Two new faculty members have recently officially begun their academic appointments with the Department of Psychiatry. Please join us in welcoming both of these new colleagues to our faculty ranks.

Ashley Mason, PhD [1]

Kate Margolis, PhD [2], has joined the medical staff at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center as an HS Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, and a full-time member of the ZSFG Division of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychiatry, effective November 1. She will serve as the Associate Director of Primary Care Behavioral Health for Pediatrics at ZSFG.

Margolis holds an MS in Counseling, Family & Human Services, and a PhD in Counseling...
Psychology from the University of Oregon. She has also completed a clinical internship with
the University of Southern California at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and a postdoctoral
fellowship in pediatric primary care at Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora, Colo., as well as
a Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship at the University of Seville. Most recently, she has served
as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry with the University of Colorado School of Medicine
and as a pediatric psychologist at Children's Hospital Colorado's Project CLIMB Child Health
Clinic.

Ashley Mason, PhD [1], joined the department as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the
UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine and the UCSF Center for Health and
Community's Aging, Metabolism, and Emotions Center, effective October 1. Her primary
research interests focus on food-craving experiences, stress-induced eating, and reward-
based eating. Earlier this year, she received a K23 Award from the National Heart, Lung, and
Blood Institute to investigate both the assessment and treatment of compulsive overeating in
obesity. She is currently investigating the role of the endogenous opioid system in overeating
behavior by using a biological probe to index tendencies to engage in reward-based eating.

Mason originally came to UCSF as a T32 Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Training in
Research in Integrative Medicine (TRIM) program at the Osher Center in 2013, and
subsequently served there as an associate specialist. She completed a PhD in Clinical
Psychology at the University of Arizona and a clinical internship in behavioral medicine at the
VA Palo Alto HealthCare System. She also holds degrees in psychology and sociology from
Northwestern University.

About UCSF Psychiatry

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry [3] and the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute are among
the nation's foremost resources in the fields of child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric mental
health. Together they constitute one of the largest departments in the UCSF School of
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(basic, translational, clinical), teaching, patient care, and public service.

UCSF Psychiatry conducts its clinical, educational, and research efforts at a variety of
locations in Northern California, including UCSF campuses at Parnassus Heights, Mission
Bay, and Laurel Heights, the UCSF Medical Center at Mt. Zion, Zuckerberg San Francisco
General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco VA Health Care System, and UCSF
Fresno.

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The UCSF Weill Institute leverages UCSF's unrivaled bench-to-bedside excellence in the
neurosciences. It unites three UCSF departments?Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurological
Surgery?that are highly esteemed for both patient care and research, as well as the
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