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THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHT - LES ACTUALITÉS



Dr. Harriet de Wit (University of Chicago): *Microdosing: Fact or Fiction?*

Dr. Gabriella Gobbi (McGill University): *The psychopharmacology of psychedelics: where the brain meets the spiritual mind*

Dr. Emma Hapke (University of Toronto): *Implementing psychedelics into clinical practice*

Drs. Emma Hapke, Gabriella Gobbi, Daniel Zigman: Clinicians' Roundtable

Please pre-register to attend this in-person event. We look forward to seeing you on **November 16!**

**Registration now open:
Departmental Day - Psychedelics:
Clinical Potential and Mechanisms**

Date: November 16 (12:00 - 17:30)

Place: McGill Faculty Club

Speakers:

Dr. Albert Garcia-Romeu (Johns Hopkins University): *Psychedelic therapies as new frontiers in addiction treatment: state of the science*

[Register Now](#)

LATEST NEWS - DERNIÈRES NOUVELLES

Call for Applications for Assistant Professor (Clinical)

The Department of Psychiatry and the **McGill University Health Centre** are currently inviting applications for a full-time position at the rank of Assistant Professor (Clinical) in **Consultation Liaison Psychiatry**. [Apply here](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT - EN VEDETTE



Dr. Janique Johnson-Lafleur, Assistant Professor

In this issue's Spotlight, we welcome **Dr. Janique Johnson-Lafleur**, who joined the Department of Psychiatry in May 2023 as a full-time Assistant Professor (Research).

Dr. Johnson-Lafleur received her PhD in transcultural psychiatry from McGill University and completed her postdoctoral and undergraduate training in anthropology at McGill University, and at Université de Montréal and Université Laval, respectively. She holds a researcher position at Sherpa University Institute, CIUSSS West-Montreal, a community-based research center dedicated

to the study of primary healthcare and social services in intercultural contexts.

Her research program focuses on the perception and lived experiences of the different actors involved in the field of mental health and social services in Quebec, and on the practitioners' needs in terms of intercultural resources and training. She is also interested in art-based methods and the role of images and imagistic ways of knowing in transformative practices – both in clinical interventions and training initiatives. Her current work also investigates communities of practice as a training modality, the prevention of violent radicalization in socially polarized times, and Indigenous mental health and wellness. Her work relies on qualitative and mixed methods research designs and is inspired by participatory research principles and intersectional, anti-oppressive and decolonial approaches.

Dr. Johnson-Lafleur is available for research supervision of students in the fields of social science, psychology, social work, psychiatry, and public health.

UPCOMING EVENTS - ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR

October 2 (11:00 - 12:00)

October 19 (15:30 - 17:30)

Neuroscience for Mental Health Lecture

The psychopharmacology of psychedelics: exploring novel paradigms in mental health by Dr. Gabriella Gobbi, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University Head, Neurobiological Psychiatry Unit Canada Research Chair in Therapeutics for Mental Health. [Read more](#)

October 3 (13:00 - 14:00) CIC Imaging Series

Leveraging Brain-Based Predictive Models to Study Sex, Gender, and Behaviour by Elvisha Dhamala, Assistant Professor in the Institute of Behavioral Sciences at the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research and the Zucker Hillside Hospital. [Read more](#)

October 5 (12:00 - 13:00) Douglas Data and Digital Science for Mental Health

Transforming research and care in mental health through digital innovation, a presentation of the D3SM initiative, led by Drs. Martin Lepage and Mallar Chakravarty. The D3SM aims to foster the implementation of digital innovations in mental health here at the Douglas institute for both research and clinical purposes. [Read more](#)

October 6 (11:00 - 12:30) Departmental of Psychiatry Grand Rounds

Navigating a Mined Magnetic Field: Current Challenges and Prospects in Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation by Dr. Paul Lespérance. The presentation will be made available via [Zoom](#)

October 18 - 21

Theodore L. Sourkes Lecture in Neuropharmacology

Targeting inflammation in neurologic disease by Professor Raymond Dingledine, Professor and former Chair, Department of Pharmacology & Chemical Biology, Emory University School of Medicine. [Read more](#)

October 26 (11:00 - 12:00) Perspectives in Youth Mental Health Speaker Series

Critical roles for puberty and ovarian hormones in the development of eating disorders: Evidence from human and animal models by Dr. Kelly L. Klump, Endowed Professor in the Department of Psychology, Michigan State University. [Read more](#)

November 9 -11 Invitation and Call for Proposals for Psychological Trauma Conference

1st Conference on Psychotraumatology and 2nd International Conference on Reconsolidation Therapy will be held at the Douglas Institute on November 9-11, hosted by Dr. Alain Brunet and his colleagues. [More information](#)

November 16 (12:00 - 17:30) 2023 Annual Departmental Day

The annual Departmental Day will be held in person at the Faculty Club. This year's theme is *Psychedelics: Clinical Potential and Mechanisms* and promises to feature an excellent lineup of internal and external speakers. [Registration](#)

CPA Annual Conference

The Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA) 73rd Annual Conference will be held in-person in Vancouver. The annual conference is a key opportunity to explore new perspectives, reconnect with colleagues and learn from the passions of others in the field of psychiatry.

[Details and registration](#)
