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THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHT



Welcome: Ms. Harini Narayanan

Please join the department in welcoming **Ms. Harini Narayanan** as a new member of the team. Harini is the new Administrative Coordinator who will support the Chair's office based at the Douglas Hospital and will also provide additional backup support to the Psychiatry Residency Program.

She will be managing the communications.psychiatry@mcgill.ca resource account and can also be reached at shanmugavalli.narayanan@mcgill.ca. We are delighted to be working with Harini as she begins her new position on March 27.



The Residency Program

The Residency Program is pleased to announce the **Incoming Cohort of R1 Psychiatry Residents**: Jillian Rodger (University of British Columbia), Lara Pereira (University of Ottawa), Feodor Poukhovski-Sheremetyev (University of Ottawa), Manuel Soulard (Laval University) and Joshua Benchaya, Mariève Cyr, Joseph Posel, Victoria Sebag, Shuyi Zhai from McGill University.

A special thank you to everyone on the Selection Committee and otherwise involved in the CaRMS process for making this result possible! We have great confidence in our

new colleagues and look forward to getting to know them.

LATEST NEWS

From the Residency Program Office: Weekly News Capsule

Did you know that the Psychiatry Department is holding the annual CBME Half-Day on May 26th, 2023, starting at 8:00 am? Save the date!

Research Sheds New Light on the Brain's Internal Compass

A new study by **Dr. Mark Brandon**, published in the journal *Nature*, explores how the brain's internal compass aligns with its surroundings. These results already represent a significant step forward in the fundamental understanding of how the brain orients itself in space, which has been linked to various cognitive functions and disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease. [Read more](#)

Special Issue of Schizophrenia Bulletin

This special issue is part of an international effort led by **Dr. Lena Palaniyappan** and colleagues that brings clinical linguistics to the forefront of psychiatry. DISCOURSE (Diverse International Scientific Consortium for Research in Thought, Language and Communication in Psychosis) is comprised of over 201 researchers from all over the world focused on studying the multiple dimensions of speech in psychosis. [Read more](#)

OUR EXPERTS IN THE MEDIA

Dre Cécile Rousseau, Radio-Canada, Ohdio, Radio 1410, La Presse

Santé mentale et réseaux sociaux : gare aux préjugés. [Radio-Canada](#)

Les tueries de masse sont-elle amenées à se multiplier? [Les faits d'abord avec Alain Gravel](#)

Québec Homicides: Mode ou Contagion? [Radio CPAM 1410](#)

Tueries de masse : un « changement de culture dans l'expression de la détresse » [Radio Canada](#)

Assiste-t-on à un effet de contagion? [La Presse](#)

Amqui : attention aux discours contradictoires, nous dit une psychiatre. [Au cœur du Monde](#)

Différencier les troubles de santé mentale diagnostiqués et la détresse psychologique. [Le 15/18](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29 (11:00 - 12:00)

CIC Imaging Series

Menopause Matters: Assessing the Impact of Menopause on White Matter and Episodic Memory in Midlife by Rikki Lissaman, PhD.

This will be a hybrid event. [Read more](#)

March 30 (12:00 - 13:30)

April 20 (12:00 - 13:30)

Social Determinants of Health and Anti-racist Pedagogy and Practice Seminar

Race and racism in the supervisor-supervisee relationship by Drs. Ana Gomez-Carillo, Zoe Thomas, Laurence Laneuville. This event will be held [by Zoom](#). [Details here](#)

Departmental Distinguished Grand Rounds

Can we prevent substance use disorders? by Dr. Carlos Blanco, MD, PhD, Director of the Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). This presentation will be held [via Zoom](#). [Details here](#)

March 31 (11:00 - 12:30) Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds

Disposition decisions regarding leftover embryos from IVF: Psycho-socio-ethical aspects by Dr. Vardit Ravitsky. This conference will be held via [Zoom](#)

April 3 (11:00 - 12:00) Neuroscience for Mental Health Lecture

Noradrenergic modulation of learned behavior by Dr. Vincent Breton-Provencher, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Neuroscience Department, Université Laval, CERVO Brain Research Centre. In-person event at the Bowerman Room, Dobell pavillion. [Read more](#)

April 14 (8:30 - 12:30) 17th Annual JGH Department of Psychiatry Research Day

The 17th Annual Jewish General Hospital Department of Psychiatry Research Day will be a hybrid event, in-person at the ICFP amphitheater through Zoom. This year's theme will be Self-compassion and mindfulness in the prevention and treatment of mental health problems. [Click here](#) to view the full program and preregister.

April 14 (10:00 - 11:00) Adversity and Mental Health Seminar

Game of Hormones: Why Sex Matters for Brain Health by Liisa Galea, PhD. This meeting will be held in person at the William E.

April 20 (17:00) Abstract Deadline: Douglas and McGill Psychiatry Research Day

All graduate students and postdoctoral fellows currently working under the supervision of a principal investigator within the Douglas Research Centre and/or the McGill Department of Psychiatry are welcome to submit an abstract. The submission deadline is Thursday April 20, 2023 at 5:00pm. [More information](#)

April 27 (12:00 - 13:30) Departmental Distinguished Grand Rounds

Identifying a genetic subtype of schizophrenia that is clinically relevant for patients, families and psychiatrists by Dr. Anne Bassett, MD, FRCPC, Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and holds the Dalglish Chair in 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome at the University of Toronto. In-person event at the Douglas Hall. Details will follow

April 28 (8:30 - 13:00) 1st Annual MUHC Mental Health Mission Research Day

The 1st Annual MUHC Mental Health Mission Research Day will be held in-person at in the South Seminar Room at the Allan Memorial Institute. This year's program will feature a wide range of topics including presentations on novel treatment interventions and the latest results from flagship databank projects. [Click here](#) to view the full program and event details.

April 28 (8:50 - 14:30) University of Toronto Future of Psychotherapy Conference 2023

This event offers an opportunity to explore the latest technology and research in the area of psychotherapy. [Click here](#) to view the full program and preregister.

Stavert Amphitheatre, Douglas Hall. [Read more](#)

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