

12/30/20

Targeting Cognition and Motivation in Coordinated Specialty Care for Early Psychosis

Department Head Sophia Vinogradov, MD, PhD, is Principal Investigator for this \$2.4M grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

11/18/20

Precision Psychiatry: Bringing Brain Science and Measurement-based Care to the Clinic

Department Head Sophia Vinogradov, MD, PhD, leads this \$1,173,536.00 grant from the Lynne and Andrew Redleaf Foundation.

11/17/20

Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation to Augment Behavior Therapy for Tics

Primary PI Christine Conelea, PhD, LP, is overseeing this \$1.2M NIH/NIMH grant designed to help young patients with tic disorder.

Clinical Simulation Initiative Grant

Dr. Tolu Odebunmi, Dr. Rachel Kay, and Dr. Christina Warner, PGY2 residents, were awarded a 2020 American Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry Clinical Simulation Initiative Development Grant.

9/22/20

Monsanto Essay Prize winner

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Federation of Medicine Cannabis Task Force

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9/15/20

Congratulations, **Dr. Breanna Engleson**, PGY1 resident, for being elected by her peers to be a member of the University of Minnesota Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC)! She was appointed to fill a one-year Trainee Representative GMEC member seat on the committee with an annual option to be reappointed through August 2023. This committee is responsible for oversight of U of M-sponsored programs, setting policies, managing institutional support and reviewing programs directly, when necessary. They also review all communication with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

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9/20/20

Control Network Neuromodulation to Enhance Cognitive Training in Complex Traumatic Brain Injury

Nicholas Davenport, PhD, is the Principal Investigator (PI), and Mo Chen, PhD; and Scott Spondheim, PhD, Co-PIs on this \$1.7M Department of Defense grant.

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9/1/2020

Mechanisms of Ethnic/Racial Differences in Lung Cancer Due to Cigarette Smoking
Dr. Dorothy Hatsukami is the PI on this \$1.9M NIH National Cancer Institute.5/1/20

Distinguished Teaching Award

Dr. Lora Wichser was selected by the Medical School Honors and Awards Committee to receive the Distinguished Teaching Award, Year 3 - 4. This award is highly competitive and recognizes individuals with superior teaching skills.

Outstanding Graduate Faculty in Psychology Award

Dr. Aimee Murray received the 2020 Minnesota Psychological Association's Outstanding Graduate Faculty in Psychology Award. This award is given annually to one psychology educator from across the state of Minnesota based on nomination letters, letters of support from past trainees, and student evaluations.

Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. Glen Rebman won the Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award, which is granted to six resident-physicians who have been recognized for their exceptional teaching skills and commitment to the compassionate treatment of patients and families, students, and colleagues. Glen's selection for this award was based on multiple outstanding nominations by third year medical students and ratification by the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

8/12/20

Dr. Lora Wichser has been awarded an [Early Career Development Award](#) from the Academic Association of Psychiatry.

Dr. Kaz Nelson was invited by the American Psychiatric Association to be part of a group that will help develop a new APA practice guideline for treating borderline personality disorder. The guidelines are based on a systematic evidence review that is being conducted by the RTI-UNC evidence-based practice center on the benefits and harms of available treatments. The goal is to publish in 2022.

8/5/20

University of Minnesota Researchers Awarded \$6.6M to Develop New Device to Treat Mental Health Disorders

Principal investigator **Alik Widge**, MD, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, has previously developed methods to bring two regions into synchrony when they're not and force regions out of synchrony to break a connection that is too strong. With this grant, Widge and his team are using these methods of syncing and un syncing brain waves to develop a novel, human-ready neuromodulation device for people with mental health disorders. His team includes **Gregory Molnar**, PhD, MSC, associate professor in the Department of Neurosurgery; and medical device development expert, and **Mahsa Shoaran**, PhD, of EPFL, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, Switzerland, and expert in signal processing circuits for brain implants. [Learn more.](#)

7/1/20

Congratulations to **Sasha Zagoloff** for being elected by her peers to represent the Medical School in the Faculty Senate. She will join 10 other faculty in the 2020-2023 cohort. We also acknowledge the work that **Matt Kushner** has done as a current member of the Senate.

7/15/20

Anna Zilverstand, PhD, is part of a \$9.9M National Institutes on Drug Abuse grant awarded to the U to establish the Center for Neural Circuits in Addiction. She is part of a team that will create a large data computational platform that integrates findings across many types of experimental studies to reveal the relationships between exposure to addictive drugs, brain circuits and addictive behavior. [Learn more about this exciting work!](#)

7/22/20

Congratulations to **Dr. Anna Zilverstand** and **Dr. Michelle Corkrum**. The Education & Training Committee of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) selected Anna and Michelle as Travel Awardees for the December 6-9, 2020, Annual Meeting. As 2020 ACNP Travel Awardees, they will be able to experience this year's virtual meeting. They also won in-person travel award benefits to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting, December 5-8, at the San Juan Convention Center in Puerto Rico.

7/29/20

Congratulations, psychiatric residents **Stephanie Wick**, MD, on being named a 2020-2022 American Psychiatric Association/American Psychiatric Association Foundation (APA/APAF) Leadership Fellow, and **Rebecca Grossman-Kahn**, MD, MBA, on being named a 2020-2022 APA/APAF Diversity Leadership Fellow. APA/APAF fellowships give psychiatry residents the experiential learning, training, and professional development they need to be leaders in their field. Fellows get opportunities to work with Congress on health policy, conduct research, expand care access to minority and underserved populations, focus on child psychiatry or substance abuse, and much more. They also get exclusive opportunities to be part of APA leadership councils and network with APA members from around the country.

Dr. Lucien Gonzalez has been invited to join the behavioral and mental health subcommittee of the American Academy of Pediatrics partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The work is part of the Supporting Providers and Families to Access Telehealth and Distant Care Services for Pediatric Care grant. As a member, Dr. Gonzalez will help guide assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of projects related to that area. The goal is to support telehealth access and infrastructure for

providing comprehensive care to children and adolescents, including those with special healthcare needs, and other vulnerable pediatric populations, using a medical home approach during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

6/3/20

Congratulations to **Dr. Laura Sloan** who was awarded the Rappeport Fellowship by the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. This is the highest award in the country in forensic psychiatry given to a resident. This is also the first time a resident from Minnesota has received it. The fellowship provides an opportunity for outstanding residents with interests in psychiatry and the law to develop their knowledge and skills.

5/15/20

Dr. Katie Cullen received a 2020 NAMI Exemplary Psychiatrist Award. This award is given at the national level to psychiatrists who have advocated for access to care, research, and community education programs; and who are recognized as providing compassionate and comprehensive treatment to people with mental illness.

5/19/20

A new \$15 million Silvio O. Conte Center grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has given lead researchers **David Redish**, PhD, and **Sophia Vinogradov**, MD, the green light at the University of Minnesota Medical School to conduct a new type of research that could reveal better ways to treat one of the most mysterious mental health diagnoses — psychosis. The U joins only a handful of other Conte Centers across the country. [Learn more.](#)