Four selected as 2019 Grand Rounds Trainee Research Award honorees

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2019 Grand Rounds Trainee Research Award honorees (L-R): Brian Anderson, MD, MSc [2]; Christopher M. Bartley, MD, PhD [3]; Kristen Berendzen, MD, PhD [4]; and Lauren Whitehurst, PhD [5]

Four department trainees have been selected to present their scholarship and research at Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds events later this year as part of a series designed to highlight the work of senior trainees (e.g., residents, child psychiatry fellows, psychology trainees, postdoctoral fellows) at or near the end of their training and help launch their academic careers. Special Grand Rounds sessions in March and April 2019 will each feature formal presentations from two of the selected trainees, followed by a period for questions and discussion with audience members.

Congratulations to the trainees below, who will present their research work on the following dates:

- Brian Anderson, MD, MSc [2] (postdoctoral research scholar, mentored by Joshua Woolley, MD, PhD [6]) ? "Psilocybin-Assisted Group Therapy for Demoralization in Older Long-Term AIDS Survivors" (March 19 [7])
- Christopher M. Bartley, MD, PhD [3] (fourth-year resident physician in the Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program, mentored by Samuel Pleasure, MD, PhD [8])
"Identification of Neurotropic Autoantibodies in Humans With Inflammatory and Non-Inflammatory Behavioral and Neuropsychiatric Syndromes" (April 16 [9])

- Kristen Berendzen, MD, PhD [4] (fourth-year resident physician in the Adult Psychiatry Residency Training Program, mentored by Devanand Manoli, MD, PhD [10]) ? "Defining the Genetic, Molecular, and Neural Circuit Basis of a Social Stress Response" (April 16 [9])
- Lauren Whitehurst, PhD [5] (postdoctoral research scholar, mentored by Wendy Berry Mendes, PhD [11], and Aric Prather, PhD [12]) ? "The Impact of Psychostimulants on Sleep-Dependent Memory in Healthy Adults" (March 19 [7])

Now in its sixth year, the UCSF Psychiatry Grand Rounds Trainee Research Award annually selects trainees conducting notable and advanced research through a competitive application process. In addition to presenting their scholarship and research at Grand Rounds events, the recipients will receive additional mentorship and guidance from faculty, the opportunity to discuss their work with department leadership, and special recognition at graduation.

About UCSF Psychiatry

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry [13], UCSF Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics [14], 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 Medicine and the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences, with a mission focused on research (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, UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco VA Health Care System, and UCSF Fresno.

About the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences

The UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences [15], established by the extraordinary generosity of Joan and Sanford I. "Sandy" Weill, brings together world-class researchers with top-ranked physicians to solve some of the most complex challenges in the human brain.

The UCSF Weill Institute leverages UCSF?fs 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 Neuroscience Graduate Program, a cross-disciplinary alliance of nearly 100 UCSF faculty members from 15 basic-science departments, as well as the UCSF Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, a multidisciplinary research center focused on finding effective treatments for Alzheimer?fs disease, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson?fs disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

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It also includes UCSF Health [17], which comprises three top-ranked hospitals ? UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children?s Hospitals in San Francisco [18] and Oakland [19] ? as well as Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics, UCSF Benioff Children?s Physicians, and the UCSF Faculty Practice. UCSF Health has affiliations with hospitals and health organizations throughout the Bay Area. UCSF faculty also provide all physician care at the public Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, and the San Francisco VA Medical Center. The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program is a major branch of the University of California, San Francisco?s School of Medicine.