2017
INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Friday, October 27, 2017
9:00am–4:30pm

Kaufman Music Center
129 West 67th Street (b/w Broadway & Amsterdam)
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BRAIN & BEHAVIOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION
Awarding NARSAD Grants
Are There Breakthrough Opportunities For Mental Health?

Keynote Speaker
Herbert Pardes, M.D.

Dr. Herbert Pardes is Executive Vice Chairman of the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Board and President of the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation’s Scientific Council. Nationally recognized for broad expertise in education, research, clinical care and health policy, he is a vigorous advocate of the highest quality care for all patients, academic medical centers, empathic care and technology innovation to transform medicine. He was NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Healthcare System President and CEO from 1999-2011. Dr. Pardes was Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University from 1989-1999. A noted psychiatrist, he served as Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and U.S. Assistant Surgeon General during the Carter and Reagan administrations, and has been President of the American Psychiatric Association and a National Academy of Medicine member.

Symposium Moderator
Robert M.A. Hirschfeld, M.D.

DeWitt Wallace Senior Scholar
Professor of Psychiatry
Weill Cornell Medical College,
Cornell University
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

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Prior to joining Weill Cornell in April 2015, Dr. Hirschfeld served for 25 years as Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He previously led the Mood, Anxiety and Disorders Research Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health, and is internationally recognized for his research on the diagnosis and treatment of depression, bipolar disorder and anxiety disorders. With colleagues, Dr. Hirschfeld developed the Mood Disorder Questionnaire, the widely used screening instrument for bipolar disorder. He received a 2002 Distinguished Investigator Grant and 2003 Falcone Prize (re-named the Colvin Prize in 2012) for Outstanding Achievement in Mood Disorders Research from the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation.

Symposium Commentator
Myrna Weissman, Ph.D.

Diane Goldman Kemper, Family Professor of Epidemiology in Psychiatry
Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons

Dr. Weissman’s research is focused on understanding the rates and risks of mood and anxiety disorders using methods of epidemiology, genetics, neuroimaging, and the application of these findings to develop and test observation-based treatments and preventive interventions. She directs a three-generation study of families at high and low risk for depression that have been clinically studied for over 30 years. Dr. Weissman is a member of the Foundation’s Scientific Council, a three-time Distinguished Investigator Grantee, and member of the National Academy of Sciences. Along with her late husband Dr. Gerald Klerman, she developed Interpersonal Psychotherapy, an evidenced-based treatment for depression. Dr. Weissman was selected by the American College of Epidemiology as 1 of 10 epidemiologists in the U.S. who has had a major impact on public policy and public health. In January 2016 she was listed as one of the 100 highly cited authors in Google Scholars Citation.
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Hear the 2017 Outstanding Achievement Prizewinners and select Young Investigators present updates on leading research discoveries across brain and behavior disorders, and a Special Keynote Presentation.

Registration
8:30 am

Morning Session
9:00 am–12:30 pm

Outstanding Achievement Prizewinners

The Prevention of Relapse with Medication: A Statistical Perspective
John M. Davis, M.D.
University of Illinois at Chicago

Toward Personalized Medicine in Schizophrenia: Clinical Trials Targeting Specific Biomarkers and Patient Populations
Deanna L. Kelly, Pharm.D., BCPP
University of Maryland School of Medicine

The Brain Circuitry of Bipolar Disorder: A View from Brain Scanning Research
Hilary P. Blumberg, M.D.
Yale School of Medicine

Mechanisms of Mood Disorder in the Human Brain: Neural Targets for New Treatments
Mary L. Phillips, M.D., M.D. (Cantab)
University of Pittsburgh, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Recovery from Severe Psychosocial Deprivation
Nathan A. Fox, Ph.D.
The University of Maryland, College Park
Charles A. Nelson III, Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School & Boston Children’s Hospital
Charles H. Zeanah, Jr., M.D.
Tulane University School of Medicine

Break
12:30 pm–1:30 pm

Afternoon Session
1:30 pm–4:30 pm

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Outstanding Achievement Prizewinners

Addiction as Brain Disorder of Self-Control
Trevor W. Robbins, Ph.D.
University of Cambridge, UK

Young Investigators

Harnessing the Microbiota-Gut-Brain Axis During Pregnancy to Improve Mother and Child’s Health
Mary C. Kimmel, M.D.
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Brain Development and the Immune System: The Basic Science of Stress
Anna V. Molofsky, M.D., Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco

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The order of the presentations is subject to change.
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Primary Area(s) of Interest:
☐ Addiction
☐ Anxiety
☐ Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
☐ Autism
☐ Bipolar Disorder
☐ Borderline Personality Disorder
☐ Depression
☐ Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
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☐ Schizophrenia
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