

## **Boadie W. Dunlop, MD, MSCR**

### **Introduction:**

I am a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. I am the Director or Co-Director of the: 1) Emory Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program, a clinical trials team testing novel compounds and identifying biological and psychological measures for use in personalized medicine; 2) Emory Center for Psychedelics and Spirituality, which is dedicated to understanding how mystical or spiritual experiences can be used to reduce human suffering within a healthcare context; and 3) Emory Adult Outpatient Psychiatry, a clinical service of over 30 physicians and psychologists providing psychotherapeutic treatments and medication management. I also serve as the Medical Director of the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program, which provides intensive outpatient treatment to veterans, reservists, and active-duty men and women suffering from invisible wounds related to their military service.

### **Areas of expertise:**

My primary areas of expertise are in clinical trial design and conduct, psychopharmacology, psychedelics and related compounds, personalized medicine approaches in psychiatry, and pharmacogenetics, as applied to mood disorders, anxiety disorders, and posttraumatic stress disorder. My adjunctive areas of research include neuroimaging and metabolomics.

### **Relevant personal details:**

I completed my psychiatry residency at Emory University in 2001 and have worked for Emory University continuously since then.

### **Approach to mentoring:**

My primary mentoring interest is in supporting physicians to become clinical researchers. Competent clinicians who understand the increasingly complex world of clinical research are a dwindling resource in psychiatry, despite the increasing need to evaluate and apply the wide array of treatments that are available today more effectively. I look to mentor highly motivated individuals who will read extensively, are resilient in the face of challenges, and understand that the paths of scientific discovery are non-linear. For students and residents, I develop mentorship programs of 4-12 months duration involving weekly or more frequent participation in the Mood and Anxiety Program research activities. For faculty, I provide mentorship on longer timeframes, supporting paper and grant writing, and navigation of the promotional path.