



# ACNP Bulletin

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## *#ACNP2020 - A Meeting Like No Other*

Susanne Ahmari, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Program Committee Chair

This is not a traditional year. So, I will not be providing a traditional overview of the 59th Annual ACNP Program. Though it now feels trite to describe what we have been experiencing over the past 5 months as citizens and scientists in our country as "Unprecedented", it nevertheless is accurate. The ACNP Program Committee is therefore now focused on translating our annual meeting to a virtual platform that tries to preserve what we love - the breadth and depth of cutting-edge clinical and basic science, in-depth formal discussions of issues relevant to our field, and opportunities for networking, forging new collaborations, catching up with old friends, and making new ones - while simultaneously taking advantage of current circumstances to augment the program with exciting new features.



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## *Interview with Armin Raznahan, M.D., Ph.D., Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Chair*

Julia Sacher, M.D., Ph.D., Membership Advisory Task Force Member

In 2019, Armin Raznahan, M.D., Ph.D., along with the chair Juan Gallego, M.D., and the Minority Task Force executed various initiatives and provided insight regarding considerations for under-represented minorities. As the current chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (formerly the Minority Task Force), Dr. Raznahan is working to maintain a high level of achievement through various initiatives and collaborative efforts with this task force and ad hoc members. For this edition of the ACNP Bulletin, the Membership Advisory Task Force conducted the following interview to provide members with further insight into Dr. Raznahan and the task force's initiatives and also posed questions about his own experiences and aspirations.



[Click here](#) to read the interview.

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## *ACNP 2020 - Virtual Vision (with added coffee!)*

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

While many of you may be dragging yourself to your coffee pots or Keurig's during the annual meeting in December, know that the ACNP staff will be ready to pull off an exceptional virtual experience while being well caffeinated with better coffee than we get in hotels! I hope each of you can talk your significant other or kids into bringing you some mediocre coffee, a hard-boiled egg and a stale pastry in order for us all to reminisce of the good times we have at the ACNP Annual Meeting.



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## *2020 Travel Awardees Named*

Robert Swift, M.D., Ph.D., Education and Training Committee Chair

Rachel Marsh, Ph.D., Education and Training Committee Co-Chair

The Education & Training Committee is pleased to announce the selection of 54 outstanding scientists for the 2020 ACNP Travel Award program. The College received over 260 applications for the 54 awards, making this yet another year for difficult decisions by the committee.

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For a complete listing of the awardees, please click: [Travel Awardee Class of 2020](#)

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## *NPP Social Media Editor*

Bill Carlezon, Ph.D.

On behalf of the NPP team

On July 1, 2020, NPP welcomed Dr. Keri Martinowich (photo: below) as our new social media editor. At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to Dr. Gretchen Neigh (photo: right), our inaugural social media editor. While it is difficult to remember a time when NPP did not have a social media presence, the date it all started was February 7, 2017. On that day, Dr. Neigh set up our social media accounts, starting with a blank slate: 0 followers. She built our base of Twitter followers to nearly 3800 by keeping her posts interesting and professional. She helped us learn about social media and how to do it successfully, and perhaps more importantly, had great insight on what not to do. Dr. Martinowich brings a similar mixture of enthusiasm, creativity, and professionalism to the role. We are quite fortunate to have these innovators as part of the NPP and ACNP families.





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## *CNC Virtual Briefing - Preserving Mental Health During COVID-19*

The American Brain Coalition in cooperation with the ACNP and NAMI held a virtual briefing on July 29, 2020. Dr. Joshua Gordon, Director of NIMH, and Dr. Christine Crawford, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, examined the health components of COVID-19. [Click here](#) to read more.



[Click here](#) to read the complete summary.  
[Click here](#) to watch the recorded briefing.

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**ACNP**  
59th Annual Meeting of  
The American College of  
Neuropsychopharmacology

December 6-9, 2020 | Virtual Meeting

## *ACNP 59th Annual Meeting*

*December 6-9, 2020*  
*Virtual Meeting*

We are looking forward to seeing you all virtually at the 59th Annual Meeting! This year's meeting will be presented on an exciting, new virtual platform. Registration opened on July 9th. [Click here](#) to register if you have not already.

The [Annual Meeting Schedule](#) is available to access the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

**Please note: All times listed are in Central time.**

[Click here](#) for additional information about the meeting. ACNP members will now



request invitations through the online meeting portal in lieu of emailing the Executive Office. To request invitations, login to the [Annual Meeting Submission Site](#) and select 'Submit ACNP Invitation Request'.

## *CALL FOR FORMAL NETWORKING SESSIONS*

Please email [acnp@acnp.org](mailto:acnp@acnp.org) your suggestions for formal networking rooms to have discussions around key topics in our field.

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### *Important College Policy Reminders*

As you are making plans to attend the 59th Annual Meeting, we ask you remember these important College policies:

- 1. Photos and Recording During the Annual Meeting** - Photographing, screenshots or recording material presented in a panel, mini-panel, study group or poster sessions is not allowed unless explicitly given permission by the presenter. Photographing or taking a screenshot of a speaker before, during or after a session is not allowed without the explicit permission from the speaker. Unauthorized photography, screenshots or recording is unfair to the presenters and will have the effect of discouraging our members from presenting their most recent unpublished work.
- 2. Acceptable use of Social Media** - ACNP encourages the use of social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Google+ and blogging sites to engage our community in the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to post or tweet highlights about the meeting, discuss your favorite speakers, panels and posters and offer recommendations on which panels and posters to attend.  
  
When sharing information, we request you refrain from -
  - Photographing, screenshots or recording the material presented in panel, mini-panel, study group or poster sessions. This is unfair to the presenter and will have the effect of discouraging our members from presenting their most recent unpublished work.
  - Using social media to share detailed content of lectures, posters, etc., especially when the organizer or speaker has explicitly requested that some or all of the information presented is not to be captured or shared.
  - Photographing or taking a screenshot of speakers before or after a session without their permission.
- 3. Organizing Small Meetings** - Please do not organize any activities that conflict with scientific sessions of the annual meeting. If you are invited to attend any such meetings, please inform the meeting organizer that this is in violation of ACNP policy.
- 4. Use of ACNP Name/Logo** - The ACNP name, logo, or the name of the annual meeting should not be used in association with any CME activity without the approval of the College. To seek permission to use the the name of the College, please contact the Executive Office ([acnp@acnp.org](mailto:acnp@acnp.org)), who will have your request reviewed by the appropriate committee and/or Council.
- 5. Code of Conduct** - The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology is dedicated to providing a safe and productive experience for all participants and attendees at all official ACNP events regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, perceived disability, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal or pertinent state laws.

ACNP does not tolerate discrimination or any form of prohibited harassment and is committed to enforcing this Code of Conduct (the "Code") at its Annual Meeting or at any other ACNP event. Please click here for the full [Code of Conduct](#).

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## *Membership Nominations and Promotions*

Nomination materials for new Member, Associate Member, and Fellow promotion candidates are available under the Membership tab on the [ACNP Website](#). The deadline for nominations and applications is September 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM Central.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Erin Shaw at [eshaw@acnp.org](mailto:eshaw@acnp.org). Please encourage your mentees to apply for membership.

Guidelines and Instructions:

- [Associate Member](#)
- [Member](#)
- [Member to Fellow Promotion](#)

The Women's Task Force created the [2020 Membership Statistics Information Sheet](#).

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## *ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship Application Deadline Extended!*



The ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship deadline has been extended to

**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](mailto: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.

The virtual Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) is scheduled for **September 17th**. ACNP members can sign up to host a BRAD event by visiting [this website](#).

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## *Employment Opportunities*

To see a list of new employment opportunities in the field of neuropsychopharmacology, [click here](#).

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## *Dates to Remember*

- **September 3, 2020:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions
  - **November 2, 2020:** Annual Meeting early registration deadline, fees increase by \$50
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## Upcoming Meetings

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

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### Staff Spotlight

Top Ten Things you likely did not know about  
Lori Kunath, Editorial Assistant



10. I have never been out of the country, but I'm in the process of getting my passport and am looking forward to my next adventure. I am hopeful my destination will have warm weather, blue water and tiny drink umbrellas.

9. I have spent countless hours traveling the country watching my two older sons play soccer. I might have embarrassed them on the sidelines a time or two.

8. I just traded in my minivan for a cool mom car.

7. I did not take my first airplane ride until I was 20 years old.

6. I hiked Mt. Rainier in 2017. Not quite to the top, but as far as I could go without snowshoes.

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

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