



# ACNP Bulletin

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## 2020 President's Plenary and Distinguished Lecture

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



This year's President's Plenary, ***Neurodevelopment: Pathways to Health and Psychopathology***, will be presented virtually on Monday, December 7th at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Central.

This year's Distinguished Lecturer, ***Neuroscience of Wisdom and the Era of the New Pandemics***, will be presented virtually on Tuesday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Central.

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## 2020 Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews Panel Session:

*Big Data in Psychiatry: Multiomics, Neuroimaging, Computational Modeling, and Digital Phenotyping*



Kerry J. Ressler, M.D., Ph.D.



**The ACNP panel session for *Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews* will be held on Monday, December 7th at 1:30 p.m. Central.**

It is now clear that unraveling how the brain creates behavior, and how this understanding can better inform new therapies and interventions, will require vast new approaches to tackling the complex problems in Neuroscience and Psychiatry. Fortunately, tremendous evolution in sample sizes, computing powers, neuroimaging technologies, digital approaches to phenotyping, and computational modeling have rapidly brought in a new era of Big Data in Psychiatry.

[Click here](#) to read more about the session.

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## **It's a New Virtual World and ACNP is Ready!**

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

Since April of this year, the ACNP and Parthenon Management Group staff have been busy envisioning our new world of virtual meetings. While we know virtual meetings are not ideal for scientific exchange, we have found ways to facilitate discussion and presentations in an environment that is engaging and fun. Our staff has spent months viewing platforms and developing unique engagement ideas with the ACNP Virtual Meeting Task Force led by Judy Ford. To say that we are excited to launch the ACNP virtual meeting on a new platform we developed with our technology partner, is a big understatement. We hope you will enjoy the 2020 virtual meeting experience as much as we have pulling it together.



**Drum roll, please...**

**Now for a sneak peak into the conference hall...**

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## **2021 Nominating Committee**

We are pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected to the 2021 Nominating Committee:

- Myrna Weissman, Ph.D., Chair
- Susan Amara, Ph.D.
- Carlos Blanco, M.D., Ph.D.
- Linda Carpenter, M.D.
- C. Neill Epperson, M.D.
- Carol Tamminga, M.D.

The 2020 committee chair, Scott Rauch, M.D. will serve as ex officio to the committee.

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## ***Neuropsychopharmacology (NPP) Updates***



**Position Available:  
*Neuropsychopharmacology*  
(NPP) Editorial Intern**

The NPP Editorial Internship is intended to offer opportunities for an early-career investigator to gain unique insights and experience in the management of a leading scientific journal. It involves routine interactions with NPP Editors and staff, as well as representatives of the journal's publisher (Springer Nature). The intern assists with NPP activities including social media and special projects related to analysis of journal function. Past projects include published reports on gender balance in journal function (<https://rdcu.be/ca0cK>) and relationships between social media and citations (<https://rdcu.be/ca0c9>).

The deadline for applications is December 15, 2020; the target start date is January 1, 2021. This is a 1-year appointment, potentially renewable once.

[Click here](#) to read more.

**NPP Special Projects**

NPP engages in special projects involving analysis of data sets that provide insight on the function of the journal and/or our college. These projects are implemented by the NPP Editorial Intern, which is currently Dr. Chloe Jordan. The NPP Editorial Internship is temporary training appointment; as noted below, we are currently considering candidates for a new appointment that will start on January 1, 2021.

In 2020, we published the following special project reports:

Jordan CJ, Palmer AA (2020) ACNP efforts toward reducing climate change. *Neuropsychopharmacology* 45: 2137 (<https://rdcu.be/ca0ec>)

Jordan CJ, Carlezon WA Jr (2020) Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on gender representation among corresponding authors of *Neuropsychopharmacology* (NPP) manuscripts: submissions during January-June, 2020. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, in press (<https://rdcu.be/ca0et>).

We are open to considering new projects! Please send ideas to [journal@acnp.org](mailto:journal@acnp.org).

Join NPP during the virtual ACNP Annual Meeting at the following networking sessions:

- Meet the Editors on Monday, December 7th at 1:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 8th at 10:30 a.m. Central
- NPP Promoting your Research - Tips from NPP's Social Media Editor on Wednesday, December 9th at 4:30 p.m. Central

## ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow

**Laura Erwin, Ph.D., named the  
2020/2021 ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow**

David Jentsch, Ph.D., interviewed Laura Erwin on her plans for this fellowship.

[Read the Interview](#)



Please view the [press release](#) for the announcement.

To learn more about Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD), [click here](#).



Join **BRAD's roundtable discussions** at the ACNP Virtual Meeting! [Click here](#) to read more and the dates and times offered.



## Latin American Task Force


Alan Frazer, Ph.D., Chair

The Latin American Task Force invites you to meet the researchers from Latin American countries who have served on this task force, investigators from Latin American countries participating in panels and study groups during this year's virtual meeting, and the 2020 Travel Awardees from Latin American countries.

Join the task force's ***Mixology with a Twist*** on **Tuesday, December 8th** from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Central**. Click here for the [recipe cards!](#)

**This event is open to all registered attendees!**

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# ACNP

59th Annual Meeting of  
The American College of  
Neuropsychopharmacology

December 6-9, 2020 | Virtual Meeting



## ACNP Virtual Meeting Information

The [Annual Meeting Virtual Schedule](#) is available online. *Please note: All times are*



in **CENTRAL TIME!** Once logged in, under "My Schedule", you have the ability to add all sessions to your calendar or custom sessions to your calendar. Please [click here](#) for instructions.

[Click here](#) to read more about the 59th Annual Meeting or [click here](#) to register.

[Click here](#) to view the Policy Reminders.

## SAVE THE DATE:

**December 3, 2020**

**12:00 p.m. Central**

### **Know Before You Go Webinar: Training on Virtual Meeting Platform**

Please plan to attend the training webinar to learn how to navigate the virtual meeting platform and all the cool tips and tricks for enhancing your virtual meeting experience!

[Click here](#) to join the webinar on Thursday, December 3rd.

## Virtual Poster Gallery



#### **Poster Session I**

**Monday, December 7, 2020  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. CENTRAL**

#### **Poster Session II**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CENTRAL**

#### **Poster Session III**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. CENTRAL**

### **2020 Travel Awardee and ADAA Awardee Posters**

Each year, the College selects distinguished young scientists in the field of neuropsychopharmacology to be part of our Travel Award program. Please take an opportunity to [view the posters](#) of the 2020 Travel Award Class and the ADAA Awardees!

## **VIRTUAL POSTER GALLERY**

### **The e-Poster Gallery is NOW LIVE!**

Registered attendees can access by logging in [here](#) and clicking on the card labelled "Enter e-Poster Gallery".

[e-Poster Gallery](#)

Each presenter will upload their e-poster into the system. Presenters will have the ability to record a 1-3 minute voice poster to explain the highlights of the poster. Posters will be displayed in a gallery that can be sorted based on topic, keywords or author. During the poster sessions\*, presenters will be available for attendees to enter their poster room for discussion.

**\*You can find a presenter's scheduled poster presentation on the [annual meeting virtual schedule](#).**

## **Diversity & Inclusion Task Force:**

# ***Disrupting Bias and Microaggressions***

Please join the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force as they host the ***Disrupting Bias and Microaggressions*** session with a presentation by Dorcas Lind, M.P.H. on **Monday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. Central.**

This event is open to all registered attendees!

[Click here](#) to view all current Diversity & Inclusion events planned at the virtual meeting!



**Dorcas Lind, M.P.H.**, is the owner and co-founder of Diversity Health Communications.



## **Q&A FORUM WITH INSTITUTE DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Central

### **Presenters:**

**Theresa Gleason, Ph.D.**  
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

**Joshua Gordon, M.D., Ph.D.**  
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

**Richard Hodes, M.D.**  
National Institute on Aging (NIA)

**George Koob, Ph.D.**  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

**Walter Koroshetz, M.D.**  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

**Nora Volkow, M.D.**  
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

**Join the NIH Institute Directors for a NIH Networking Break immediately following on Tuesday, December 8th from 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Central to answer any additional questions from the session.**

This session will focus on institute updates related to racial disparities and updates on the effects of COVID on funded work and funding opportunities for COVID-related. Please email [acnp@acnp.org](mailto:acnp@acnp.org) to submit your questions in advance of the session (*highly recommended*).

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## **Women's Session: *Cultivating Your Voice - How Unconscious Bias Affects STEMM Communications***



**Amy Landis, Ph.D.**  
Colorado School of Mines



**Christine O'Connell, Ph.D.**  
Riley's Way Foundation

**Wednesday, December 9th  
11:00am - 12:30pm CENTRAL**

This highly interactive workshop focuses on discovering and cultivating your voice in STEMM. The workshop addresses factors that influence your communication, including unconscious bias, gender stereotypes, and the imposter phenomenon. The session starts with an interactive discussion on communication stereotypes and includes exercises that build common ground around the issues that commonly face women, LGBTQ+, and other underrepresented groups in STEMM. Participants join in exercises that foster confidence and clarity when speaking, and explore how these factors can affect a career. Presenters review real-life examples of how an inner impostor impacted written work and evaluations. The workshop also discusses the intersection of the individual and institutional challenges that impact the careers of women in STEM. The workshop concludes with strategies for managing your inner impostor.

**This event is open to all registered attendees!**

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## **Career Development Session: *Social Media in Science: Contributing to the Online Social Platforms as a Scientist***





## The Career

Development Session (*presented by the Membership Advisory Task Force*) scheduled for **Wednesday, December 9th** from **3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central** will provide an overview of all of the benefits and considerations for using social media to promote yourself and your science, and well-known social media influencers will provide unique tweeting insights.

[Click here](#) to read more.

This event is open to all registered attendees!



## How do I get started?

Camron Bryant, Ph.D.  
(@CamronBryantPhD) guides social media novices on all of the basic features on how to start communicating with the social world.

Please [click here](#) to watch the exclusive novice tutorial Dr. Bryant created for this ACNP Career Development Session.

Please [click here](#) to read more.

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## Dates to Remember

- **December 6-9, 2020:** ACNP 59th Annual Meeting, Virtual Platform
- **Early May 2021:** Submissions of overall proposals by chairs (Panels, Mini-Panels, and Study Groups Deadline
- **December 5-8, 2021:** ACNP 60th Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico

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## Staff Spotlight

Top Ten Things you likely did not know about  
**Julie Magill, Financial Manager**

10) She has the only hazel eyes in her immediate family.

9) She was a bluebird and a Camp Fire Girl in Nebraska, similar to the Girl Scouts program.

8) She moved to Tennessee when she was nine with her parents, younger sister, dog, and hamster on Christmas Day. The only thing they could find open for food was a 7-Eleven convenience store.



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## ACNP Staff Contact List



## Upcoming Meetings

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

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## Employment and Grant Opportunities

To see a list of new employment opportunities and grant opportunities in the field of neuropsychopharmacology, please click below:

Employment Opportunities

Grant Opportunities

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## NPP BRAINPOD

BrainPod is the podcast from the official publication of the ACNP, **Neuropsychopharmacology (NPP)**, produced in association with Springer Nature Publishing Group.

Join us as we delve into the latest basic and clinical research that advance our understanding of the brain and behavior, featuring highlighted content from a top journal in fields of neuroscience, psychiatry, and pharmacology.



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## The American College of Psychiatrists Winter Awards

**Deadline for 2022: January, 5, 2021**

The American College of Psychiatrists honors leaders in mental healthcare by recognizing those individuals responsible for advancing psychiatry through their service, research, clinical work, and educational activities. The following awards are presented during the Annual Meeting; after reviewing the descriptions, we encourage you to visit [The College website](#) for more information about the Awards, including nomination guidelines and listings of past recipients.

- **The Award for Leadership in Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Psychiatry** recognizes an individual who has made sustained and substantial contributions to child, adolescent and young adult mental health as evidenced by leadership in scholarly contributions, clinical service, education, and/or advocacy efforts. In addition to receiving a grant and a certificate, the awardee delivers a featured lecture at the Annual Meeting.

- **The Award for Research in Geriatric Psychiatry** is given to an individual who has contributed to advances in geropsychiatry. In addition to receiving a grant and a certificate, the awardee delivers a featured lecture at the Annual Meeting.
  - **The Stanley Dean Award for Research in Schizophrenia** honors an individual or a group that has made a major contribution to the understanding and treatment of schizophrenic disorders. In addition to receiving a grant and a certificate, the awardee delivers a featured lecture at the Annual Meeting.
  - **The Award for Research in Mood Disorders** is given to an individual who has advanced the understanding and treatment of mood disorders. In addition to receiving a grant and a certificate, the awardee delivers a featured lecture at the Annual Meeting.
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