



# ACNP Bulletin

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## 60th Annual Meeting Program - *Por buen camino*

Guillermo Horga, M.D., Ph.D., ACNP Program Committee Chair



When I was passed the baton of Chair of the Program Committee last year, my inaugural wish was to be able to have the 2021 ACNP meeting in person – both because I missed the social interactions that we all love about the annual meeting and because it would be a sign that things are returning to “normal” after COVID-19. Things seem to be on the right track (*por buen camino*), and I hope you are as excited as I am about the hybrid meeting in Puerto Rico! Our goal at the Program Committee has been to help put together the strongest possible program so that everyone can safely enjoy the most exciting and rigorous science we have come to expect at the annual meeting, as well as all the training, career-development, networking, and other unparalleled opportunities ACNP has to offer.

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## Planning ACNP 2021 - *What to Expect*

Sarah Timm, CAE, CMP-HC  
Executive Director

If COVID has reinforced one thing in my life and work, it is that, truly, change is the only constant. Living in a gray world when many of us just want black and white is where we are today, and I don't see that changing anytime soon. The ACNP Annual Meeting is no exception. We are being faced with planning a meeting in a landscape of uncertainty and constant change.



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***Change is the Only***

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## **Interviews with ACNP Members, Juan Gallego, M.D., M.S., & Jair Soares, M.D., Ph.D.**

**Lin Mei, M.D., Ph.D., Career  
Development Committee Member**



[Click here for the interview with Juan Gallego](#)

[Click here for the interview with Jair Soares](#)

These interviews will be posted on the ACNP website as well as posted on our social media as a means to share and attract other underrepresented scientists to the College.

In an effort to promote the [Career](#) and [Diversity Resource](#) pages of the ACNP Website, the Career Development Committee is developing a series of interviews with underrepresented minority members of the College to ask them how ACNP has influenced their careers.

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## **2021 Travel Awardees Named**

**Robert Swift, M.D., Ph.D., Education & Training Committee Chair  
Vaishali Bakshi, Ph.D., Education & Training Committee Co-Chair**

The Education & Training Committee is pleased to announce the selection of 62 outstanding scientists for the 2021 ACNP Travel Award program. We received over 290 applications for the 62 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 here: [Travel Awardee Class of 2021](#)

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## **NPP Special Projects Team**

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

The *NPP* Special Projects team collaborates with editors and staff to examine trends in journal function, assist with social media outreach, and promote junior investigators and underrepresented scientists. The team is led by Drs. Chloe Jordan (*NPP* Special Projects Manager), Sofiya Hupalo (*NPP* Editorial Intern), and advised by Dr. Bill Carlezon (Editor-in-Chief) and Dr. Keri Martinowich (Social Media Editor). To this end, the Special Projects

team has recently coordinated several initiatives at *NPP*, including launching a new journal collection, "[Highlighting Research on Health Disparities](#)." This collection features *NPP* articles and commentaries that address health and research inequities related to gender, race, ethnicity, LGBTQ+ individuals, and early life adversity. Moreover, the Special Projects team helps promote trainees and early career scientists who are first authors on *NPP* publications by conducting short interviews with them about their research, career goals, takes on work-life balance issues, and featuring these recorded interviews on [social media](#). Finally, the team monitors and analyzes trends in gender demographics among *NPP* manuscript submissions, reviewers, and editorial board members. Most recently, they have published editorials that quantitatively examine the impact of social media mentions on manuscript citations, as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on gender balance in *NPP* manuscript submissions. Future goals of the Special Projects team include creation of a new *NPP* perspectives manuscript format exclusively for early career investigators and tracking additional information on gender demographics and diversity among *NPP* authors.



**Chloe Jordan, Ph.D.**  
**NPP Special Projects Manager**

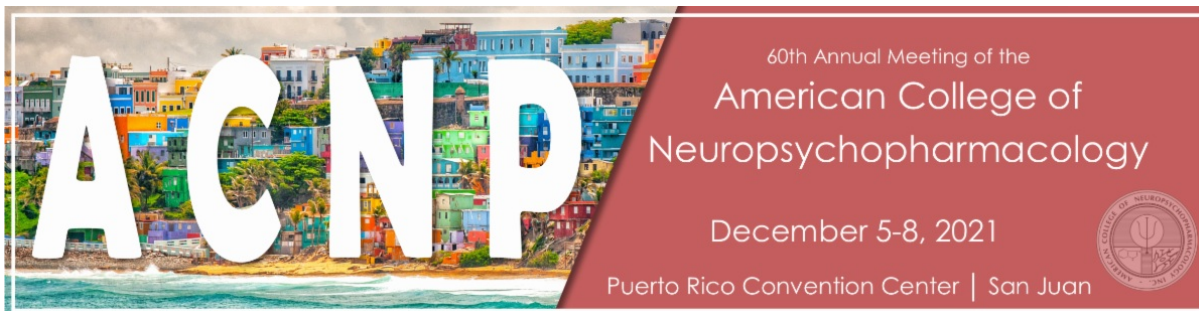
Dr. Jordan is a Project Director at McLean Hospital, coordinating clinical trials studying drug and alcohol use in substance use disorders.



**Sofiya Hupalo, Ph.D.**  
**NPP Editorial Intern**

Dr. Hupalo is a AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow in the Division of Neuroscience and Basic Science at the National Institute on Mental Health.


[Click here to find the latest information on NPP](#)



60th Annual Meeting of the  
American College of  
Neuropsychopharmacology

December 5-8, 2021

Puerto Rico Convention Center | San Juan



## **ACNP 60th Annual Meeting**

### **December 5-8, 2021**

This year's annual meeting will be held in a hybrid meeting format allowing members and invited guests to attend in-person at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico or virtually on the ACNP Virtual Meeting Platform. The in-person option will

include the classic ACNP Annual Meeting experience while the virtual option will allow attendees to participate through live stream in all plenary sessions, panels, mini-panels, study groups and oral presentations. All plenary, panels, mini-panels, and study groups will be recorded (with the presenter's approval) for later viewing. Virtual attendees will not be able to participate in networking sessions or the in-person poster sessions. A separate virtual poster session will be held after the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Central to accommodate virtual attendees and give all poster presenters a virtual platform for engagement.

[Click here for additional information about the meeting](#)



## ***Favorite Memories from past ACNP Meetings in Puerto Rico!***

*Because I am from Puerto Rico originally, going to ACNP there was an opportunity to also see family. One year, my mother joined me on the beach during the lunch break. I have no idea what we were talking about, but we both burst out laughing. Jon Stewart, an ACNP attendee from Columbia approached us and said, "I could not believe I was hearing that laugh in stereo!" That only made us laugh more.*

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

*My favorite memory from Puerto Rico was simply coincidental that it happened in Puerto Rico. I was walking down a hallway in the hotel one morning when I passed Arvid Carlsson. We each said good morning and continued on our way. As I continued walking down the hall I thought to myself, where else, other than at an ACNP meeting, would one casually encounter a Nobel Laureate and know that he is not attending this meeting as the keynote speaker or as some other distinguished guest, but simply as a registered attendee, there to hear the science being presented? This was early in my time as the ACNP Executive Director and it became a memory that I would sometimes use to explain to others what the ACNP is like.*

Ronnie Wilkins, Ed.D.

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## **ACNP Mentorship**

Linda S. Brady, Ph.D.  
ACNP President

One of the benefits for young investigators attending the Annual Meeting historically has been the availability of mentors to connect with them, to serve as friendly guides throughout the meeting, and to

introduce them to senior scientists in their field of research.

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## Tips for Developing Successful Mentorship Relationships

### Career Development Committee

The Career Development Committee has provided a few tips for developing successful mentorship relationships. Please [click here](#) to read more.

[Click here](#) for the College's Mentee/Mentor Guidelines.

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## ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow

**Margaux Kenwood, Ph.D., named the 2021/2022 ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow**

The ACNP Animal Research Committee, in collaboration with Americans for Medical Progress (AMP), is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Margaux Kenwood as the 2021-2022 ACNP/AMP Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) Fellow. BRAD encompasses a set of ongoing activities intended to educate students and the broader public about the importance of biomedical research, including the humane study of animals in it.

David Jentsch, Ph.D., interviewed Margaux Kenwood on her plans for the fellowship.



[Read the Interview](#)

Please view the [Press Release](#) for the announcement.

**BRAD 2021** will be celebrated on **September 16, 2021**. BRAD encourages ACNP member participation as we continue to help the public understand the connection between neuroscience research with animals and human health. [Click here](#) to register.

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

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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 2, 2021** at 5:00 PM Central. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Executive Office at [acnp@acnp.org](mailto:acnp@acnp.org). Please encourage your mentees to apply for membership.

Guidelines and Instructions:

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

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## Council Minutes

Did you know that all of the Council Minutes are placed on the ACNP Website in the Member's Only section? Please [click here](#) and log-in to read the Council Minutes from 2021 and previous Council Minutes to stay informed on Council discussions and decisions.

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## Which Reprints to Keep and Which to Toss?

C. Anthony Altar, Ph.D.  
ACNP Member Emeritus

Dr. Altar addresses a painful and sensitive topic to many ACNP members who have accumulated decades of research publications that are *printed* on "paper". He refers of course to reprint articles.

[Read more](#) as Dr. Altar decides which reprints to keep and which to toss!

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## Dates to Remember

- **September 2, 2021:** Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions
- **October 21, 2021:** Annual Meeting early registration deadline, fees increase by \$50

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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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Dr.'s Justin Strickland, Saeed Ahmed, and Kelly Dunn invite you to submit an article to a special collection of *Frontiers in Psychiatry, Addictive Disorders* titled "**A Changing Epidemic and the Rise of Opioid and Stimulant Co-Use**".

We aim to develop a multi-disciplinary collection that will inform the co-use of stimulants such as methamphetamine and cocaine with opioids. All related science is welcome and we particularly encourage submissions in the following areas:

- Electrophysiological data
- Animal behavioral studies
- Human empirical studies

- Epidemiological reports of prevalence, morbidity, mortality, or co-use patterns
- Related commentaries or reviews

Initial submissions are due **September 29, 2021** (with opportunity to extend submission deadline upon discussion with co-editors). More information and the submission portal can be accessed here: <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/20614> and we can be contacted at the addresses below.

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Saeed Ahmed, M.D.: [ahmedsaeedmd@gmail.com](mailto:ahmedsaeedmd@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming Meetings

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

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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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