



ACNP Bulletin

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Upcoming Deadlines

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

It is difficult to imagine starting a note to the membership today without acknowledging the pandemic and the shocks it is delivering to our health systems and research endeavors, not to mention the possibility of ill effects on our own or family's health.



[Click here](#) to read more.

The Opportunities Created by COVID-19

Sarah Timm, CAE, CMP-HC, ACNP Executive Director

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." - Albert Einstein

Rewind to late February 2020, I was aware of COVID-19 and its rapid march through Italy and other continents. I knew early on this would greatly impact many of the professional organizations we manage, though I had grossly underestimated the impact on the PMG business model, our members and their work.



[Click here](#) for more.

The Extraordinary Challenges and Related Circumstances of COVID-19

David T. Hsu, Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Member

The Membership Advisory Task Force polled its members to capture a varied view of the professional effects of COVID-19. We hope that by sharing these experiences we will encourage a sense of community among ACNP members during this difficult time.

[Click here](#) to read more.



ACNP 2019 Travel Awardees Attend Capitol Hill Day

Hill Day is an opportunity for scientists to meet face-to-face with lawmakers to share their expertise and put a human face to decisions about research funding. These meetings lay the groundwork for getting lawmakers into the lab, meeting with them when they return to their districts, and becoming a resource to their staff when they make important policy decisions. To read more about Capitol Hill Day, [click here](#).

**Ethan Anderson, Ph.D. (pictured left), Hilary Marusak, Ph.D. (pictured middle), and Jonathan Power, M.D., Ph.D. (pictured right)*



Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) went Virtual this April!

Typically celebrated on the 3rd Thursday in April, Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) was postponed to comply with global physical distancing protocols; however, that did not stop virtual BRAD 2020 celebrations. On April 16th, individuals shared photos of themselves, their family and their pets showing their appreciation for the scientists and animals involved in COVID-19 related research. Some demonstrated their creativity through art, BRAD coloring sheets and a white board activity (available on bradglobal.org). Others shared stories about their role in laboratory animal medicine and studies with animals that have directly impacted their lives. A collection of these images can be found [here](#).



It was great to see ACNP members and participants involved. For example, a video

posted by ACNP Member David Jentsch, Ph.D. was shared on Facebook and [Twitter](#), receiving over 2.7K views. Additionally, current ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellow [Katherine Serafine, Ph.D.](#) spent the day video calling [K-12 students](#) to talk with them about animals in research and careers in neuroscience.

We hope seeing these images of support and encouragement will lift up the animal research community in these uncertain times. We cannot wait for the BRAD 2020 celebrations planned for the fall! A makeup date will be announced soon, but in the meantime, ACNP members can sign up to host a BRAD event (virtual or in person) by visiting [this website](#). To help facilitate these activities we have recently developed 7 new infographics about the role of animals in neuropsychopharmacology research! These new infographics will be available on [bradglobal.org](#) to download and use on your social media sites to spark conversations about animal research. Print copies and sticker versions will also be sent to any ACNP member that registers to host an event in 2020!

ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship Application Deadline Extended!

Lastly, the ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship deadline has been extended until **September 30th** due to the uncertainty we expect that some early career faculty and postdoctoral fellows might be facing due to these unprecedented times. Inquiries can be directed to BRAD@amprogress.org and application instructions can be found on the [ACNP travel awards page](#). The 2020-2021 Fellow will be appointed in time to attend the 2020 ACNP Meeting.

Please view the [ACNP/AMP BRAD updated flyer](#) for additional details.

Neuropsychopharmacology: Embracing our nickname

William Carlezon, Ph.D., Editor-In-Chief

As part of the ACNP's strategic plan, in 2019 there was discussion about re-naming both the College and the journal. While the final decision was that no formal changes would be made to either, *Neuropsychopharmacology* has been quietly moving toward re-branding the journal as NPP. The purpose of this re-branding is to acknowledge the expansion of our scope beyond pharmacology, while avoiding the adverse consequences of actually changing the journal name (including loss of an Impact Factor for a few years). To accomplish this, we have re-designed the cover, moving the NPP watermark from the background to the foreground to make it more prominent. The re-branding does not in any way change the official ways in which the journal is cited or listed. Consider it more fully embracing the nickname we've always had.



[Click here](#) to see the *Neuropsychopharmacology* to NPP: Cover Evolution

Whitelisting Instructions for NPP

Occasionally, emails from the NPP's submissions system directed to authors and

reviewers end up in a recipient's junk/spam folder due to an institution's security parameters. This can be either via our system or from the Editorial Office directly which both use the email, journal@acnp.org. You can whitelist (marking them 'safe') these emails by completing the following steps to ensure future emails are received:

- In Outlook, go into your junk email folder.
- Right-click on the email that you want to whitelist - junk - never block sender.

This should stop sending these emails from this sender to the junk email folder and will start sending them directly to the inbox.

The Neuropsychopharmacology (NPP) Editorial Internship

Chloe Jordan, Ph.D., NPP Editorial Intern

The first editorial internship role for *Neuropsychopharmacology* began with discussions during the annual ACNP meeting in December 2017 and started officially 2018. The NPP Editorial Internship was conceived of as an opportunity for early career investigators to gain unique insights and experience in scientific journal and editorial processes, management, and publishing. [Click here](#) to read more.



59th Annual Meeting

December 6-9, 2020

Registration for the 59th Annual Meeting will begin in July. We are looking forward to welcoming members and their guests to the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona. As the COVID-19 crisis continues worldwide, the ACNP Council and Program Chairs want you to know that the health and well-being of our attendees is of the utmost importance as we navigate plans for this year's Annual Meeting. The College does plan to proceed with the Annual Meeting in some capacity for 2020. [Click here](#) for additional information.



Requesting Guest Invitations - NEW PROCESS

ACNP Members will now request guest invitations or bank invitations through the online meeting portal in lieu of emailing the Executive Office. **The online portal is open now, but please note that invitations will not be sent until July once registration officially opens.** To request your invitation, login to the [Annual Meeting Submission Site](#) and select 'Submit ACNP Invitation Request.'

As a reminder, attendees must be registered for the conference prior to submitting a poster. Invitations are processed manually and can take time so please be sure to request your invitation early to ensure your guest has ample time to register and submit a poster prior to the August 6th poster deadline.

2021 Officer and Council Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected leadership.

This election was carried out in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 and Article IX, Section 2 of the ACNP By-Laws, and its results are binding. Terms for the newly-elected officers will begin at the conclusion of the ACNP Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

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

President-Elect



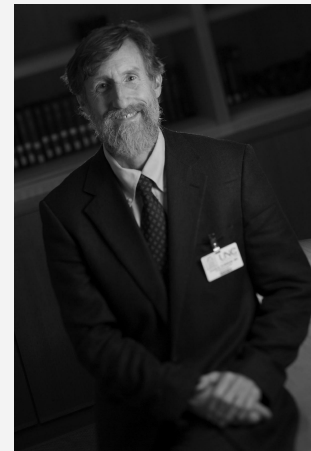
Rita J. Valentino, Ph.D.

Secretary



David R. Rubinow, M.D.

Treasurer



Diego A. Pizzagalli, Ph.D.

Council (Replacing Carlos A. Zarate, Jr., M.D.)



Carrie E. Bearden, Ph.D.

Council (*Three-Year Term*)



Ellen Leibenluft, M.D.

Council (*Three-Year Term*)



ACNP Honorific Awards - Call for Nominations

It's time to honor the scientific and mentorship accomplishments of a select few from a very long list of our distinguished members and colleagues. The Honorific Awards Committee, chaired by Marina E. Wolf, is [requesting nominations](#) for the following ACNP Honorific Awards:

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

Detailed nomination information is available on the [ACNP website](#) under the Annual

Meeting tab. The nomination deadline is Monday, June 29, 2020. Award recipients will be announced and honored at the Annual Meeting.

The committee urges you to nominate a deserving colleague and encourages the nomination of women and minorities.

Membership Nominations and Promotions

Nomination materials for new Member, Associate Member, and Fellow promotion candidates will be available under the Membership tab on the [ACNP website](#) in June. The submission site will open with an announcement via email to membership in late July. The deadline for nominations and applications will be September 3, 2020. Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact Erin Shaw at eshaw@acnp.org.

Did you know that ACNP has employment opportunities on the ACNP Website?

Please visit the [ACNP website](#) for a list of employment opportunities.

ACNP Member Collaborations with Latin American Scientists

In November of 2019, the **Latin American Task Force** highlighted some of the current collaborations members have with Latin American scientists as well as post docs working in their labs from Latin American countries. If you are interested in featuring your current collaboration with Latin American countries in a future Bulletin article, please contact Erin Colladay in the Executive Office at ecolladay@acnp.org. Please [click here](#) to see the November 2019 article on Latin American collaborations.

The American College of Psychiatrists Awards

The American College of Psychiatrists acknowledges outstanding contributions to psychiatry made by mental health professionals by presenting several awards. To learn more about these honors, or to nominate a colleague, please visit the [American College of Psychiatrist's website](#).

The Distinguished Service in Psychiatry Award

This award recognizes significant achievements and leadership in the field of psychiatry. The award consists of a gold medallion and a certificate. The recipient receives travel, hotel, and free registration at their annual meeting.

The Award for Creativity in Psychiatric Education

This award recognizes a teaching program that demonstrates innovation in psychiatric education. The award consists of a \$1,000 grant and a certificate. One representative from the program receives travel, hotel, and free registration at their annual meeting and a second recipient receives free registration.

Honorary Fellows

The American College of Psychiatrists awards Honorary Fellows in the College to distinguished professionals who have made significant scientific and clinical contributions to the field of psychiatry but are ineligible for membership in the College. Although Honorary Fellows do not pay dues and are not eligible to hold office or committee membership, they are invited to attend all College meetings.

The nomination deadlines are **August 15, 2020**.

Dates to Remember

- **May 29, 2020:** Deadline for chairs to review and finalize proposed sessions (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
 - **June 29, 2020:** Deadline to submit ACNP Honorific Awards
 - **August 6, 2020:** Deadline to submit Poster Abstracts (*Poster submissions will open in early June with registration for the annual meeting*)
 - **September 3, 2020:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions (*Membership nominations and promotions will open in late July*)
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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 Kelly Phy, Senior Meetings Manager

10. She met her husband when they were 12 years old, but they never actually dated until after graduating from college.
9. The first gift her husband ever gave her (for Valentine's Day) was a trip skydiving.
8. Speaking of Valentine's Day - her two-year-old son was born on Valentine's Day!



[More...](#)

ACNP Staff Contact List

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

To submit items to the Bulletin, please email:



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