REMEMBER
• Please send me your accomplishments and personal updates for the December 2018 Kudos

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS
The next leadership consultation will be on Wednesday February 6 from 9:00am – 10:30am at EP12 1st floor Training Room 2.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS
We have scheduled all of the 2019 seminars so that people can save the dates. These all will be held at EP12.
• January 16, 2019, 9:00-10:30am - Unconscious Bias Training – Following the training, the Faculty Committee on Race, Ethnicity, and Culture will lead a conversation with the participants
• April 3, 2019, 9:00-10:30am - Crafting a Professional Identity
• September 18, 2019, 9:00-10:30am - Erotic Transference and Countertransference
• December 5, 2019, 9:00-10:30am - Harmful Supervision

WRITING GROUPS: UPCOMING
The next writing group is Wednesday December 5 at 8:00-9:00am at EP12.

SPOTLIGHT: Andrea Crowell, MD
Andrea Crowell, MD, is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, where she works in the Adult Outpatient Clinic, Treatment Resistant Depression Clinic and Resident Psychopharmacology Clinic supervising for the OPTP program. She also conducts research projects and sees patients in the DBS for Depression Program, as well as teaches an education grant-funded course for residents and medical students on managing patients who are agitated.

Andrea is an advanced candidate at the Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute on the psychoanalytic psychotherapy track, while serving on EUPI’s curriculum and executive committees. In terms of her job, she most enjoys the flexibility to apply biological and psychodynamic frameworks for integrated care, and being able to teach residents to do the same.

After residency, Andrea did a research fellowship funded in part by the Lilly Research Fellowship Award. She also received an ABPN Innovation in Education Award for her interactive use of actors as standardized patients to teach trainees techniques for managing agitation. Most recently, she has been working on a project using machine learning to analyze video features from patient interviews with funding from the Emory Neuromodulation and Technology Center (ENTICe).
Andrea’s future plans include the continued study of treatment resistant depression and recovery from depression, including analyzing non-verbal gestures and features extracted from video and audio analysis.

In her spare time, Andrea enjoys reading, movies and yoga.

**SPOTLIGHT: Erin Elliott, MD**

Erin Elliott, PhD, ABPP, is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Acting Clinical Director for General Mental Health (GMH) Central Region at the Atlanta VA Health Care System. She is a Team Lead for GMH at the Medical Center, national VA Motivational Interviewing/Motivational Enhancement Training (MI/MET) Master Trainer and Consultant, Co-Chair of the Preventive Ethics Committee, Lead GMH Supervisor for Psychology Training, a co-developer and member of the Diversity Education Committee for Psychology Training, member of the Family/Couples Services Committee, and NAMI liaison. Erin has also served on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Psychological Association as the Committee Chair for Gender and Sexual Diversity and Ethnic Minority Affairs.

Erin enjoys complexity in her day and a dynamic work environment. She greatly appreciates being able to sit with, inspire, and witness growth among her patients, trainees/consultees, and team members. Some of the most rewarding parts of Erin’s work are the opportunities to make emotional connections with others, especially individuals who have related challenges. Although much of her time is focused on administration and training, she continues her clinical work and largely focuses on challenging cases including veterans with severe and persistent mental illness, a history of disruptive behavior, or difficult to engage veterans. She has provided trainings on violence risk assessment and evidenced-based psychotherapies for severe mental illness. She also served on the hospital Disruptive Behavior Committee for eight years.

The VA often reminds Erin of her childhood. She was raised in a large working-class family and lived in both a rural farming community as well as an urban city. The lively atmosphere and frequent demands for quick thinking and effective management at the VA remind her of being the oldest child in a large, blended family and having to work with them to find creative ways to accomplish goals and to work through challenges. Erin’s family has many former (and some current) members in the military, across combat eras. This has particularly fueled her attachment to the VA’s mission.

Some of Erin’s greatest achievements have been in training others. She is a national VA MI/MET trainer of providers and trainers/consultants. She has brought MI/MET trainings to Atlanta VA and Emory, and she was a pioneer in decentralizing MI/MET national trainings to facility-level trainings. Her interest in MI training extends to a community-based research project. In collaboration with leaders of faith-based organizations and some other members of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers, she is the principal investigator for an outreach turned research project.
called, *Creating a Climate for Conversations that Transform: Motivational Interviewing Training for Leaders of Faith-Based Organization in African American Communities.*

Outside of the workplace, Erin lives each day to its fullest while appreciating rare opportunities to rest and relax. Running is Erin’s get-away time. She finds that it helps to ground her, gives her time to reflect, and ensures that she gets some much-appreciated outdoor time. With the help of her mother, aka: Granny Nanny, Erin and her husband Bobby enjoy the fun and, sometimes, chaos of having four young daughters: Gigi (6), Alice (4), Pearl (3), and Lucy (7 months). Erin recently had her first conference with the kids in tow (and Granny Nanny). In addition to CEUs, she gained an entirely new set of juggling skills and is open to continued lessons from those with similar experiences.

Professionally, Erin’s current goals include building team processes and wellness and clinical programming, especially for female veterans and veterans diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness. She is also prioritizing enhancement of cross-clinic and program collaborations to build treatment programming and access. Personally, Erin’s goals include playing her piano more frequently and running a half marathon in every state. She’s finding the running goals easier to accomplish at this point and just completed her 15th state in November.

**WELCOME NEW FACULTY**

**Jeffrey (Jeff) Jaeger, PhD,** is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Jeff received his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Washington, with an emphasis in treating anxiety disorders and complex clinical presentations. He completed a doctoral internship at the University of California–San Diego/San Diego Veterans Affairs Healthcare System and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Durham VA Medical Center. Jeff has previously worked as Associate Director and Senior Staff Psychologist of the Kansas City Center for Anxiety, and as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He has particular interest and expertise in individual and group treatments for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and treatment of complex clinical presentations with Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Jeff will be seeing adults with anxiety, mood and personality disorders in the Adult Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic.

**Laura Jane Miller, MD,** is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Laura trained at Emory for undergraduate, medical school and fellowship for child and adolescent psychiatry. She left only briefly to fast track in adult psychiatry at the Cambridge Health Alliance, where she developed her interest in trauma and therapy, which first found its roots at the Nia project while in medical school. Just as she was leaving Boston for Emory, she learned of the field of infant parent mental health that promises to help heal intergenerational trauma. Upon wrapping up her training in child, Laura felt she still had much she wanted to learn about the first early years of development. Emory offered to support her pursuit of knowledge by attending the UMASS Boston Infant Parent Mental Health Fellowship Program that brings in luminary speakers from the world round. Laura is also taking time each week to help create a clinic focused on ages 0-5.
Alainia Morgan-James, MD, FAPA, recently joined the Emory University School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine in Syracuse, NY. She completed her general psychiatry residency at the University of Maryland/Sheppard Pratt Residency Program. While there she served as chief resident for the Consultation-Liaison and Psychiatric Emergency Services. She then went on to complete a Consultation-Liaison Fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital/National Institute of Mental Health/Washington Hospital Center. After completion of her fellowship, she returned to University of Maryland Medical Center as faculty in the Consultation-Liaison division working as the lead psychiatrist for various solid organ transplant teams. In October 2018, she began working at Grady Memorial Hospital in Psychiatric Emergency Services.

Carly Yasinski, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and a clinical psychologist with the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program and Emory Adult Psychiatry. Dr. Yasinski earned her PhD from the University of Delaware and completed her clinical internship at the Medical College of Georgia and Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center consortium in Augusta, Georgia. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship with the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program. Dr. Yasinski’s clinical interests are in cognitive-behavioral and mindfulness-based approaches to treating PTSD, depression, and anxiety disorders. Her research interests focus on better understanding the process of change during psychotherapy for PTSD and depression, and investigating ways to enhance treatment response for difficult-to-treat patients with these disorders.

THANK YOU TO FACULTY WHO ARE LEAVING
None reported

DIVERSITY CORNER
Diwali – Sanjay Shah, PhD, Adjunct Assistant Professor – Diwali is a major South Asian holiday; it is the Festival of Lights celebrating the deity, Rama, and his conquering of evil. Diwali is also known as Deepawali, getting its name from the rows (avali) of lamps (deepa) lit for Lord Rama when he returned to his people after his victory. It is actually an interfaith holiday as it is celebrated by Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs. People celebrate across the world by lighting candles, watching fireworks, attending cultural shows, and remembering their blessings with loved ones. South Asian associations may organize Diwali melas in their communities. Student run organizations in many universities also organize various events celebrating Diwali on campus. These celebrations have been a major part of my cultural development. More significantly, in my opinion, Diwali is a time to reflect on core values shared by many South Asians including giving and forgiving, unity and tolerance, and discipline and progress. The lights of Diwali that welcomed Lord Rama can also be symbolic of inner peace, illumination, and hope.

WELLNESS CORNER
FACULTY KUDOS

Major Leadership Appointments, Activities and Achievements
None reported

Education
Telsie Davis did a full day of ethics workshops for the Athens Area Psychological Association covering the topics “Sustaining Ethical Practice: Identifying and Protecting Against Unconscious Bias in the Therapy Room” and “Do No More Harm: Common Ethical Considerations in Trauma Treatment.”


Vasiliki Michopoulous presented an Anxiety and Depression Association of America-sponsored webinar titled “First Impressions: How to Develop a Professional CV for Each Stage of your Career.”

Morrier, MJ, Hynes, S, & Rice, CE. Training future BCBAs to provide applied behavior analysis (ABA) in natural environments. Presented at the annual meeting of the Division for Early Childhood, Orlando, FL, 2018 (poster presentation).


Stern T, Schwartz AC, Funk M, Rosenstein D, Gross A. “Rounds in the general hospitals: Revealing the depth and breadth of our field via turning clinical care into publishable manuscripts.” Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (chair, workshop).

Monika Stojek recently taught a seminar on PTSD Diagnosis and Treatment at SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw Poland.

**Research**

Vasiliki Michopoulous is the PI on one of the projects within the recently funded Emory SCORE grant. The goal of Emory SCORE is to advance the quality of women’s health research by leveraging the rich, collaborative and interdisciplinary research environment at Emory University to grow NIH and other extramurally funded research in women’s health, focusing on infectious disease, and normalize the inclusion of gender/sex as a variable in social and biomedical research. Data generated from Vas’ proposal will provide critical information about the influence of estradiol signaling in the inflammation in women living with HIV and identify the effects of trauma and PTSD comorbid with HIV to titrate the most effective treatment approaches for this complex comorbidity.


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Honors, Awards, Rankings
Michelle Casimir was featured in the APA Division 31’s monthly newsletter (page 6), Focusing on 31.

Andrea Crowell has been selected to participate in the 2019 Emory School of Medicine Junior Faculty Development Course.

Kandi Felmet has been selected to participate in the 2019 Emory School of Medicine Junior Faculty Development Course.

David Goldsmith was selected as a recipient of one of the 2019 Society of Biological Psychiatry Domestic Travel Fellowship Awards to its 2019 annual meeting.

Dorian Lamis joined the American College of Surgeons' Injury Prevention and Control Committee.

Ann Schwartz was selected as a member of the Board of Directors for the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP).

Quality and Safety Initiatives and Capital Campaign Initiatives
None reported

Community Benefit Programs and Activities
Kelly Coffman was invited to be on Skyland Trail’s Professional Advisory Board for a three-year term beginning in 2019.
Michael Morrier was invited to participate on a panel for City of Stonecrest KIDZ Health Festival to speak on children with autism spectrum disorder.

**Facilities**
None reported

**Emory in the Media**
Nadine Kaslow (1) Dance Magazine: Experts talk mental health: Four therapists sound off, (2) Dance Magazine: The psychological edge: Dance careers are mentally demanding, and company services should reflect that; and (3) Dance Spirit – Finding your voice: Learning how, and when, to speak up for yourself in the studio

Seth Norrholm (1) – GPB Radio/npr: A Psychiatrist’s Advice: How to Cope When Your Candidate Loses.

Barbara Rothbaum (1) – USA Today: Don’t Blame PTSD for Thousand Oaks Shooting, Experts Say.

Kelsey Sprang (1) – Atlanta Journal Constitution: Veterans Day: The Unseen Wounds are Often as Painful as the Ones Seen.

**Other Accomplishments**
Julie Kable hosted visiting scholar Dr. Mansfield Mela from the Department of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, who was at Emory to discuss the psychiatric care of individuals with FASD.

Rickey Gillespie was an invited panelist at the Women Veterans, Traumatic Stress and Post-Military Health: Building Partnerships for Innovation Summit sponsored by the VA and National Center for PTSD to discuss “The Impact of PTSD on Physical Health in Women Veterans, and was also an invited panelist to the NHLBI-sponsored Cardiovascular Consequences of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder where he discussed clinical and population science.

Justine Welsh presented grand rounds to the Emory Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery titled “Demystifying Opioids in Otolaryngology: Optimizing Safe Prescribing Patterns.” She was also a guest lecturer for Emory University’s undergraduate course; Drug, Genes and Behavior, presenting a talk titled “Modern Addiction Treatment.”

**ADJUNCT FACULTY**
Dinah Ayna presented and mediated a plenary session on "Psychosocial and Mental Health Needs of Children in Regions of Turmoil" at the ACCESS 8th Arab Health Summit in Washington, DC. The session discussed outcomes and lessons learned from mental health programs implemented in The Gaza Strip and the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. She also presented "Healing through Feeling: Building a Cushion of
Support around Palestinian Children” and moderated a session on the "Impact of Social Policies and Interventions on Family Mental Health" at the NISCVT 12th Annual Conference on Mental Health at Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon. The conference was co-organized by the Mental Health Programme of the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health and sponsored by the Norwegian Aid Committee.

Ginny Chan’s dissertation study was featured as an APA Journals Article Spotlight.

Beverly Stoute attended the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry annual meeting where she received the Rieger Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Honors Award Presentation for her paper Racial Socialization and Thwarted Mentalization: Reflections of a psychoanalyst on the lived experience of James Baldwin’s America. Her paper also received an award at the Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society’s November 3 meeting. She also attended Black Psychoanalysts Speak III: Beyond Borders and Boundaries where she was a panel moderator and group facilitator for Balint Live Lab Case Presentation.

**TRAINEE KUDOS**


Hassan Naqvi participated in a panel discussion on Mental Health and the Muslim Community. The community event focused on mental health challenges within the Muslim community and how to battle them.


**STAFF KUDOS**

None reported

**PERSONAL UPDATES**

Rob and Maren Cotes welcomed Owen Samuel (6 lbs 6 oz) and Esme Caroline Cotes (5 lbs 5 oz) into the world on 11/6/18.
Brian Dias and his wife Nina Banerjee welcomed their second child, Reva Alejandra Dias.

Kandi Felmet and her long-term partner, Mark Schmidt, were recently engaged.