RESEARCH IN ADDICTION MEDICINE SCHOLARS PROGRAM
2016-2018 Scholars

Scholars

Anahita Bassir-Nia, MD
Addiction Psychiatry
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
NAC Mentor: Patrick O'Connor, MD, MPH
Dr. Bassir-Nia is an addiction psychiatry fellow at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in a combined two year clinical and research fellowship. Her research is focused on the relationship between use of cannabinoids (natural and synthetic) with psychosis, evaluating various biomarkers of stress response and related genes. Her research interests are in the field of biological psychiatry and substance use disorders, related to psychosis, stress, history of childhood trauma and personality disorders.

Curtis Bone, MD
Addiction Medicine
Yale University School of Medicine
NAC Mentor: Gail D’Onofrio, MD, MS
Dr. Bone is a second year of his addiction medicine fellow with the Yale School of Medicine; his research is at the Yale West Haven Veteran’s Hospital. His project centers on the intersection of health services for substance use disorders and women’s health care focusing on whether resources within a methadone treatment center can be used to improve utilization of reproductive health services among women with substance use disorders who receive methadone treatment.

Kit Fairgrieve, MD
Addiction Medicine
St. Paul’s Hospital BC Centre on Substance Use
NAC Mentor: Jeffrey Savov, MD, MPH, MA
Dr. Fairgrieve completed a one-year clinical fellowship in addiction medicine at St. Paul’s Hospital in June 2016. He is currently working as a staff physician at St Paul’s Hospital on the inpatient addiction medicine consult service and is also the associate director of the clinical fellowship program. His research focus is the risk of opioid overdose following hospital discharge against medical advice. He is planning an observational cohort study of managed alcohol patients in hospital for his RAMS project.

Maria García Vassallo, MD
Addiction Psychiatry
Yale University VA Connecticut Healthcare System
NAC Mentor: Kathleen Brady, MD, MPH
Dr. García Vassallo is an addiction psychiatry fellow at Yale School of Medicine and will begin a VA advanced fellowship program in mental illness research and treatment during the summer of 2017. She is interested in developing novel treatments for addictive disorders that target the psychophysiological aspects of withdrawal and craving. She has a particular interest in studying medications for nicotine dependence and is currently developing a lab study using Oxytocin.

Dan Schatz, MD
Addiction Medicine
New York University School of Medicine
NAC Mentor: Michael Stein, MD
Dr. Schatz is an addiction medicine fellow at NYU. He is a clinician with the Mental Health Service Corp, an initiative of ThriveNYC, which focuses on public health issues related to mental health and inequality. His interests include co-occurring substance use, smoking cessation, transitions of care and incarcerated to community living, prevention and health policy. His current research is evaluating the synergistic effects of naltrexone and nicotine replacement in heavy drinking smokers.

Yasmin Hurd, PhD
Addiction Psychiatry
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
NAC Mentor: Jeffrey Samet, MD, MPH, MA
NAC Mentor: Kathleen Brady, MD, MPH
NAC Mentor: Patrick O'Connor, MD, MPH
Dr. Yamin Hurd is a Professor of Psychiatry, Neurosciences and Pharmacological Sciences as well as the Ward Coleman Chair of Translational Neuroscience at the Icahn School of Medicine. Her translational research examines the neurobiology of drug abuse and related psychiatric disorders. In addition to her research endeavors, Dr. Hurd is Director of the Addiction Institute at Mount Sinai within the Behavioral Health System.

Jeanette Tetrauld, MD
Addiction Psychiatry
Yale University School of Medicine
NAC Mentor: Gail D’Onofrio, MD, MS
Dr. Tetrauld’s work focuses on care of patients with addiction and the medical co-morbidities associated with substance use. She is a diplomate of ABAM and is the Program Director for Yale’s Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program. She is the co-director of the Addiction Recovery Clinic in the Adult Primary Care Clinic at the St. Raphael’s Campus of YNHH. Her research focuses on safety of medications used to treat substance use disorders and on medical education with regard to addiction.

Seonaid Nolan, MD
Addiction Medicine
St. Paul’s Goldcorp Hospital
NAC Mentor: Michael Stein, MD, MPH
Dr. Nolan is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia (UBC). She completed a fellowship in GIM at UBC, the St. Paul’s Goldcorp Addiction Medicine Fellowship, and the NIDA sponsored Canada Addiction Medicine Research Fellowship and is a RAMS alumni. She is currently the Physician Program Director for the Addiction Program within Providence Health care, works as an addiction medicine physician at St. Paul’s Hospital and is a Clinician Scientist with the BC Centre on Substance Use and the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.

Margaret Altemus, MD
Addiction Medicine
Yale University School of Medicine
NAC Mentor: Michael Stein, MD, MPH
Dr. Margaret Altemus is an associate professor of psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine. She is director of mental health services in the Women’s Primary Care Clinic of the Veterans Administration Connecticut Healthcare System. Her research interests are neuroendocrinology with a focus on the impact of reproductive hormones and reproductive events on mood and anxiety disorders and stress response physiology.

Joshua Lee, MD, MSc
Addiction Medicine
New York University School of Medicine
Dr. Joshua Lee is an Associate Professor in the Department of Population Health and the Department of Medicine / Division of General Internal Medicine and Clinical Innovation at the NYU School of Medicine. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. He is the Director of the NYU ABAM Fellowship in Addiction Medicine. His research focuses on addiction pharmacotherapies and primary care and criminal justice populations.

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