Dr. Robert Ronis will host a department reception at this year’s APA meeting in Philadelphia on Monday evening, May 7th at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown in Salon C from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent next week. For more information or to indicate your interest in attending, please contact Miriam Plax at 216-983-33205 or via email at: miriam.plax@case.edu

The date of the Spring Clinical Faculty meeting has been changed to May 22nd at the Racquet Club on Chagrin Boulevard, 29825 Chagrin Boulevard in Pepper Pike. Dinner will be preceded by a cash bar at 6:30 p.m.

The topic for the upcoming meeting will be: The Future of Psychiatry Education: Can we be therapists and neuroscientists? Our program will feature Dr. George Jaskiw of the Cleveland VA Medical Center and Clinical faculty member Dr Norman Clemens presenting a stimulating panel discussion followed by audience participation.

In order to assure sufficient space and meals, we request that you RSVP to Cindy Glenn at: (216) 844-3883 or by email at: Cynthia.Glenn@uhhospitals.org by Wednesday, May 16th.

Dr. Christina Delos Reyes, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County Chief Clinical Officer, was interviewed for an Ohio News Network story on heroin addiction.

The story aired on March 29th on the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. newscast on WEWS TV 5.

Addiction Symposium Wednesday, April 25th:

Frontiers in Biological Sciences Lecture Series presents:
Symposium on Addiction: Neuron, Brain, and Society April 25, 2012, 1:30-5:00 pm * School of Medicine Room E501 Hosted by: Dr. Richard Zigmond

Invited Speakers:
Speaker: Eric J. Nestler, M.D., Ph.D.
Topic: Transcriptional and Epigenetic Mechanisms of Addiction

Speaker: George F. Koob, Ph.D.
Topic: Neurocircuity of Addiction: View from the Dark Side

Speaker: Linda Bauer Cottler, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Topic: Bringing Light to the Dark: The Community View

There is no fee to attend the symposium and no registration is required.

Awards and Recognition:

Megan Harper, NAIU, Neuro-Geriatric Inpatient Unit, was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing at Cleveland State University.

Susan Hatters-Friedman, M.D., was elected President of the Midwest Chapter - American Academy of Psychiatry & the Law.

Drs. Martha Sajatovic, Jennifer Leven, Curtis Tatsuoka, Adam Perzynski and Carol Blixen have recently been awarded a 5-year, $2.6 million dollar grant to study the effects of a customized adherence enhancement (CAE) intervention on health outcomes in people with bipolar disorder. The project builds upon promising preliminary data and offers the potential to improve symptoms and overall functioning in people struggling with bipolar disorder.

Susan Stagno, M.D. and Mark Cheren, Ed.D. received a Scholarship in Teaching Award for their educational work related to Quality Improvement in the psychiatry residency program. This award was presented at the Annual Education Retreat on March 1, 2012 at the CWRU School of Medicine.
Comings and Goings:

Denise Delporto Bedoya is leaving the Department on April 26th to start a new adventure with her husband and two sons in the great state of Texas.

Denise started with the Department of Psychiatry in June 1998 as a research assistant and in 2004 became the Research Operations Manager of the Discovery and Wellness Center for Children. Over the past 14 plus years with the department, Denise has been a part of many studies helping hundreds of children along the way.

Joan Person, Patient Access Representative in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, has been accepted at the Ohio State University for the fall term. Joan’s last day will be May 11th.

Farewell and Safe Return:

To Fran Geraci’s son, Staff Sargent Daniel N. Elliott. Danny left on March 31st for his 3rd tour of duty for 16-19 months. He has served in Iraq and Baghdad and is currently in Afghanistan. SSgt. Elliott is an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle pilot and flies the grey eagle drone.

Grand Rounds:

April 20th:
Speaker: John Lyszczarz, M.D.
Topic: Dissociative Identity Disorder: Theory and Law

April 27th:
Speaker: George Koob, Ph.D.
Topic: Addiction: The Gain in the Brain is in the Pain

May 4th:
Speaker: Vincent Caringi, M.D.
Topic: Back to School: Navigating a Dangerfield

May 11th:
John and Sally Morley Lecture
Speaker: Katherine L. Wisner, M.D., M.S.
Topic:

May 18th:
Speaker: David Medina, M.D.
Topic: Latino Mental Health: Reducing Disparities in a Changing Society

May 25th:
Speaker: Phillip Resnick, MD
Topic: Do’s and Don’ts of Depositions

Presentations and Publications:

Matthew E. Hirschtritt, BA was recently awarded the Medical Student Research Award from the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Foundation. This award was for the presentation of his first author manuscript entitled: "Moderators and Mediators of Fluoxetine Treatment Response for Children and Adolescents with Comorbid Depression and Substance Use Disorders."

Citation:

At the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Chapter - American Academy of Psychiatry & the Law held in St. Louis, MO on March 23-24:

- **Phillip Resnick, M.D.** - "The Do's and Don'ts of Depositions"
- **Stephen Noffsinger, M.D.** - "Psychiatry & the Death Penalty"
- **Susan Hatters-Friedman, M.D.** - "Psychiatric Treatment in Pregnancy and Malpractice"

Susan Hatters-Friedman, M.D.:
- Traumatic Brain Injury, Amnesia and Competency to Stand Trial for Judges - Nevada Competency Examiners Recertification Course, Las Vegas, 2/12.

Research:

**Mood Disorders Program:**

**Pioglitazone for the Treatment of Bipolar Disorder and Comorbid Metabolic Syndrome or Insulin Resistance**

**Gender & Age:** Women & Men, ages 18 - 70

**Diagnosis:** Individuals with bipolar disorder who are currently experiencing depression and who also meet criteria for metabolic syndrome** or insulin resistance

**Medications:** All participants will receive pioglitazone, an FDA approved medication for the treatment of high blood sugar

**Study Details:** This study is designed to test whether pioglitazone reduces depressive symptoms. The study may last up to 20 weeks. Visits are typically once every week or every other week and last at least 1 hour long once enrolled. All potential participants will be screened for metabolic syndrome and insulin resistance at their initial study visit. All patients will receive active study medication (no placebo will be used). Participants cannot be suffering from heart failure.

**Contact:** Tim Warneka / 216.844.2863 or Timothy.Warneka@UHhospitals.org

**End Date:** 06/01/2012

**Comparative Safety, Tolerability, and Effectiveness of Lithium vs. Quetiapine in Patients Across the Spectrum of Bipolar Disorder**

**Gender & Age:** Women & Men, ages 18 - 70

**Diagnosis:** Bipolar Disorder (type I, II or NOS)

**Medications:** Patients will be randomized to either Lithium or quetiapine as monotherapy

**Study Details:** Up to 16 weeks long. Visits are typically once every week or every other week the first 2 months and then monthly after that. All participants will receive active medication (either lithium or quetiapine).

**Contact:** Tim Warneka at 216.844.2863 or via email: Timothy.Warneka@UHhospitals.org

Save the Date:


Date: May 7, 2012
Time: 1:00 to 5:30 pm
Registration Fee: $100

Who Should Attend: Physicians
Presenter: Christina M. Delos Reyes, M.D., Medical Consultant at the CEBP and Chief Clinical Officer of the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County (get bio, click here).
Presenter: Sybil Marsh, M.A., M.D., Associate Professor of Family Medicine, Case University Hospitals Medical Center

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