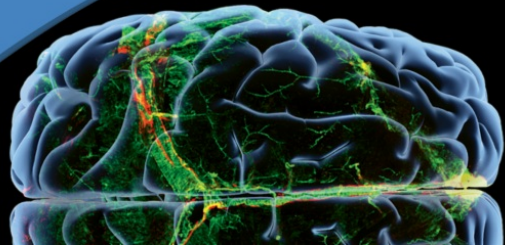




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President's Message



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ACNP President's Letter

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

I am truly honored to serve as President in 2022. ACNP is my home away from home, a place where we get to meet, catch up, talk science, have engaging discussions, and set up collaborations - some of which may never happen but nevertheless generate inspiring new ideas. More importantly, ACNP is the place where we get to see the future of our College take shape by bringing in and engaging with the best and the brightest, those who will make future discoveries and develop better treatments for our patients.

Director's Notes

An Unusual but Successful 2021 Annual Meeting

Sarah Timm, CAE, CMP-HC
ACNP Executive Director

What a ride 2021 was and who knew it would continue into 2022! The College was incredibly lucky to pull off the Annual Meeting just prior to Omicron racing across the U.S. Had our meeting been a week later, I am not sure we would have been able to meet face-to-face and enjoy sharing science and seeing all our colleagues and friends.



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**2022 New Associate Members, New Members &
Members Promoted to Fellow**

Please help us welcome the 39 new Associate Members and 32 new Members selected for 2022 membership at the 60th 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:

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

Career Development Committee

The 2022 Career Development Committee members are listed below. This committee will plan the Career Development Session during the 61st Annual Meeting, create Bulletin articles with a focus on career needs during the training and early-career periods, and write blogs on topics such as work-life balance, grant writing, and lab management. They look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

- Karen Szumlinski, *Chair*: szumlinski@psych.ucsb.edu
- Lin Mei, *Co-Chair*: lin.mei@case.edu
- Robin Aupperle: raupperle@laureateinstitute.org
- Linda Chang: lchang@som.umaryland.edu
- Kristina Deligiannidis: kdeligian1@northwell.edu
- Christine Anne Denny: cad2125@cumc.columbia.edu
- Faith Dickerson: fdickerson@sheppardpratt.org
- Juan Gallego: jgallego@northwell.edu
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- Marta Pecina: pecinam@upmc.edu
- M. Mercedes Perez-Rodriguez: mercedes.perez@mssm.edu
- Michael Stevens: michael.stevens@hhchealth.org
- Consuelo Walss-Bass: consuelo.walssbass@uth.tmc.edu
- Mary Phillips, *Council Liaison*: phillipsml@upmc.edu

2021 Career Development Session

The committee was pleased to organize its 11th Career Development Session at the 60th ACNP Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The session's topic was *Climbing out of the Career Chasm Caused by COVID*. To learn more about the session, [click here](#).

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

The Diversity and Inclusion Task Force is now the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The 2022 committee members are listed below. They look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

- Marisa Spann, *Chair*: mns2125@cumc.columbia.edu
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- Christoph Anacker: ca2635@cumc.columbia.edu
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- Kathryn Cullen: rega0026@umn.edu
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- Ramiro Salas: rsalas@bcm.edu
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- Jair Soares: jair.c.soares@uth.tmc.edu
- Ellen Leibenluft, *Council Liaison*: leibs@mail.nih.gov
- Jordan Marrocco, *ad hoc*: jmarrocco@rockefeller.edu
- Ashlee Van't Veer, *ad hoc*: ashlee.vantveer@nih.gov



Diversity and Inclusion Events at the 2021 Annual Meeting

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Women's Task Force, and Latin American Task Force hosted symposiums and receptions during the ACNP Annual Meeting.

[Click here](#) to see pictures and learn more.

Percentage of Underrepresented Minorities in ACNP

ACNP currently has 7% of underrepresented members in the College including all categories of membership. Council's goal is to double this percentage in the next few years. Please encourage underrepresented minorities to apply for the Travel Award program this year and/or ACNP membership.

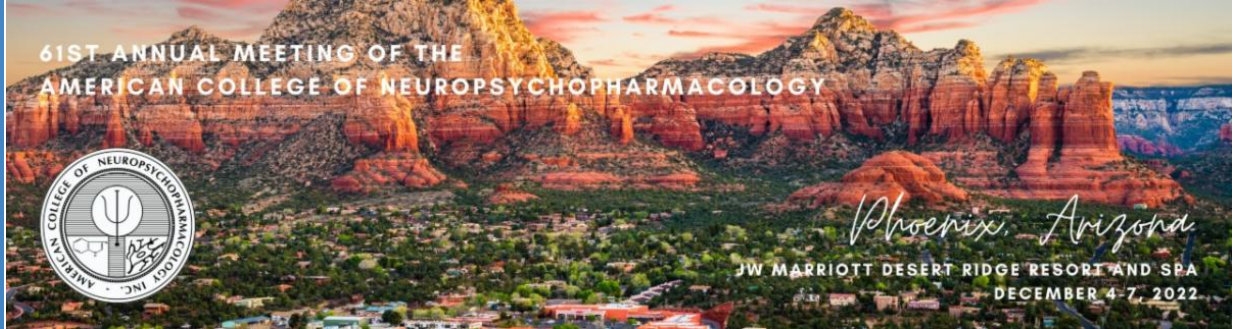
ACNP URM Near Peer Mentorship Program

The specific aim of the URM Near Peer Mentorship pilot program is to provide mentorship support to underrepresented minority scientists who plan to enter research careers in neuropsychopharmacology. The pilot mentorship program will occur over a 12-month period and be comprised of an annual class of 10 mentor/mentee pairs. The program will include remote, long-distance virtual mentoring, training opportunities and an in-person half day mentorship program just prior to the 2022 ACNP Annual Meeting.

[Click here to learn more](#)

ACNP Travel Award Program

The 2021 ACNP Annual Meeting brought another outstanding class of 62 Travel Awardees to the hybrid meeting. [Click here](#) to learn more about the 2021 Travel Awardees.



2022 Travel Award Program Updates

Please visit the [ACNP Website](#) or view the [Travel Award Flyer](#) to see the changes for the eligibility timeline and changes to the travel award categories. The Education and Training Committee hope these changes will provide more inclusivity to the Travel Award program.

The Travel Award application supporting letters must be from an ACNP member 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. [Click here](#) to view the current membership list.

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

[Travel Award Flyer \(Full Version\)](#)
[Travel Award Flyer \(Overview Version\)](#)

The Travel Award application site will open on March 14, 2022. The deadline to submit an application is April 21, 2022.

[Read More](#)

NEW Travel Award Application Mentors

Travel Award Application Mentors are recent past Education and Training Committee members who have agreed to counsel prospective travel award applicants and/or their ACNP member nominator on travel award application for the Travel Award program. Travel Award Application Mentors may offer advice as to whether a prospective Travel Award applicant is likely to be competitive and if they are, aspects of their application that might enhance their likelihood for success.

The members included on this list of [Travel Award Application Mentors](#) have agreed to be contacted by applicants and their ACNP Member nominator.

Travel Award applicants and/or their ACNP member nominator seeking advice from these individuals should know they are offering their best advice, but they do not speak for the Education and Training Committee. There is no guarantee following their advice will result in a Travel Award.

ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship

The 2022 Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) celebrations are being planned around the globe and we are excited for ACNP



members and participants to join us this year. BRAD is a global initiative through Americans for Medical Progress to raise awareness about the critical role of animal research in biomedical research breakthroughs.

Scientist and medical professionals can sign up to host a BRAD event at their home institution on **April 21, 2022** (or any date that fits your needs). Through our partnership with the ACNP, and our ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship we are excited to offer several neuroscience and pharmacology-focused materials as part of the 2022 BRAD toolkit, which is shipped to any individual who registers to host an event. This includes neuroscience-specific

talking points for getting a conversation about animal research started with a wide range of audiences, as well as several neuroscience infographics, fact sheets and handouts. Just indicate “neuroscience” when registering to get these items included at no additional cost. **Register by visiting [this website](#) by April 1, 2022** to guarantee delivery before the April 21st global event date.

Beyond hosting an event there are also two other exciting ways that ACNP participants can get involved with BRAD, including our BRAD Fellowship opportunity as well as a new video series called “Support a Scientist”.

What is the ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship?

[Click Here to watch the BRAD Fellowship Video](#)

How to apply to be the next ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellow: [APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!](#)

Early-stage investigators and postdoctoral fellows are eligible for the ACNP/AMP BRAD Fellowship, an exciting opportunity to gain science communication and advocacy experience for the importance of animals in biomedical research! You can learn more about the Fellowship, including relevant deadlines and instructions for applying, on the [BRAD website](#). You can also find details on the ACNP travel awards page. **The deadline for the 2022-2023 Fellowship is June 1, 2022.** If you are interested in learning more the fellowship, you can visit [this link](#) or email us at BRAD@amprogress.org.



‘Support a Scientist’ Update and Volunteers

Support a Scientist is an ACNP/AMP BRAD video series project providing a platform for scientists to talk about their research with a wider audience. The project aims are to provide a “face” to science, establish importance of a specific area of research, highlight the role of animal research in the study, and offer insights on how science is conducted.

The next video in our series is now available to view on our [website](#), featuring Dr. Zoe Donaldson. In this video, Dr. Donaldson focuses on her work in voles to better understand

the changes in the brain after the loss of a loved one. All of the Support a Scientist videos are posted on the BRAD website, shared on social media, and can also be featured in ACNP member communications, website and social media feeds as well as shared with public audiences.

Animal Research Pages on ACNP Website

As a reminder, the Animal Research Committee has updated the animal research pages on the ACNP Website. The committee worked with organizations such as Americans for Medical Progress (AMP), National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR), and Society for Neuroscience (SfN). The Animal Research Committee also included an additional page for ACNP member's on how to prepare for and respond to opposition from animal rights groups. This page is for proactive steps/materials and additional information should you become a target of animal rights groups. There is a link on the Animal Research page that will lead you to this page; however, requires a member's log-in to view. The Animal Research page is located under the Public and Media Resource's tab on the ACNP Website.

Animal Research Public Page

Animal Research Member's Only Page

In the event you, your lab, or your research are targeted by animal rights activists, please contact your institutional representatives immediately. These individuals often are in the Office of the Dean or Vice-Chancellor for Research or the Office of Public Relations. If there is any threat, immediately contact campus and local police.

NPP Updates

2021 NPP Award Winners

The ninth annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Transformative Original Report (NEATOR), fifth annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Review (NEAR), and third annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Early Career Award (NEECA) were presented during the 60th ACNP Annual Meeting.



[Click here](#) to read more about the 2021 NPP Award winners and watch their acceptance videos.

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 peerreviewing) 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.

Early Career Commentary: a new type of NPP article developed by the Special Projects Team

The NPP Special Projects Team collaborates with journal editors and staff to analyze trends in journal function, curate NPP's social media outreach, and promote early career and underrepresented scientists. As part of the Team's mission to support early career scientists in the fields represented within NPP and ACNP, the Early Career Commentary article type was launched in late 2021 to provide a platform for trainees and early-stage investigators (ESIs) to share their scientific ideas and perspectives. In requiring all authors to be trainees or ESIs, these articles provide a venue for new voices to publish their ideas independently of mentors or senior colleagues.

[Click here](#) to read the first NPP Early Career Commentary, authored by Sofia Beas, Ph.D. and Kirstie Cummings, Ph.D.

The NPP Special Project Team includes Sofiya Hupalo, Ph.D. (Editorial Intern), Chloe Jordan, Ph.D. (Special Projects Manager), Keri Martinowich, Ph.D. (Social Media Editor), and Bill Carlezon, Ph.D. (Principal Editor).

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New Name: Principal Editor

Council has approved to update the language from NPP Editor-in-Chief to NPP Principal Editor due to the stigma associated with "chief".

2023 Co-Principal Editors Announcement



Tony P. George, M.D.
University of Toronto



Lisa M. Monteggia, Ph.D.
Vanderbilt Brain Institute

The ACNP is pleased to announce the new Co-Principal Editors for *Neuropsychopharmacology* (NPP), effective January 2023, Dr. Tony George and Dr. Lisa Monteggia. Dr. George and Dr. Monteggia will bring extensive scientific and editorial experience to the long-standing journal of the ACNP. They will follow the successful tenure of Dr. Bill Carlezon, who served as Principal Editor of NPP since 2013.

[Read the full Announcement](#)

2021 Annual Meeting

Photos from the 2021 Annual Meeting are available on the members' only section of the [ACNP Website](#) under the Annual Meeting tab.



ACNP would like to thank the 2021 Annual Meeting Mentors. [Click here](#) to see a list of Meeting Mentors.



2021 Honorific Award Winners

The 2021 Honorific Awards were presented by Awards Committee chair, Maria Oquendo, M.D., Ph.D., at the 60th ACNP Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the 2021 Honorific Award winners and watch their acceptance videos!

UPDATED Code of Conduct

The ACNP Code of Conduct has been updated to include social media related to the annual meetings. [Click here](#) to see the updated Code of Conduct.

New 2022 Officers and Council Members

The reins of leadership were passed to 2022 President, Carlos A. Zarate, Jr., M.D., National Institute of Mental Health, by outgoing President, Linda S. Brady, Ph.D.



President-Elect
Kerry J. Ressler, M.D., Ph.D.



Professor and Chief Scientific Officer
Harvard Medical School / McLean Hospital



Council Member
William A. Carlezon, Jr., Ph.D.
Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience
Harvard Medical School



Council Member
Marina R. Picciotto, Ph.D.
Charles B.G. Murphy Professor in Psychiatry
Yale University

2022 ACNP Council

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

SfN Hill Day Event 2022

The College partnered with the Society for Neuroscience to select up to four distinguished young scientists from the 2021 Travel Award class to be part of SfN's Annual Hill Day event. Any interested 2021 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 2021 Travel Award class to be part of the virtual event with Hill Day training on March 16, 2022 with the Hill Day on March 22-24, 2022



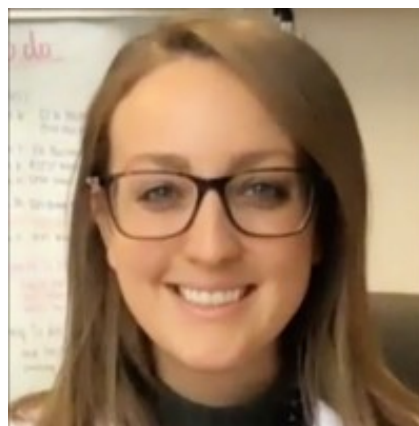
Jorge Avila, Ph.D.
Rutgers University



Brianna George, B.A.
Wake Forest School of Medicine



Christopher Guevara, B.S., M.S.
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai



Catherine Moore, Ph.D.
Johns Hopkins University

Employment and Grant Opportunities

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

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Grant Opportunities](#)



Upcoming Meetings

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



Upcoming Deadlines

Dates to Remember

- April 21, 2022: Deadline to submit Travel Award applications
- May 10, 2022: Deadline for submission of overall proposals by chairs (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
- May 24, 2022: Deadline for submissions of individual presenter abstracts (Panels & Mini-Panels)
- May 24, 2022: Deadline for submission of disclosures by Study Group participants
- May 26, 2022: Deadline for chairs to review and finalize proposed sessions (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)
- June 23, 2022: Deadline to submit Honoric Awards
- August 4, 2022: Deadline to submit Poster Abstracts
- September 1, 2022: Deadline to submit new Membership Nominations and Promotions
- December 4-7, 2022: ACNP 61st Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona

Staff Spotlight

The Top Ten Things you likely did not know about Katie LeJong, Meetings Operations Manager:

1. Sunflowers are my favorite flowers. I once grew one by my mailbox that was 9 feet tall!
2. My hometown is so small that it doesn't have a stop light or a football team/field.
3. I love to paint. When I was fresh out of College, I snuck a painting into the furniture store I worked at and someone paid me \$2,000 for it.
4. One of my favorite hobbies is fishing. My husband and I go almost every weekend in the summer!
5. I had never driven on a highway until I was on my way to College (yes, I cried with panic).



[Learn more](#)



ACNP Staff Contact List

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

Simons Foundation

2022 Human Cognitive and Behavioral Science Request for Applications

Grants awarded through this RFA are intended to produce foundational knowledge about the neurobehavioral differences associated with ASD. Many of these projects are expected to inform or relate to the development or refinement of tools needed for translational efforts, such as biomarkers and outcome measures. Special emphasis is placed on objective, quantitative measures that may be used in conjunction with standardized clinical measures and genomic information to better triangulate phenotypic and neurobiological variability within and across individuals with ASD.

Two tracks are offered within this RFA solicitation: Explorer and Expansion. The Explorer track is appropriate for early-stage projects where establishing feasibility and proof-of-concept are the most relevant outcomes of the grant period. The total budget is \$500,000 or less, inclusive of 20 percent indirect costs, over a period of up to two (2) years. The Expansion track is appropriate for more mature projects with evidence of feasibility and preliminary validity, for which goals such as scalability, generalizability and/or ecological validity are now the most relevant translational outcomes. The total budget is \$900,000 or less, inclusive of 20 percent indirect costs, over a period of up to three (3) years.

Visit their website to learn more and apply now!

<https://www.sfari.org/grant/human-cognitive-and-behavioral-science-request-for-applications/>

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