Dr. Martha Sajatovic
Recipient of Two Major Research Grants.

As primary investigator (PI), Dr. Sajatovic will lead a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center for Health grant in Tanzania with colleagues at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Services to reduce the burden of chronic psychotic disorders using a customized adherence enhancement program combined with injectable, long-acting anti-psychotic medication. The combined treatment approach was developed by Dr. Sajatovic’s team in Cleveland. Cleveland collaborators include Dr. Jennifer Levin and Dr. Carol Blixen.

Now in its 50th year, Fogarty grants have funded research around the world. The program is employs U.S. investigators and teams to help build crucial research capacity in low and middle income countries. Dr. Sajatovic’s project targets an emerging focus for the Fogarty Center—chronic diseases such as mental disorders, which place a significant burden on people in the developing world. Dr. Sajatovic will travel to Tanzania in October 2017 to meet with colleagues on the grant.

The second grant is from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and is in collaboration with 2 principal investigators from the University of Colorado Denver (Drs. Bethany Kwan and Jeanette Waxmonskey) is for a diabetes intervention project comparing 2 evidence-based treatments, patient-driven diabetes Shared Medical Appointments (SMAs) vs. standardized diabetes SMAs. The curriculum to be used is Targeted Training for Illness Management (TTIM), a 12-session modular group intervention developed in Cleveland by Dr. Sajatovic and her team. Dr. Sajatovic will serve as a co-investigator to the project which is awarded for four years.

Awards and Recognition:

PGY-4 Resident Awais Aftab has been selected as a member of the junior editorial advisory board of Psychiatric Times.

Edna Fuentes-Casiano, RA in the Mental Health Effectiveness Research Program, was the recipient of the Staff Diversity Award from Case Western Reserve University for 2016-17. The award was presented by Dr. Sana Loue, Vice Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity.

Dr. Molly McVoy has received a pilot grant from UH’s “Center for Clinical Research & Technology” for a new study “Assessment of quantitative EEG as a biomarker of pediatric major depressive disorder (MDD); enrolling adolescents, age 14-17 with moderate-severe major depressive disorder.”

Dr. Danette Conklin has matched in the start-up mentoring program, FLEX: A Professional Development Program for Women Faculty of the School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2017-18.

Welcome to our newest Research Watch curator, Javier Ponce Terashima (PGY-1 Resident), and congratulations to the Research Watch team on its 2nd anniversary of publication.

Dr. Stephen Ruedrich was named 2017 recipient of the Research & Medicine Award by Milestones Autism Resources. Based in Beachwood, Milestones Autism Resources helps individuals with autism reach their unique potential...
through education, coaching and connections for families and health professionals.

Nearly 40 years after his first encounter with patients with autism and intellectual disabilities, Dr. Ruedrich continues to positively impact the region by helping to demystify the process of seeking and receiving psychiatric care for patients and families.

Comings and Goings:

Welcome to our new residents and fellows:

**PGY-1 Psychiatry Residents**
- Ramona Bhatt
- Charles “Rocky” Carlson
- Sapna Dhawan
- Tiffany Gee
- Layne Gritti
- Meera Kumari
- Javier Ponce Terashima
- Maria Sferro
- Lauren Williams

**PGY-2 Psychiatry Resident**
- Robert Parise

**Post Pediatric Portal Residents**
- Ovayoza Adeleye
- Nida Muzaffar

**PGY-4 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows**
- Kenneth Asogwa
- Amandeep Bains
- Selena Magalotti
- Kanakadurga Meyyazhagan

**PGY-5 Addiction Psychiatry Fellow**
- Vamshi Myneni

**PGY-5 Forensic Psychiatry Fellows**
- Drew Calhoun
- Jeffrey Khan
- Ian Lamoureux

**PGY-6 Psychosomatic Medicine Fellow**
- Erum Ahmad

**Congratulations:**

Drs. Jennifer Brandstetter, Philipp Dines, David Hahn, John Heather, Ed Kilbane, Jeanne Lackamp, Rajeeb Shrestha were identified as “exemplary role models and teachers” during the Psychiatry Clerkship in AY-17.

Irina Bransteter, Elizabeth Harris and Sara Zryl passed their Psychology Board Exams.

Chelsea Dengate was promoted to Academic Education Coordinator.

PGY-2 Resident Dr. Nate Albrecht and his wife Heather, welcomed their son, Ed Wyatt Albrecht, who was born on July 19th.

Elizabeth Harris PhD and her husband Dion Harris welcomed their daughter Emilia Grace on August 17, 2017.

**Endowed Lectures July-September 2017:**

**July 20th:**
*L Douglas Lenkoski Lecture*
Speaker: Marc Fishman, MD
**Topic:** Opioid Addiction: Treatment and Research

**July 28th**
*Frankel Lecture*

Speaker: Eric Lenze, MD
**Topic:** Treatment-Resistant Depression in Older Adults: New Research

**August 18th:**
*Rocco L. Motto Lecture*
Speaker: Alissa Huth-Bocks, PhD
**Topic:** Identifying Traumatic Stress and Its Sequelae in Children: An Evidence-Based Update

**August 25th:**
*Morley-Mather Lecture*
Speaker: Andrew Pieper, MD
**Topic:** In Vivo Drug Discovery for Neuropsychiatric Disease

**September 29th:**
*Douglas Danford Bond Lecture*
Speaker: Jeffrey Lieberman, MD
**Topic:** The Notorious Past and Bright Future of Psychiatry

**NAMI Walk September 16, 2017:**

The University Hospitals Department of Psychiatry NAMI Walk Team raised $5400, exceeding their goal of $4000!

The UH Department of Psychiatry Team was 2nd on the list of top donating teams.
Thanks to PGY-3 Resident Syed Mehdi for his leadership of this event and to all the residents and staff who participated in the fund raising event.

Presentations and Publications:


“Mental Health Outcomes After Having or Being Denied an Abortion” commentary by Maureen Curley PhD, APRN and Joseph Thornton MD JAMA Psychiatry. 2017; 74 (6); 653. doi: 10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2017.0797

Acting Out! Fest, a 4-day Arts for Mental Health and Addiction Awareness Festival, a free series of comedy, talk, film, art and music events was held in the Gordon Square Arts District, September 13-16. Dr. Joseph Calabrese gave a special presentation (with artist Derek Hess) detailing the connection between Vincent Van Gogh’s psychiatric symptoms and artistic productivity.

Bath Salts Abuse Leading to New-Onset Psychosis and Potential for Violence; Michelle E. John, Crystal Thomas-Roza and David Hahn; Clinical Schizophrenia & Related Psychoses, Summer 2017, Volume 11, Issue 2

Ray Isackila, LPCC, LICDC, of Addiction Recovery Services, presented a brown bag luncheon at Kulas Auditorium on the subject of The Opioid Epidemic; Current Trends, on September 20th.

The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry has accepted a review article, Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Emergency Department, by Drs. Marcie Hall, Andrew Hunt, Sarah Lytle, Sonal Moratcshek and Martha Sajatovic for publication


Thomas Scheidemantel MD, Stephen Ruedrich MD, Bradley Wyner NADD-DDs “Pharmacological and Non-pharmacological Management of Anxiety Disorders in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders” Fifteenth Annual Milestones Autism Conference, Cleveland Ohio, June 16, 2017

Leslie Walker, MD was a Visiting Professor in Anesthesiology at the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) on September 11, 2017. Dr. Walker met with faculty and residents, and spoke on "Acceptance & Commitment Therapy: Helping Doctors Survive in a Toxic System."

Save the Date:

The 9th Annual Neurological Institute Research Day
Where: Wolstein Research Building
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cocktails and appetizers/Poster Viewing

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
7:30 – 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Garson Fund Guest Speaker
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Platform presentations
11:30 a.m. – Noon
Lunch and Presentation of Awards

For anyone wishing to submit an abstract, please go to the following link: https://sites.google.com/case.edu/nrd2018/

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