



ACNP Bulletin

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ACNP President's Letter

Maria A. Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your President for 2020. Having served the College in various roles (Membership Committee, Program Committee, Council), the opportunity to contribute in a different capacity is exciting. ACNP is my scientific home and the annual meeting is the professional bright spot of my year.

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Director's Notes

Sarah Timm, CAE, CMP-HC, Executive Director

The Shifting Paradigm of Communications

When I joined ACNP 15 years ago, I was a young millennial who was sure I knew the latest trends of everything. I considered myself hip and cool. I had a Blackberry. My, how time has changed in a decade and a half. I thought email was cool and was clueless about the budding world of social media.

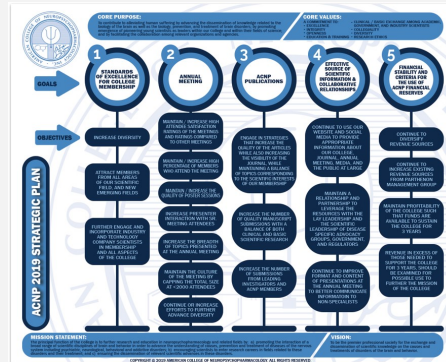
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New ACNP Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan Task Force worked hard in 2019 to update the ACNP Strategic Plan. Members, please visit the [ACNP website](#) for additional information and to read the updated Strategic Plan in detail.

*The ACNP Strategic Plan is tracked every year on progress made and updated every five years to set direction for the College.



2020 New Associate Members, New Members & Members Promoted to Fellow

Please help us welcome the 42 new Associate Members and 40 new Members selected for 2020 membership at the 58th Annual Meeting. We also congratulate the 29 Members who were promoted to Fellow status in the College.

[New Associate Members](#)

[New Members](#)

[Members to Fellow Promotion](#)

REMINDER:

2020 ASSOCIATE MEMBER AND MEMBER NOMINATIONS:

New Associate Member and Member nominees must have attended a minimum of one ACNP Annual Meeting prior to applying for membership.

Associate & New Member Connection

The 2020 Membership Advisory Task Force members are listed here. They look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

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2019 Career Development Session

Karen K. Szumlinski, Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Member

The Membership Advisory Task Force was pleased to organize its 9th Career Development Session at the annual ACNP meeting in Orlando, Florida. The session's topic was '*Striving for Success as Faculty in Academia*'.

To learn more about the session, [click here](#).



NEW NAME: Diversity & Inclusion Task Force

(Formerly known as the Minority Task Force)

The 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Task Force members are listed here. They look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

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ACNP Liaison Committee

Promotional leave-behind when speaking with Senators and Representatives

The Liaison Committee's promotional leave-behind includes key highlights, visuals, and a link to the ACNP website. The makeup of the ACNP allows us to offer expertise in the science of psychiatric disorders from the standpoint of diagnostics, prevention and therapeutics. Our members are consistently acclaimed as the thought leaders in psychiatry and pharmacology, and we are beginning to apply this expertise to mental health policy. As such, we would like to work with policymakers wherever and whenever possible and will be glad to provide members with appropriate guidance and expertise. This leave-behind can be a useful tool for ways in which the ACNP can help provide expertise and education.

ACNP Travel Award Program

The 2019 ACNP Annual Meeting brought another outstanding class of 58 Travel Awardees to the meeting.

To learn more about the 2019 Travel Awardees, please [click here](#).

REMINDER: 2020 TRAVEL AWARD PROGRAM

Beginning last year, the Travel Award application supporting letters must be from ACNP members only. **Supporting letters from non-members will not be accepted.** All categories of membership to include Associate Members, Members, Member Emeritus, Fellows and Fellow Emeritus will be allowed to nominate **one person** for a travel award with the **exception to allow one additional nomination for a minority applicant**. Members will upload their supporting letter in to the submission system which will be kept confidential from the travel award applicant.

We ask for your assistance in disseminating this information to your colleagues, institution and related organizations in an effort to prepare travel award applicants.

The Travel Award application site will open on March 16, 2020. The deadline to submit an application is April 23, 2020.

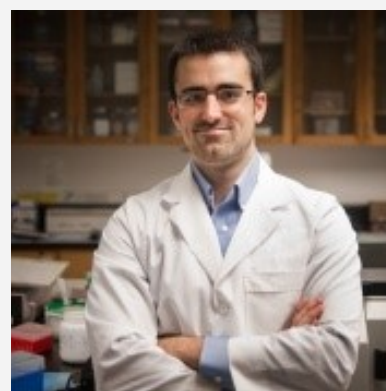
Please visit the ACNP website for additional information on the [2020 Travel Award Program](#) and a list of [current membership](#).

SfN Hill Day Event 2020

The College partnered with the Society for Neuroscience to select up to four distinguished young scientists from the 2019 Travel Award class to be part of SfN's Annual Hill Day event. Any interested 2019 Travel Awardees were asked to submit a statement of interest in public service or advocacy, a statement of their experience volunteering in governmental education efforts, advocacy outreach or elections as well as an updated C/V for review by both the chairs of the Education and Training Committee and Liaison Committee.

This year, the committee chairs selected the following distinguished young scientists from the 2019 Travel Award class to be part of the event which will convene in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, March 4th with the SfN Hill Day Training and Hill Day on Thursday, March 5th.

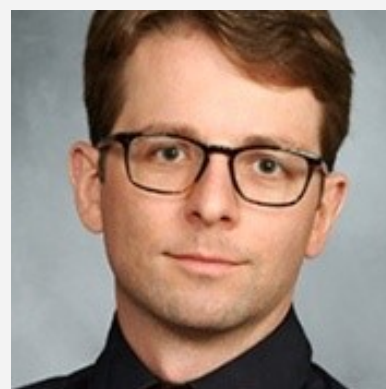
Ethan Anderson, Ph.D.
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Wayne State University



Jonathan Power, M.D., Ph.D.
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Annual Meeting 2019

Photos from the Annual Meeting are available on the members' only section of the [ACNP Website](#) under the Annual Meeting tab.



ACNP would like to thank the 2019 Annual Meeting Mentors. [Click here](#) to see a list of Meeting Mentors.

2019 Honorific Award Winners

The 2019 Honorific Awards were presented by Awards Committee chair, Steven Hyman, M.D. at the President's Plenary on Sunday, December 8th and Distinguished

Lecture on Monday, December 9th during the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.
[Click here](#) to see the 2019 Award Winners.

- Daniel H. Efron Research Award
- Joel Elkes Research Award
- Eva King Killam Research Award
- Julius Axelrod Mentorship Award
- Dolores Shockley Minority Mentoring Award
- Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award
- Media Award
- Public Service Award

NPP

(Neuropsychopharmacology)
Update

The seventh annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Transformative Original Report (NEATOR), third annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Review (NEAR), and first annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Early Career Award (NEECA) were presented during the annual meeting Distinguished Lecture session.



This year's awards were given to, [click here](#).

NPP (Neuropsychopharmacology) Reviewers

New Members and Associate Members who would like to be added to the reviewer pool for *NPP* should create a profile on the Springer Nature site at www.nature.com/npp. On your personal profile check yes to the query, "Do we have the permission to contact you by email regarding editorial matters (such as peer-reviewing) or to help improve our services to authors and referees?" and your name will be added to the reviewer pool. Please contact the Journal, journal@acnp.org, with questions.

New 2020 Officers and Council Members

Maria A. Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D., President

The reins of leadership were passed to 2020 President, Maria A. Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D., Ruth Meltzer Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry, Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania, by outgoing President, Marina E. Wolf, Ph.D.



Linda S. Brady, Ph.D., President-Elect

Director, Division of Neurosciences and Basic Behavioral Science, National Institute of Mental Health



Mary L. Phillips, M.D., Council Member

Professor in Psychiatry and Clinical and Translational Science, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine



Carlos A. Zarate, Jr., M.D., Council Member

Chief, Experimental Therapeutics and Pathophysiology Branch, National Institute of Mental Health



2020 ACNP Council

[Click here](#) to see the complete list of our Council Members.

Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD)

April 16, 2020

BRAD had a fantastic turnout at the ACNP Annual Meeting and several ACNP participants signed up to receive more information from Biomedical Research Awareness Day! If you signed up to learn more about BRAD at the ACNP Annual Meeting, you should have received an email from BRAD already.

BRAD is a global initiative through Americans for Medical Progress (AMP) to educate the public about the critical role of animals in biomedical research. The 5th annual BRAD will be celebrated worldwide on April 16th, 2020, and they want YOU to be a part of it! Over 100 institutions hosted BRAD events in 2019 with a common goal of raising awareness of the importance of animal research to medical progress. Additionally, this is an opportunity to highlight the innovative and important research being conducted at your own institution that is aimed at uncovering the neurobiological mechanisms that underlie mental health disorders.

BRAD is hopeful that ACNP members will get actively involved in planning, supporting and attending BRAD events at their home institution.

To register, click on this [link](#). Be sure to select "neuroscience" when registering so BRAD can send you brand new materials specifically made for ACNP participants. If someone at your institution is already registered, BRAD can also connect you to them directly to increase the involvement from ACNP participants.

ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship

The deadline to submit an application is April 24, 2020.

ACNP and the Americans for Medical Progress (AMP), a national non-profit that stands in support of biomedical research, are partnering together to accept applications for the

ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship for 2020/21. Named for Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD), a celebration of science held annually in April, this fellowship aims to raise awareness for essential animal research in



neuropsychopharmacology and other related careers in the field. For additional information, please visit their [website](#) and [flyer](#).

Dates to Remember

- **April 23, 2020:** Deadline to submit Travel Award applications
- **May 12, 2020:** Deadline for submission of overall proposals by chairs (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
- **May 26, 2020:** Deadline for submissions of individual presenter abstracts (Panels & Mini-Panels)
- **May 26, 2020:** Deadline for submission of disclosures by Study Group participants
- **May 29, 2020:** Deadline for chairs to review and finalize proposed sessions (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
- **June 29, 2020:** Deadline to submit Honorific Awards
- **August 6, 2020:** Deadline to submit Poster Abstracts
- **September 3, 2020:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions

Upcoming Meetings

To see a list of upcoming meetings in the field of neuropsychopharmacology, [click here](#).

Staff Spotlight

The Top Ten Things you likely did not know about Tori Swinehart, Senior Meeting Content Manager

10. She is a competitive ballroom dancer.

9. She loves watching all sports, especially when one of the teams is her alma mater,

Auburn University.

8. One of her goals is to visit every Major League Baseball stadium and root for the home team. So far, she's made it to 13.

7. She loves to travel and adventure and tries to do at least one thing local to the city she is in when she's at a conference.

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ACNP Staff Contact List

For a full listing of the ACNP Staff in the Executive Office, [click here](#).

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