

Monthly News – October 2009

Department of Psychiatry

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General News:

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR ROBERT FINDLING: Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine has received \$1.25 million from the National Institutes of Mental Health, part of the National Institutes of Health, to study schizophrenia from an interdisciplinary standpoint. The grant, to be funded over four years, includes three project investigators from three different practice areas. This grant will allow Dr Findling along with Drs. Tesar and Miller (CWRU professors) to work together to provide a detailed characterization of brain cell function in adolescent patients afflicted with schizophrenia by collecting skin cell samples from schizophrenic and healthy subjects.

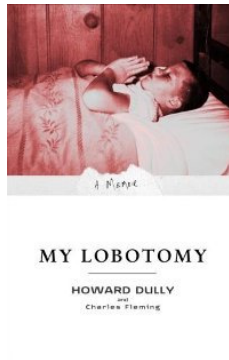
Dr. Christina Delos Reyes has been selected as the recipient of the Woodruff Foundation Emerging Practitioner Leader award. Dr. Delos Reyes will be honored at the Woodruff Foundation Community Issues Luncheon on Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

Book Club:

The next Psychiatry Book Club will be held on **October 25th at 7:30 p.m.** and will be hosted by Weronika Micula-Gondek.

Please join us for a discussion of *My Lobotomy* by Howard Dully and Charles Fleming.

Contact Megan Testa at: megan.testa@uhhospitals.org for further details, or to RSVP.



From Publisher's Weekly: "At age 12, in 1960, Dully received a transorbital or ice pick lobotomy from Dr. Walter Freeman, who invented the procedure, making Dully an unfortunate statistic in medical history—the youngest of the more than 10,000 patients who Freeman lobotomized to cure their supposed mental illness. In this brutally honest memoir, Dully, writing with Fleming (*The Ivory Coast*), describes how he set out 40 years later to find out why he was lobotomized, since he did not exhibit any signs of mental instability at the time, and why, postoperation, he was bounced between various institutions and then slowly fell into a life of drug and alcohol abuse."

Comings and Goings:

Welcome to:

Susan Borton, RN -- Neuro-Geriatric Unit,
Susan Moore, PRN-RN -- Neuro-Geriatric Unit,
Dawn Shaw, RN -- ECT

Congratulations:

To the following employees for their loyalty and long-standing service to the Department of Psychiatry

Fran Geraci: 24 Years on 10/7
Barb Depasquale: 18 Years on 10/7
Eve Laidman: 20 Years On 10/10

Adrienne Hanicak, RN, has been named Care Coordinator for ECT Services

Karen Hogan, ND, RN, has added ECT to her Head Nurse responsibilities

Grand Rounds:

October 16th: **2nd Annual Rocco L. Motto Lecture**

Speaker: **Andrés Martin, M.D., M.P.H.**

Topic: Cover, Content and Course: Career Convergence in Scientific Editing

October 23rd:

Speaker: **Stuart Younger, M.D.**

Topic: Propranolol and the Prevention of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: Is it Wrong to Remove the Sting of Bad Memories?

October 30th:

Speaker: **Megan Testa, M.D.**

Topic: Harm Reduction in the Treatment of IV Drug Addiction

November 6th: **Douglas Danford Bond Lecture**

Speaker: **Ronald I. Dozoretz, M.D.**

Topic: TBA

November 13th:

Speaker: **Manuel Tancer, M.D.**

Topic: MDMA (Ecstasy): Human laboratory studies

Mayer-Haber Library News:

In October 2008, the Mayer-Haber Library received a donation of 14 boxes of books and audiotapes from the Rocco L. Motto family.

Dr. Rocco L. Motto, child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, was the medical director of the Reiss-Davis Child Study Center in Los Angeles for more than 20 years. Dr. Motto graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1939 and from the Western Reserve University College of Medicine in 1942. His collection, which focuses on child psychiatry and the work of the Reiss-Davis Child Study Center in Los Angeles, includes reel-to-reel audiotapes of recorded lectures, seminars, and discussions on psychoanalysis and education, teacher training, and psychotherapy sessions with children. There are also recordings of board minutes, and minutes of committee meetings. Since receiving the collection, over fifty books have been cataloged and added to the Haber Library in the Department of Psychiatry. A guide to the collection, which describes the scope and content of the items and provides information on Dr. Motto and his work, is nearing completion. An inventory of the

audiotapes will be included. The audiotapes span the years 1958 to 1976, and include presentations by many notable psychoanalysts and educators.

Some of the speakers captured on the audiotapes are: Anna Freud, of the Hampstead Child Therapy Clinic, who spoke on "Indications and Contraindications of Child Psychoanalysis."

Lawrence Kubie, author of the 1950 classic, *Practical and Theoretical Aspects of Psychoanalysis*.

John Goodlad, authority on teacher education and educational policy.

Haim Ginott, author of the bestseller, *Between Parent and Child*.

Lillian Weitzner, who wrote "Object Cathexis in the Borderline Child" and "On Termination in Child Analysis" for the annual, *Psychoanalytic Study of the Child*.

Jose Barchilon, who wrote psychoanalytic studies of novels by Jane Austen, Albert Camus, Mark Twain and others. Dr. Barchilon's talk was entitled, "Huckleberry Finn via Psychoanalytic Understanding."

Fritz Redl, who spoke on "Toward a Psychology of Parental Behavior."

This information was taken from the listings on the individual audiotape boxes.

Included in the gift from the Motto family were multiple copies of Dr. Motto's book with Rudolf Ekstein, *From Learning to Love to Love of Learning*. There are free copies of this book available to staff in the Library, Room 7118.

Presentations & Publications:

Shim S. S.: Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia: Strategies for Recognizing Schizophrenia and

Treating to Remission. *Psychiatric Times* August 2009, Special Report; Treatment Resistance

Research:

Customized Adherence Enhancement for Individuals with Bipolar Disorder receiving atypical antipsychotic therapy:

This study is a pilot, prospective project of the effects of customized adherence enhancement (CAE) when added to the medical management (usual care) of patients with bipolar disorder who are known to be at risk for treatment non-adherence. The aim of this project is to test the use of a modular-based intervention in a pilot feasibility, acceptability and preliminary efficacy study of customized adherence enhancement (CAE) in a vulnerable population with BPD at an academic medical center. Participants are recruited from the Psychiatry inpatient and outpatient clinics at any University Hospitals affiliated site and will be followed up for 3 months.

Basic Inclusion/Exclusion criteria:

- Participants must be 18 years old, have Bipolar Disorder Type I or Type II
- Have demonstrated a poor history of adherence to medication
- Must be taking atypical mood stabilizer medication

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Open-label, prospective trial of lamotrigine for Symptoms of geriatric bipolar Depression (GERI BD SAD): The purpose of this study is to determine the most effective/best tolerated dose of lamotrigine in patients with bipolar

depression who are aged 60 and older. Participants are recruited from outpatient clinics at University Hospitals Case Medical Center, as well as from the community.

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Dr Findling and the Discovery and Wellness Center for Children are currently looking for research individuals between the ages of 6-12 to participate in a study for an investigational medication for the treatment of Autism. If your child is having difficulty with social interaction and communication skills, he or she may be eligible to participate in this 14 week long unique research study. Study procedures may include clinical evaluations, close follow-up with a physician and medication provided at no cost. For more information, please call 216-844-3922.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT

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Seminars:

The **Discovery and Wellness Center for Children (DWCC)** at University Hospitals Case Medical Center will present an educational forum, “**Understanding Autism.**” on **Wednesday, October 28th** at the W.O. Walker Building Auditorium from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please join the DWCC, Max Wiznitzer, M.D., Elizabeth Short, Ph.D., and Rory McLean for a discussion on this important topic. Seating is limited. Please **RSVP by October 21st by calling 216.844.3922 (DWCC).**