

Faculty and Staff News

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Welcome Derrick Tallman



Derrick Tallman is our new Senior Academic Administrator. He officially started in the department on October 15th. Derrick has been preparing for this job for his entire career. Since 2014 he has been the administrative and financial director of the UMass Amherst Health and Wellness clinics. From 1992-2014 he moved from Chief Financial Officer to Chief Operating Officer to Chief Executive Officer of Western Massachusetts Hospital, a 102-bed chronic disease hospital in Westfield. Prior to that he was the Controller of Ludlow Hospital. Welcome to the department!

Behavioral health policy experts Marsha Ellison and Maryann Davis representing special needs of an underserved population



UMass Medical School is part of a new nationwide policy initiative to improve employment outcomes for teenagers and young adults with disabilities, including for the first time a focus on those with mental health disabilities. Youth mental health services and policy experts **Marsha Langer Ellison**, PhD (far left), and **Maryann Davis**, PhD (left), bring the expertise of the UMMS Transitions to Adulthood Center for Research to a four-year, \$4 million grant from the US Department of Labor to establish the National Policy Development

Center for Preparing Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities for Employment. Read the entire UMass Med NOW article [here](#).

Drs. John Iwuc and Taylor Young receive Psychiatry Medical Student Semi-Annual Teaching Award



Taylor Young, MD, MA, a PGY-3 neuropsychiatry resident, and **John Iwuc**, MD, Adolescent Continuing Care Unit, WRCH, were awarded the Department of Psychiatry Medical Student Semi-Annual Teaching Award. Medical students choose a resident and faculty member that has been an exceptional teacher and mentor to receive this award. Congratulations!

Dr. Dvir and Dr. Young Dr. Dvir and Dr. Iwuc

Department of Youth Services 2019 Central Region Employee Recognition Awards



Mary Beth Kadlec, ScD, OTR/L, and **Susan Swanson**, MA, CC-SLP from the Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (CANDO), who provide consultation around neurodevelopmental differences, were nominated by Monica Ferraro, Regional Clinical Coordinator who wrote: "Mary Beth and Sue have quickly become an integral part of both clients' treatment teams! Without their assistance the programs would have had difficulty successfully providing for these particular youth due to their specific mental health and cognitive needs".

Lee Ann Collins, RN PCNS, **Matthew Lahaie**, MD, JD, and **Julie Lysiak**, RN PCNS, were recognized as part of the UMASS Medical/Psychiatric Team, for their extraordinary contribution to meeting the health care needs of this population at a time in their lives when their access to traditional care delivery systems is difficult to obtain.

L to R: Sue Swanson, Matt Lahaie, Julie Lysiak, Yael Dvir, Lee Ann Collins, and Mary Beth Kadlec

2020 Kun-Po Soo Award given to Dr. Xiaoduo Fan



Xiaoduo Fan, MD, MPH, MSc is the recipient of the 2020 Kun-Po Soo Award. This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions toward understanding the impact and importance of Asian cultural heritage in areas relevant to psychiatry. Dr. Fan will be delivering an honorary lecture at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in April. Congratulations Dr. Fan!

Dr. Madelyn Hsiao-Rei Hicks Publishes Article in Psychiatric Times



Physician-Assisted Suicide: There Are No Best Practices

Psychiatric Times, October 1, 2019.

Access full text [here](#)

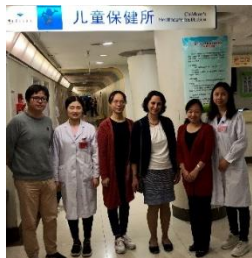
International Academic Activity by Faculty in the Child Division



Rangsun Sittichai, MD, [presented](#) at a conference in Thailand.

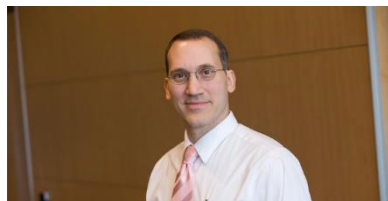


Boris Lorberg, MD, MBA, has been active with the [IACAPAP Ukraine Partnership](#).



Yael Dvir, MD (third from right) recently presented in China, at Hunan Children's Health Care Summit, organized by the Hunan Medical Association (Children's Health Group) and Hunan Children's Hospital.

As suicide rate soars, *Washington Post* highlights UMMS research on benefits of ER screenings



As suicide rate soars *Washington Post* highlights UMMS research on benefits of ER screenings. **Edwin Boudreaux, PhD**, has been working to implement screening for suicide in emergency rooms for more than a decade and has published numerous studies that show many patients can be reached, according to a Nov. 9 article in the *Washington Post* about his research. [Read the full story](#).

Dr. Amam Saleh new WRCH Medical Director



Amam Saleh, MD takes over as the new Medical Director of the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital. Dr. Saleh graduated from the Quaid-E-Azam Medical College in Bahawalpur, Pakistan in 1999; served as resident in psychiatry at Maine Medical Center; and completed the UMass Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship program in 2010. After four years as a staff psychiatrist at the Oklahoma Forensic Center, he joined the WRCH staff as a forensic psychiatrist in 2015. During his tenure in Oklahoma, Dr. Saleh earned an International Diploma in Mental Health Law and Human Rights from the Indian Law Society in 2013. During his first year on the WRCH faculty in 2015-2016, he served as a Fellow in Forensic Psychiatry

Research at the Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute. In addition to his duties at WRCH, Dr. Saleh serves on the UMass Medical School Institutional Review Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Pharmacy Advisory Committee. Since 2012, he has maintained a faculty appointment at Griffin Memorial Hospital in Norman, Oklahoma. He is a supervisor in our Forensic Psychiatry fellowship program and serves as an advisor for our medical students in the Capstone Scholarship and Discovery Course. Dr. Saleh is known for his interest in humanities and psychiatry and has served as a resource to our residents in this area.