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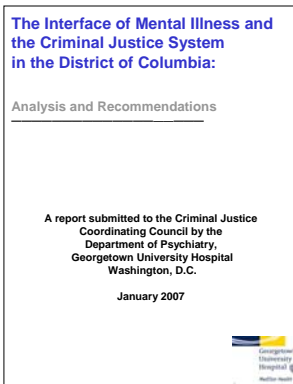
A Focus on Psychosomatic Medicine

The Department of Psychiatry's fellowship programs in Psychosomatic Medicine (Consultation- Liaison Psychiatry) and Forensics (see below) provide comprehensive training for important subspecialties. Fellows in Psychosomatic Medicine (PM) obtain a variety of experiences in psychiatric care for patients with severe or complex medical conditions. Training occurs in academic and research centers four days a week and one day a week at Georgetown University Hospital.

For six months, the National Institute of Health's Clinical Center and the National Institute of Mental Health both serve as unique training sites for PM fellows. This rotation, under the direction of Drs. Donald Rosenstein and Maryland Pao, includes consultations to research subjects participating in clinical protocols and in-depth training in research bioethics. A second six-month rotation at the Washington Hospital Center, under the direction of Drs. Karen Johnson and Martin Chin, affords fellows an opportunity to see general hospital inpatients along with those on cardiac, transplant and oncology services.

The weekly rotation to Georgetown University Hospital, directed by Department Chair and Fellowship Director Steven A. Epstein, M.D., Carol Alter, M.D. and Daniel Hicks, M.D., includes training in outpatient PM settings, in addition to the Psycho-oncology and Transplant clinics and the Medical Illness Program. Fellows attend departmental grand rounds and core didactic sessions.

NEW REPORT



Not unlike other jurisdictions throughout the US, the District of Columbia struggles with problems posed by interactions between individuals with mental illness and the criminal justice system. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, an independent agency of the District of Columbia, commissioned the Department of Psychiatry at Georgetown University Hospital to: describe areas of concern; offer backgrounds related to "best practices" in other jurisdictions; and formulate recommendations targeted toward system reform. Avram H. Mack, M.D. served as project director /co-author. Report link: http://cjcc.dc.gov/cjcc/frames.asp?doc=cjcc/lib/cjcc/substanceabuse/gap_analysis.pdf

Forensic Fellows Named

The Department of Psychiatry is pleased to announce the appointment of Tyler G. Jones, M.D., Gavin Rose, M.D. and KyleeAnn Useldinger, M.D., its first three "fellows" who will receive training in forensic psychiatry as one part of a broader partnership with the DC Department of Mental Health (DMH). Included in their instruction will be: performing pre/post trial evaluations at St. Elizabeths Hospital; participating in Court Clinics; providing medical/legal consultations at GUH; and assisting with private forensic cases.

- Dr. Jones received a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Doctor of Medicine from East Tennessee State University. He completed an internship and psychiatry residency at the University of Kentucky. His professional interests include medical student and resident education, telemedicine services, psychiatric malpractice and psychiatry in the media.

- Dr. Rose did his undergraduate work at Johns Hopkins University, attended medical school at the University of Maryland, and has most recently served as a DMH staff psychiatrist at St. Elizabeths. Upon completing his fellowship, Dr. Rose wishes to remain in the Washington metropolitan area offering community-based forensic services.

- Dr. Useldinger attended college and medical school at the University of North Dakota before moving to the Nation's Capital to complete her residency at GUH. She was Chief Resident and graduated in 2007. Dr. Useldinger hopes to work in the District as an inpatient psychiatrist and complete forensic evaluations in criminal cases.

SAVE THE DATE

Conference hosted by
Georgetown's Center for Trauma
and the Community

- Thursday, October 25
Stress, Trauma, and Health

Contact: gctc@georgetown.edu
Location: Research Auditorium
Time: 5:00pm- 8:00pm

Department News

- Stacey Kaltman, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, has been awarded a 5-year K-23 mentored research award entitled *Trauma and Loss-Related Mental Health Needs of Latina Immigrants in Communities* from the National Institute of Mental Health. The overall goal of the grant is to gain an understanding of the trauma and loss-related mental health needs of Latina immigrants from Central American countries and to develop culturally and linguistically competent services. As a component of her training, Dr. Kaltman will have extensive training in Spanish as well as instruction in public health theory and methods. Her primary mentor will be Bonnie L. Green, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry, with co-mentor Maria Cecilia Zea, PhD, Professor of Psychology at George Washington University. The research plan includes three studies: a qualitative examination of the impact of trauma and loss among low-income Latina immigrants from Central America; a cross-sectional survey of the mental and physical health correlates of trauma and loss exposure and in-depth follow-up interviews with a subset of participants with PTSD and/or depression about influences on help-seeking; and a pilot study of a community-based intervention to address the trauma and loss-related mental health needs of Latina immigrants.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds and Other Programs (*open to the public)

- September 20, John Little, M.D., Case Conference
- *September 27, Carol Alter, M.D., Medicare
- *October 11, Adriane Fugh-Berman, M.D., Pharma's Influence on Physicians

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Georgetown Center for
Trauma in the Community:
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