

EMORY DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES KUDOS  
OCTOBER 2021

**REMEMBER**

**Please send me your accomplishments and personal updates for the November 2021 Kudos**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS**

The next faculty development seminar is Wednesday November 3, 2021 from 9:00-10:30am. The Zoom link is

<https://zoom.us/j/6213030759?pwd=T0hpY056a0N1RFdvWjFIQ3d4UU1vZz09>

It will be focused on Running a Lab and the presenters will be Mar Sanchez, Negar Fani, and Julie Kable.

**WRITING GROUPS: UPCOMING**

The Writing Group is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 8:00-9:00am. The next meeting is Wednesday November 3, 2021 and will be on Zoom -

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**CE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

Please save the dates for the following online (Zoom) continuing education workshops hosted by the Psychology Division of the Emory University School of Medicine at Grady Health System. Direct questions to Dr. Rachel Ammirati at [rammira@emory.edu](mailto:rammira@emory.edu)

- **November 12, 2021** (9am – 12pm): *Treatment Resistant Depression and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*  
Speakers: Rachel Hershenberg and Carly Yasinski
- **December 3, 2021** (9am – 12pm): *Recovery Oriented Care*  
Speakers: Erica Lee, Keith Wood, and Justin Palanci

**FACULTY COMINGS AND GOINGS**

**New Faculty**

**Christina Clarke, PhD** – Dr. Christina Clarke earned her PhD from the University of Georgia, completed her internship at Georgia State University Counseling and Testing Center, and completed her Postdoctoral Residency in Health Service Psychology at Emory University School of Medicine. She is excited to be joining the Adult Outpatient program at the Brain Health Center. Dr. Clarke's research and clinical interests include sexual trauma, racial trauma, couples' therapy, suicide prevention and serving the African American community.

**Michael J. Dvorscek, PhD** – Michael J. Dvorscek, PhD completed his PhD in counseling psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2011. He completed his internship and residency at the Atlanta VA Medical Center and is currently a General Mental Health psychologist for the Atlanta VA Medical System. He conducts diagnostic evaluations, psychological testing, and individual and group psychotherapy with diverse range of patients. Dr. Dvorscek is the practicum training coordinator for his clinic, and a consultant for the local Vet Centers. His professional interests include multicultural and gender issues in psychology, psychodynamic and humanistic approaches to psychotherapy, and supervision and training. He will be helping Emory's trainees develop their clinical assessment, diagnostic/case conceptualization, and clinical intervention skills.

**Mikle South, PhD** – Mikle South joined the department as director of the Emory Autism Center on the Clairmont campus. He received a BA from Yale University followed by a PhD in Child Clinical Psychology at the University of Utah, working with Dr. Sally Ozonoff. He returned to Yale for postdoctoral training in developmental neuroimaging with Bob Schultz. From 2007-2021 he was on the faculty of psychology and neuroscience at Brigham Young University. His research program is focused on understanding the interaction of anxiety and autism in brain and behavior, with recent projects more specifically investigating mental health, sleep, and risk for suicide in autistic adults. He loves playing soccer, hiking with his wife Kristin, and eating proper pizza.

### **Departing Faculty**

**Peery Seese, MD** – Perry Seese, MD, retired at the end of October after nearly 20 years as a key member of the Grady Consultation-Liaison Service. Perry served as the Director of Outpatient Services at Grady from 1973 to 1974 and had a private practice for over 25 years before returning to Emory. Perry has been an invaluable member of our team, and we have all benefitted from his teaching and role modeling of compassionate and patient-centered care. We appreciated his wisdom and clinical pearls from his years of experience. He will be missed! In his retirement, Perry plans to relax initially as he determines his next adventure. We wish him the best in his next chapter.

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

Toby Goldsmith's [story](#) was highlighted by the Emory SOM during National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

## **WELLNESS RESOURCES**

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

- Benefits: <https://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/benefits/index.html>
- Rewards: <https://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/rewards/index.html>
- Career: <https://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/career/index.html>
- Learning: <https://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/learning/index.html>
- Wellness: <https://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/wellness/index.html>

- Work Life: <https://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/work-life/index.html>
- Employee Assistance: <https://www.fsap.emory.edu> & <https://www.physician-wellbeing-conference.org/>

## **FACULTY KUDOS**

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

Julie Kable and Claire Coles were awarded \$5,727,506 for the first five years of a national prospective study that will be using state of the art neuroimaging and developmental neuroscience to better understand early brain development and factors that influence neurodevelopmental outcomes. Emory University will be one of 25 sites across the country participating in this study. The HEALthy Brain and Child Development Study will establish a large cohort of pregnant people and follow them and their children for at least 10 years.

Andrew Miller was reappointed as William Patterson Timmie Professor for an additional five-year term.

### **Education**

Kallio Hunnicutt-Ferguson was accepted into the Woodruff Health Educators Academy teaching fellowship.

As program chair for the Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP), Jeffrey Rakofsky organized and emceed the Fall 2021 virtual meeting. He also co-presented a workshop titled, "MSPE Taskforce Updates: Step 1 changing to pass/fail: An opportunity to improve resident recruitment and selection?"

### **Research**

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

Emory Healthcare has just announced their Emory Physician Group Practice Patient Experience scores for PGP providers and staff. Below are the winners in Psychiatry.

#### **PLATINUM PROVIDERS LIST**

- Andrew Furman, MD
- Jeffrey Rakofsky, MD
- Joseph Cubells, MD
- Sherry Dey, NP

#### **DIAMOND PROVIDERS LIST**

- Ebrahim Haroon, MD
- Jocelyn Wise, LCSW
- Joseph Vinson, MD
- Lauren Schmidt, MD
- Rachel Hershenberg, PHD

#### **GOLD PROVIDERS LIST**

- Charles Gillespie, MD
- Brandon Kitay, MD
- Joseph Mathias, MD
- Laura Miller, MD

Jennifer Stevens was named a winner of the Woodruff Scholar Early Independence Award for junior faculty.

### **Presentations**

Celano M., & Collins M. (September, 2021). Using Children's Literature to Confront Racial Injustice. Presentation at the Emory symposium, "In the Wake of Slavery and Dispossession: Emory, Racism, and the Journey towards Restorative Justice," Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

Chanda Graves, PhD along with Nicole Cotton, MD (chair) and Sarah Herbert, MD, Morehouse School of Medicine, Larry Brown, Brown University School of Medicine, and Richard Pleak, Albert Einstein College of Medicine will be presenting a symposium entitled *Assessment and Treatment of Transition-Age Youth Living With HIV* at the upcoming meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Brandon Kitay gave a seminar to the Treatment Advocacy Center about ECT in Modern Psychiatric Practice and the stakeholders included families, patients, mental health paraprofessionals, and legal professionals. The presentation was pick up by the AHJC [blog](#).

### **Emory in the Media**

Marianne Celano (1) The Lily – [Book Banning isn't a Thing of the Past. We Spoke to Authors Who Have Experienced It.](#) (2) Facebook Live – [Censorship of Children's Books.](#)

Nadine Kaslow (1) The Today Show – [UNC Chapel Hill Cancels Classes Amid Suicide Investigations.](#)

Erica Marshall-Lee, Shanteria Owens & Scot Seitz (1) Psychology Today – [COVID-19 Brings Mental Health into the Spotlight.](#)

Douglas Lewis (1) Psychology Today – [Racial Justice in America: Where are we Now?](#)

### **ADJUNCT KUDOS**

Nadia Sawicki graduated from the Emory University Psychoanalytic Institute.

### **TRAINEE KUDOS**

Jennifer Grant received the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Resident Recognition Award due to her excellence in leadership, teaching and clinical care.

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### **STAFF KUDOS**

None reported