

## Partnership with Adventist Health Care Establishes Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residency Training Program

The Department of Psychiatry has reached an agreement with Adventist Health Care Behavioral Health Services to establish a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry residency training program. The collaboration will provide outstanding training opportunities and allow the Department to address the growing need for high quality child and adolescent psychiatrists in our community. This partnership will offer the full range of training opportunities necessary for a residency and will provide funding for residents. Georgetown University Hospital (GUH) will provide the academic base for the program as well as additional clinical training (e.g. outpatient, Consultation/Liaison) and supervision. "Our new partnership represents an exciting opportunity," said Matthew Biel, MD, director of the Department of Psychiatry's Child and Adolescent Program at GUH. "We are looking forward to working with our colleagues at Adventist and enhancing our ability to better serve the community." A Residency Training Director will be appointed later this year. He/she will be based at Adventist and hold a faculty appointment at Georgetown. Current plans are for the first class of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residents to begin training in 2010. This Residency is one of three subspecialty training programs offered by the Department. The others are in forensic psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine.



### Forensic Conference

## Youth Violence: Clinical and Forensic Considerations

The Department of Psychiatry, in partnership with the DC Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Saint Elizabeths Hospital, hosted its fourth in a series of Forensic Conferences on Monday, September 29, 2008 as a part of a broader partnership that began in April 2005. The conference topic was, *Youth Violence: Clinical and Forensic Considerations*. Stephen T. Baron, Director of DMH and Steve Epstein, MD, Department Chair, welcomed conference participants. Patrick Canavan, PsyD, Saint Elizabeths Hospital CEO, introduced special guest, Vincent Schiraldi, Director, DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services. Featured speakers included five regional and national expert/leaders in the areas of violence, child psychiatry, and forensic psychiatry. Moderator and Program Chair Avram Mack, MD, Georgetown University Hospital, opened the program with an introduction to violence; Jorge Srabstein, MD, Children's National Medical Center, discussed health programs related to bullying; William E. Copeland, PhD, Duke University Medical Center, presented on childhood psychiatric disorders and young adult crime; Richard Ratner, MD, George Washington University School of Medicine, discussed evaluations in delinquency proceedings; and, Brett Schneider, MD, Walter Reed Medical Center, talked about victims of violence. The lectures provided data-driven perspectives on this complex problem.

### Department News

• In November, Barbara Byers, MD, joined the faculty and provides clinical care for the outpatient Women's Mood Program. In addition, she will train and supervise medical students and residents in the outpatient clinics. Dr. Byers received her MD in 2004 from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. She completed her Psychiatry residency, including specialized training in Women's Mental Health, at the NYU School of Medicine in 2008. Prior to entering medical school, Dr. Byers completed her Master's in Public Health from Armstrong Atlantic University.

• Kurt Ela, PsyD, joined the department in December and provides outpatient psychotherapy and assessments for Adult Outpatient Programs. Dr. Ela received his Bachelor's degree in psychology and english literature from Amherst College in 1995.

In 2006, he received his Doctorate in Psychology from George Washington University. Prior to joining the department, Dr. Ela was a postdoctoral fellow at Fairfax County Mental Health Services, and most recently he was a Mental Health Therapist at the Woodburn Center for Community Mental Health.

• Dionne Smith Coker-Appiah, Ph.D., a psychologist and adolescent health expert, joined the Research Division of the Department in November. She received her PhD at the University of Tennessee in 2004. Her research program includes adolescent dating violence, sexual health, and mental health. She has developed expertise in using community-based participatory research approaches (CBPR) based on a recently completed Kellogg Health Scholars fellowship. Presently, she is leading an investigation of *Project LOVE: Letting Our Voices Empower*, which uses CBPR to explore rural, African American adolescents' knowledge, perceptions, and beliefs about dating violence, funded through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

### Psychiatry Grand Rounds (\*open to the public) GUH Gorman Auditorium

- February 19  
Philip Meilman, Ph.D. and CAPS  
Counseling Adolescents
- February 26\*  
Scott Turner, Ph.D., MD  
Dementia
- March 12\*  
Zofia Zukowska, Ph.D., MD  
Stress, Anxiety and Obesity—The Deadly Trio Linked by NPY
- March 19, 2009  
Amiee Danielson, Ph.D.  
Women's Mental Health
- March 26\*  
Carlos A. Zarate, Jr. MD  
Bipolar Disorder
- April 9\*  
Daniel Pine, Ph.D.  
Anxiety Disorders
- April 16  
Robyn Wechsler, MD  
Faculty Case Conference
- April 23\*  
Priscilla Dass-Brailsford, Ed.D.,  
PTSD

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Wednesday, April 22**  
**Saint Elizabeths Hospital**

**and Presidential**  
**Assassinations in**  
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**FORENSIC CONFERENCE**  
**9:00 AM—12:30 PM**

**(check-in 8:30 AM)**  
True Reformer Building  
1200 U Street, NW

**Speakers:**  
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**Kyleeann Stevens, MD**  
**Tyler G. Jones, MD**

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