams that have been to the "World Series;" which by the way, he will be going again to this year. Some of his other outdoor activities include hiking/camping and water skiing. His favorite hobby is coin collecting, which he has maintained since the age of 10.

Looking to the future, Brian hopes to retire soon and start traveling more and visiting all of his family, which is spread across the US and internationally.

#### **TRAINEE SPOTLIGHT: Haley Mayenkar, MD**

Haley Mayenkar is currently a PGY4 resident within the department, and slated to graduate at the end of this month! She feels so fortunate to have been able to serve as co-chief resident at Grady Memorial Hospital and co-chief resident of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) within the department this year. It was wonderful to have these supervisory roles, cultivate leadership skills and spend time with the interns. Outside of the department, Haley was involved in the Health Equity, Advocacy and Policy (HEAP) track through GME. Additionally, over the past few years, she has served as both wellness and social co-chair of the program and think both initiatives are so important and integral to the residency experience.

There are so many aspects of work Haley enjoys, and this has transformed in time given the vastly different site experiences and contexts in which residents practice over the four years of the program. This year, she has immensely enjoyed having a balance of clinical and admin work. Haley has been able to weave her interest in advocacy and leadership into the residency experience. It has been so much fun spending time with the current intern class and supporting them through a challenging year. She has additionally enjoyed supporting and advocating for DEI measures within the program. Above all, she feels grateful to have learned from so many different individuals in her time in residency—patients, co-residents, mentors. It has made for a significantly enriching residency experience.

Key highlights of Haley's career trajectory, as above, include serving as chief resident (twice) and recently graduating from the GME Health Equity, Advocacy and Policy (HEAP) track. During her time in the track, she was able to attend the Medical Association of Georgia House of Delegates meeting and serve as a delegate herself.

From a career perspective, Haley is planning to stay on as adjunct faculty at Emory and start with traveling work later this year. She could see herself transitioning between various contexts (inpatient, consults, emergency, telehealth, outpatient) over the next several years and hopeful to continue honing clinical skills in these various contexts. Global mental health and remaining involved in advocacy/policy work is a big priority and goal of hers for the future.

Outside of the workplace, Haley enjoys going on long drives (inner roads only) and long runs around Atlanta. She is always excited to try new restaurants and explore new places around the city. She enjoys working out with her personal trainer (a new addition this year!) and recently ran her first half marathon earlier this year. She otherwise likes to binge the latest popular TV series on Netflix/Hulu/HBO Max and read fiction novels with her Kindle Unlimited account. Upon graduating, it is her goal to restart Indian classical dancing.

### **WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **Wellness Resources:**

Healthy Emory is bringing back the [Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less](#) program in September.

Challenges with Healthy Emory are ongoing - the Sharecare app is the platform and incentive dollars are available!

[Operation Eat Right](#) encourages you to improve your nutrition and boost your well-being using Healthy Emory Connect!

Resources from Healthy Emory and a link below to the ACPH.

- [Benefits](#)
- [Rewards](#)
- [Career](#)
- [Learning](#)
- [Wellness](#)
- [Work Life](#)
- [Employee Assistance](#)
- [Employee Assistance – Physician Wellbeing Conference](#)

Healthy Emory resources including the Sharecare platform for Move More, Refresh from Stress and more! Open to University and Healthcare Employees

[Healthy Emory Connect | Emory University | Atlanta GA](#)

Wellbeing and mental health support for Emory University Employees [Faculty Staff Assistance Program](#) and for [Emory Healthcare Employees](#) username EHC (800 327 2251)

Graduate Medical Education Well-being [Resident Well Being | Emory School of Medicine](#)

International Conference on Physician Health (alternates years with American Conference) [International Conference on Physician Health™ | American Medical Association \(ama-assn.org\)](https://www.ama-assn.org)

[Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes Foundation | Dedicated to Protecting the Well-Being of Physicians and Health Care Professionals \(drlornabreen.org\)](https://drlornabreen.org)

Office of Well-Being established for Woodruff Health Sciences  
[Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center establishes Office of Well-Being | Emory University | Atlanta GA](https://www.emory.edu/woodruff/office-of-well-being/)

### **FACULTY KUDOS**

#### **Major Leadership Appointments, Activities and Achievements**

Glen Egan has been appointed as Assistant Professor Emeritus, effective September 30, 2023.

Geoff Goodman was appointed Affiliate Faculty for the Graduate Division of Religion at the James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies, Emory University.

#### **Research**

Boender AJ, Boon M, Albers HE, Eck SR, Fricker BA, Kelly AM, LeDoux JE, Motta SC, Shrestha P, Taylor JH, Trainor BC, Triana-Del Rio R, Young LJ. An AAV-CRISPR/Cas9 strategy for gene editing across divergent rodent species: Targeting neural oxytocin receptors as a proof of concept. *Sci. Adv.* 9, eadf4950 (2023).

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Goodman, G. (in press). A psychodynamic approach to treatment planning with children and adolescents. In M Affee & LL Wonders (Eds.), *Treatment planning for children and families: A guide for mental health professionals*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Goodman G, Blum B, Rentrop C, Malberg N, & Agrawal P. (2023). [The efficacy of two group interventions on mental representations, attachment security, and trauma symptoms in ethnically and socioeconomically minoritized young adolescents in an urban middle school](#). *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20, 5789.

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### **Honors, Awards, Rankings**

Faculty Awards from the 2023 Trainee Graduation:

- General Psychiatry Teaching Awards:
  - PGY-1 Teaching Award – Adam Rudolph
  - PGY-2 Teaching Award – Kevin Gleason
  - PGY-3 Teaching Award – Boadie Dunlop
  - PGY-4 Teaching Award – Rebecca Woo
- Medical Student Resident Teaching Award – Michael McGrath
- Medical Student Resident Teaching Award – Abigail Clark
- Medical Student Faculty Teaching Award – Joseph Mathias
- Medical Student Faculty Teaching Award – Santosh Patel
- OTP Supervisor Award: Clinical Faculty Supervisor Award- Gene Farber
- Miles Crowder Excellence in Teaching Award – Joseph Vinson

Faculty Awards from the 2023 Health Service Psychology Trainee Graduation:

- Dr. Anthony Y. Stringer Award for Excellence in Neuropsychology Teaching – Sabrina Hickie
- Dr. Carol L. Webb Award for Excellence in Teaching at Grady Health System – Glenn Egan
- Richard Morrell Community Service Award – Negar Fani
- Keith A. Wood, PhD, ABPP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award in Psychology – Erica D. Marshall-Lee

Congratulations to the following faculty members who were selected to Atlanta Magazine's 2023 Top Docs:

- Michael Epstein
- Toby Goldsmith
- Adriana Hermida
- Jennifer Holton
- Jeffrey Rakofsky
- Ann Schwartz
- Martha Ward
- Meg Weigel
- Raymond Young

Thank you to Erica Duncan, Gene Farber, Grayson Norquist and Keith Wood for serving a three-year term on the inaugural Clinical Distinctions Committee for the department.

Thank you to the following faculty members who completed their term on the Faculty Development Committee: Mark Burton, Lauren Gensler, Julie Pace (two terms) and Monica Ward.

A big thank you to Adriana Hermida, Vas Michopoulos and DeJuan White for their invaluable service on the Faculty Development Funds Review Committee.

Geoff Goodman received the International Psychoanalytical Association in the Community and the World Award in Education.

Benson Ku (1) received faculty development funds to attend the Causal Inference Workshop offered through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan. (2) Benson was selected as a recipient of this year's Early Career Development Award from the Association for Academic Psychiatry for teaching.

Abigail Lott was invited to serve as a member of the VA Rehabilitation Research & Development Service Merit Review Board of the Behavioral Health and Social Reintegration Subcommittee for a four-year term.

Joe Mathias was awarded Faculty Development funds to attend the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry Conference and co-present a 90-minute workshop titled "Fighting Back Against Addiction: A How-to-Guide on Harm Reduction."

Katie Ragsdale obtained board certification in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology.

Jeffrey Rakofsky led four workshops at the Association of Directors in Medical Student Education in Psychiatry annual conference: "Unprofessional Professionals" with clerkship coordinator, Tamara Wright, "Before You Send Out That Survey: The Nuts and Bolts of Implementing a Medical Student Survey Study," "Grading Fairness: Current and Future Strategies" and "Developing a Powerful Research Question."

Sheila Rauch and Kasra Moazzami were awarded an I3 Nexus Research Grant Award for their work entitled "Cognitive-behavioral therapy and cardiovascular reactivity to stress in coronary artery disease: A psychophysiological approach."

Kandi Schmidt (1) was awarded faculty development funds to attend the American Transplant Congress in San Diego this month and give an oral presentation on her co-authored work with Carissa Balderas and Michael Lucido entitled "The Development of Psychological Services for Lung Transplant Patients." (2) Kandi is also now board certified in clinical health psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology.

Laura Watkins obtained board certification in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology.

### **Presentations**

Goodman G. What have we learned about treating children with high-functioning autism spectrum disorder in psychodynamic therapy? The Catherine Shropshire Hardman Symposium for the Advancement of Clinical Psychoanalysis and Interdisciplinary Scholarship, Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute, Atlanta, GA, 2023

Goodman G, & Dent VF. A story grows in rural Uganda: Studying the effectiveness of the Storytelling/Story-Acting (STSA) psychoanalytically-informed play intervention on Ugandan preschoolers' school readiness skills. International Psychoanalytical Association in the Community and the World in Education Committee, New York, 2023

### **Community**

None reported.

### **Media**

None reported.

### **ADJUNCT FACULTY KUDOS**

Ren Massey, PhD, chaired A-State-of-the-Art Symposium – “Trans\*Kids: Experiences of Transgender children, adolescents and their guardians in a German Healthcare System” at the European Professional Association for Transgender Health (EPATH) in Ireland. He also presented at EPATH with colleagues in a roundtable entitled “A Deeper Dive into the Adolescent Standards of Care 8.”

### **TRAINEE KUDOS**

Trainee Awards from the 2023 Trainee Graduation:

- PRITE Award – Joel Eisenberg
- Resident Recognition Awards
  - Philip Bowers
  - Rachel Gluck
  - Nora Loughry
  - Haley Mayenkar
  - Sora Park
  - Brandon Sims
- Wellborn Fellowship Scholars -
  - Nicholas Thompson
  - Justin Trop

Future Plans for 2023 General Psychiatry Residency Graduates:

- Phillip Bowers – US Airforce Staff Psychiatrist, Travis Air Force Base; Fairfield, CA
- John Deppe – Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine and Attending, Med-Psych Unit, Grady Memorial Hospital; Atlanta, GA

- Joel Eisenberg – Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, Leigh Valley Health Network; Allentown, PA
- Rachel Gluck – Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine; San Francisco, CA
- Paulina Kaiser – Private Practice; Atlanta, GA
- Paul Kim, M.D – Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine and Attending, Psychiatric Emergency Services, Grady Memorial Hospital; Atlanta, GA
- Haley Mayenkar – Inpatient and Emergency Psychiatry, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center; Martinez, CA
- Jonathan Chance Ortego – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship, New York University; New York, NY
- Sora Park – Private Practice; Atlanta, GA
- William Powers – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship, Emory University School of Medicine; Atlanta, GA
- Bradley Rosenkrantz – Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship, Emory University School of Medicine; Atlanta, GA
- Donna Beth Tsai – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship, Emory University School of Medicine; Atlanta, GA

Future Plans for 2023 Internal Medicine-Psychiatry Residency Graduate:

- Nathan Scheiner – Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine and Attending, Med-Psych Unit, Grady Memorial Hospital; Atlanta, GA

Future Plans for 2023 Health Service Psychology Internship Graduates:

- Sophie Arkin – Postdoctoral Residency in Health Service Psychology, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Emory University School of Medicine
- Christina DiBlasio – Adult Neuropsychology & Rehabilitation Psychology, Postdoctoral Residency, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan
- Jasmine S. Dixon – Aging and Alzheimer's Fellowship, Harvard Partners Consortium in Clinical Neuropsychology
- Anna Alban Foulser – Postdoctoral Residency in Health Service Psychology, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Emory University School of Medicine
- Joshua Fox-Fuller – Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology, Michigan Medicine and VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System Clinical Psychology Consortium
- Margaret E. Gigler – Community and Integrated Behavioral Health Fellowship University of New Mexico Health System
- Christyn Hosking – Postdoctoral Residency in Health Service Psychology, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Emory University School of Medicine
- Eric S. Semmel – Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology Mayo Clinic



Future Plans for 2023 Health Service Psychology Postdoctoral Residency Graduates:

- Amber Billingsley – Assistant Professor and Training Clinic Director, University of Kentucky Clinical Psychology PhD Program, Lexington, Kentucky
- April Brown - Anxiety Specialists of Atlanta; Atlanta, Georgia
- Taylor Davidson – Staff Psychologist, Multidisciplinary Feeding Program Marcus Autism Center/Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- Liselotte de Wit – Continue to provide neuropsychological assessments to adults and older adults with a variety of conditions and build and research intervention programs for individuals with neurological conditions
- Kathleen N. Edmier – Assistant Professor, Language and Learning Center  
Marcus Autism Center, Emory University School of Medicine
- Desiree Grace Frain – Postdoctoral Resident, Grady Health System/  
Emory Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
- Abby Hodges – Staff Psychologist, Oliver Behavior Consultants, Denver, Colorado
- Jennifer Hodnett – Clinical Case Manager, Intensive Outpatient Program, Marcus Autism Center/Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- Haley Holm – Clinical Neuropsychologist, LifeStance Health, Columbia, South Carolina
- Becca Huber – Second Year Postdoctoral Resident, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine
- Bryana Gadis Jones – Psychologist, Powers Ferry Psychological Associations,  
Atlanta, Georgia
- Emma Lathan-Powell – Assistant Professor of Psychological Sciences  
Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
- Mary Maddox – Forensic Psychologist, Center Clinic Behavioral Health  
Court Clinic Forensic Services Unit, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Courtney Mauzy – Assistant Professor, SUNY Upstate Medical University in the Golisano Children’s Center, Syracuse, New York
- Jessica Owen – Staff Psychologist, Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis Team and Early Intervention Team, Marcus Autism Center/Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- Saranya Patel – Neuropsychologist, OneRehab, Dallas, Texas
- Ayanna Denese Payne – Forensic Psychologist; Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Nashville, Tennessee
- Lauren Quast – Pediatric Psychologist at an Academic Health Center
- Laura Quintero – Second year postdoctoral resident, Emory Department of Pediatrics, Marcus Autism Center/Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- Alia Rowe – Staff Psychologist, Atlanta VA Health Care System and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

- Gemariah Torda-Valencia Williams – Staff Psychologist, Atlanta VA Health Care System, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Private Practice
- Molly Rose Winston – Second year pediatric neuropsychology postdoctoral resident, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- Shujing Zhang – Staff Psychologist/Adjunct Assistant Professor, Emory Counseling and Psychological Services/Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Lathan E.C, Haynes T, Langhinrichsen-Rohling R.A, Sonu S, & Powers A. (2023). Primary care providers’ knowledge, perceptions, and practice of trauma informed care in a public healthcare setting. *Family and Community Health*.

Cecilia Hinojosa (1) Enhance Science – [Serving my Country Through Science](#).

### **STAFF KUDOS**

Sheryl L. Heron, MD, MPH, FACEP, Associate Dean – Community Engagement, Equity & Inclusion and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, gave a big shout out to Allegra L. El-Sayed, SHRM-CP, for her outstanding efforts assisting the School of Medicine (SOM) with the initial planning of events and logistical support related to coordinating and promoting the SOM’s second-annual Diversity and Inclusion Week. Allegra’s tireless efforts played a pivotal role in fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our campus community.

### **PROGRAM/TEAM KUDOS**

We are adding a new section to the Kudos. We are going to highlight one program/team each month. Please send me information you would like shared about your program or team.

Our first month is from the Mental Health Service Line at the Domiciliary at the Atlanta VA Health Care System.



The Domiciliary team

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the DOM staff came together to recognize the Juneteenth holiday. This time allows for reflection on how our program continues to work together to help reduce health disparities and, improve health equity by providing equitable care in an inclusive environment for our nation’s most vulnerable Veterans. We recognize there is still much work to do, and we continue to pay attention to the unique experiences of marginalized Black Veterans who predominantly enter our program. In every aspect of our work, we continue to provide high quality care because we know that together is how we will make a difference. We would like to encourage our Atlanta VA colleagues to continue to commit to these efforts that can lead to better health outcomes for our minority Veterans.