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President's Message

STATE OF THE ACADEMY

ACLP IS STRONG. IT IS DYNAMIC. IT IS THRIVING.

— *Philip Bialer, MD, FACLP*



ACLP is thriving. Given all the difficulty brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two plus years, I would not use a word like 'thriving' lightly. But looking at the state of the Academy as we head into our Annual Meeting in November, I find this description apt.

Our membership is growing and ACLP now has nearly 2,000 members. Our financial status is strong.

Our committees and subcommittees have continued their hard work and have been very productive. For instance, the Research & Evidence-Based Practice Committee continues to post annotated abstracts of research articles relevant to C-L Psychiatry. The Education Committee has been hosting virtual case conferences, monthly webinars on various topics, and launched a podcast program this past spring.

The efforts and accomplishments of all our committees and subcommittees are highlighted in this newsletter. We have 26 SIGs and three forums that engage our membership in ways that allow them to participate actively in their area of interest and expertise. Highlights of their activities are also included in this newsletter.

The DEI subcommittee, which was created upon the recommendation of last year's DEI Task Force, is now meeting regularly and is in the process of bringing in a consultant to survey the membership about DEI concerns and needs within our organization.

Last but not least, we have a meeting. We received a large number of submissions for the Annual Meeting and people are eager to get back together. We plan to be meeting in person in Atlanta for the first time in three years! Sandy Rackley, MD, MAEdHD, FACLP, the incredible Annual Meeting Committee, and its hard-working subcommittees have organized a conference that promises to be one of the strongest and most innovative in our history.

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WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...



More than 200,000 demonstrators took part in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 led by Martin Luther King, Jr.

A private, guided tour of Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery—a beautiful, historic cemetery adjacent to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park—has been arranged for members attending CLP 2022.

Atlanta—birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr.—was where the 1960s Civil Rights Movement began. Atlanta History Center chronicles the city's past, and the National Historic Site is dedicated to the African-American leader's life and times.

Our guided tour, *We Shall Overcome: African-American Stories from Civil War to Civil Rights*, is available to CLP 2022 attendees and family members who sign up from the [Annual Meeting registration website](#). Sign up now as numbers are limited!

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As we look into the future, the ACLP Board has been meeting to develop our strategic priorities for the next three to five years. Working with a consultant to guide the Board, we were able to broadly define five Strategic Goal Areas:

1. Advocacy for the Specialty of C-L Psychiatry.
2. Educating and supporting a skilled and diverse workforce in C-L Psychiatry.
3. Scientific inquiry and exploration.
4. Providing the professional and academic home for C-L psychiatrists and other C-L practitioners, and
5. Creating a culture and organizational structure that embraces DEI.

I will be able to discuss the outcome of our work in more detail and our action plan for implementing these goals at the Annual Meeting.

The state of ACLP is strong. It is dynamic. It is thriving.

Where it all began...
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The Annual Meeting's Local Arrangements Subcommittee have also compiled a list of resources to help orient you to the city. If you want to start your journey right away, check out the [Archive Atlanta](#) podcast to learn more.

Or view the [Welcome to Atlanta video](#).

No time to think about what to do and where to eat in Atlanta? No worries, the subcommittee have done the legwork of researching popular attractions and well-reviewed restaurants. Look out for their guide on the [Annual Meeting website page](#) as it becomes updated. See you in Atlanta!

STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE PODCASTS!

New C-L Psychiatry research... Clinical updates... Interviews with leaders

Topics in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry is a new podcast started by the ACLP Online Education Subcommittee, discussing new C-L Psychiatry research, important clinical updates, and interviews with leaders in the field.

In the first series of podcasts, members from the Guidelines & Evidence-Based Medicine Subcommittee discuss their recent *Annotations* on timely papers in C-L Psychiatry.

Three episodes have been released across multiple podcast platforms. In the first episode Sahil Munjal, MD, interviews John Grimaldi, MD, on the new clinical practice guidelines by CDC on Preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV infection.

See: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-1-hiv-prep-updated-clinical-practice-guidelines/id1622053109?i=1000559350368>

In the second episode, Jai Gandhi, MD, discusses a paper on comparison of teleintegrated care and telereferral care for treating complex psychiatric disorders in primary care.

See: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-2-comparison-of-teleintegrated-care/id1622053109?i=1000564837939>

In the third episode Mary Burke, MD, discusses climate anxiety in children/young people and their beliefs about government responses to climate change.

See: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-3-climate-anxiety-in-children-and-young/id1622053109?i=1000574685960>

An upcoming episode will feature Dustin DeMoss, MD, hosting Scott Simpson, MD, MPH, FACLP, on the topic of emergency psychiatry, discussing a paper comparing the efficacy of combination haloperidol, lorazepam, and diphenhydramine vs. combination haloperidol and lorazepam in the treatment of acute agitation. Stay tuned for future episodes!

The next in the series of ACLP webinars is...

September 14: *Treatment of Depression in the context of a Traumatic Brain Injury*, presented by Duncan MacIver, MD, BSc, Geriatric Psychiatry Fellow at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

Dr. MacIver will present a clinical case that exemplifies the clinical difficulties of diagnostic clarity and treatment of patients with a history of depression and traumatic brain injury.

David Arciniegas, MD, Professor and Senior Research Neuropsychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, and Clinical Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry, Director of Evaluation and Research, Marcus Institute for Brain Health, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, will serve as the expert discussant and provide a high yield and clinically relevant dialogue surrounding assessment and management of patients with a history of traumatic brain injury.

The case presentation and facilitated discussion will be followed by a live audience Q&A session moderated by David Fipps, DO, Senior Associate Consultant in C-L, Transplant, and Bariatric Surgery Psychiatry at Mayo Clinic, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine.

The full [list of webinars](#) is here.

Message from Hochang Lee, MD, FACLP, editor-in-chief, Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry



Hochang Lee, MD, FACLP

HISTORIC HIGH FOR CITED ARTICLES IN ACADEMY JOURNAL

'These are good numbers that we could build upon'

It's been 18 months since I started as the new editor-in-chief of our *Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry*. I want to start by sharing a couple of updates.

First, our 2021 Impact Factor and CiteScore were released recently. *JACLP* is still too young to have its own Impact Factor and CiteScore, but the 2021 impact factor for *Psychosomatics/JACLP* increased to 3.099 from 2.386. I am told that this is a historic high for our journal (next highest was 2.534 in 2017).

Our 2021 CiteScore also increased to 4.1 from a 2020 CiteScore of 2.9.

What do these numbers mean? They mean that articles published in *JACLP* are more frequently cited by other peer-reviewed articles than ever before, and that means our articles are being read and cited more frequently by the C-L Psychiatry clinical investigators.

For a subspecialty journal with a relatively narrow range of readership like *JACLP*, these are good numbers that we could build upon.

The other news is that *JACLP* has added two new manuscript categories. One is the Invited Commentary written by an invited expert who discusses and illuminates a manuscript that has been accepted for publication. An **Invited Commentary** should be less than 1,200 words, may contain a table or figure, and should have fewer than 10 references at submission.

A recent example of an Invited Commentary is an article by J. Michael Bostwick on the manuscript by Berens, et al., on the controversial topic of physician-assisted death for nonterminal mental and physical conditions.

The other new manuscript category is the **Perspective**. A Perspective article may address any important topic on C-L Psychiatry from a personal viewpoint of the author and has the same basic structure as review articles. This article type also provides the author with an opportunity to present criticism or address a controversy.

We are interested in publishing opinions on important issues of C-L Psychiatry based on expertise and review of literature. A recent example is the article by Beayno and Angelova on the potential role of a C-L psychiatrist in advocacy against discrimination of transgender patients.

I hope that these two new manuscript types will add to more dynamic exchange of ideas and opinions among ACLP members about the new and important issues in C-L Psychiatry.

Finally, an ACLP member asked whether *JACLP* publishes QI-based manuscripts. My answer: "Absolutely!" *JACLP* frequently publishes QI articles and would like to publish more of them. A working group from the Hastings Center defined QI as "systematic, data-guided activities designed to bring about immediate improvements in health delivery in particular settings." Unfortunately, *JACLP* sometimes receives manuscripts on QI projects that are methodologically flawed, poorly evaluated, or difficult to be replicated. However, a well-designed QI project can have a substantial impact in our field, and *JACLP* is interested in disseminating these through publication.

For those who are unsure if their manuscript is appropriate for *JACLP*, please send me your abstract (email: Hochang_lee@urmc.rochester.edu) ahead of your full manuscript preparation and submission. This quick discussion could save a lot of time for authors whose manuscript would not be appropriate for *JACLP*. Moreover, I am always eager to provide advice on how to improve publishability of articles.

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ACLP SIG Updates

SIGs

Addiction & Toxicology

Chairs: Filza Hussain, MD, FACLP; G. Scott Winder, MD

The SIG has been meeting on a quarterly basis virtually. These meetings include discussion pertaining to clinical questions and collaborating on different projects. There are several such ideas in the pipeline and currently co-chair G. Scott Winder, MD, is leading a group effort on psychiatric perspectives and recommendations regarding cannabinoids in solid organ transplant.

Visit the Addiction & Toxicology SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Bioethics

Chairs: Kenneth Ashley, MD, ACPsych, FACLP, DFAPA; Shannon Mazur, DO, MA

The SIG has moved to meet quarterly and looks forward to reuniting in person for CLP 2022 in Atlanta. We are proud to put forward several SIG-sponsored symposia for the Annual Meeting including a look at ongoing bioethical aspects of COVID-19 and a joint symposium with the Palliative Medicine and Psycho-Oncology SIG addressing bioethical challenges within end-of-life care.

We will also be working toward incorporating in Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion programs focused on bioethical aspects of medical care.

Several workgroups are forming to oversee areas relevant to the operation, productivity, and outreach of the SIG.

There are a host of trending bioethical C-L Psychiatry topics being discussed within the SIG, including legislation and policy surrounding physician-assisted death, end-of-life care, substance use disorders, treatment of incarcerated patients, COVID-19, systemic racism in medicine, and much more.

Visit the Bioethics SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Burn & Trauma Injury

Chairs: Sarah Laughon, MD; Eric Golden, MD

The SIG has continued to try and build its membership—welcoming new members from across the US and internationally.

We have been more actively engaged on the SIG listserv discussing relevant topics and seeking input from others. Topics discussed have included defining the scope and purpose of this relatively new SIG, sharing resources on guidelines and policy recommendations, as well as comparing our representative institutions' processes of evaluation and management of burn and trauma injury patients.

We are looking forward to our first in-person SIG meeting in Atlanta where we plan to discuss future goals and projects for the SIG. We invite all ACLP members, as well as non-ACLP members with an interest in and/or experience of caring for patients with burn and trauma injury to join!

Visit the Burn and Trauma Injury SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Cardiovascular Psychiatry

Chairs: Christopher Celano, MD, FACLP; Rima Styra, MD

The SIG—which provides networking, support, and collaboration opportunities for conference presentations and research—has grown in 2022.

We have been working on developing content for the Annual Meeting focusing on anxiety disorders and PTSD in cardiovascular disease. We are excited to provide an evidence-informed update which includes practical advice and interactive discussion of the diagnosis and management of anxiety and PTSD in individuals with different types of CVD, such as individuals with heart failure, atrial fibrillation, implantable cardioverter-defibrillator devices, aortic dissection, and those with ventricular assist devices or who have undergone cardiac transplantation.

The SIG has launched a listserv which can be used to discuss difficult clinical cases, new research related to cardiovascular

psychiatry, and SIG activities.

Please reach out to us if you are interested in joining the SIG, and we look forward to seeing everyone in November!

Visit the Cardiovascular Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Critical Care Psychiatry

Chairs: José Maldonado, MD, FACLP; Jordan Rosen, MD

Given the increased complexity of medical disorders seen by C-L psychiatrists and the nuances of the critical care environment, ACLP has approved the creation of a SIG devoted to creating a forum where members can share their experiences, their struggles, and find joint solutions to the challenges of the practice of Psychiatry in the critical care environment.

Topics to be covered include the diagnosis, prevention, and management of delirium in the ICU, management of Post-Intensive Care Syndrome, recognition and management of ICU-related PTSD, and pharmacological challenges specific to the ICU setting (e.g., drug sequestration in ECMO patients, pharmacokinetics changes in ESLD/ESRD, optimization of sedation in the peri-extubation period, etc.).

The SIG's primary objective is to provide a forum for mentorship and the free flow of ideas for clinical practice and research in the field of Critical Care Psychiatry among ACLP members. Ideally, this group will produce and submit yearly courses, seminars, and workshops to be showcased at the ACLP annual meeting to enhance the knowledge and provide updates on the management of psychiatric issues that arise in the critical care setting.

We will hold our first annual meeting at CLP 2022 in Atlanta where we will be offering a preconference course on the basics of Critical Care Psychiatry and a workshop on altered mental status in the CCU.

The SIG will be posting announcements regarding regular virtual meetings and the development of its listserv to ease participations among its members.

Early Career Psychiatrists

Chairs: Jai Gandhi, MD; Stephanie Tung, MD

The SIG provides a supportive network for psychiatrists entering the field of C-L Psychiatry. This group welcomes Psychiatry fellows and faculty within their first 10 years of practice. We strive to promote the interests of early career psychiatrists (ECPs), foster professional development, and provide peer support during the transition from trainee to faculty.

The SIG is currently conducting a survey of ECPs within ACLP to better understand their needs and how the Academy can work towards meeting those needs. The SIG has been brainstorming with ACLP leadership and the Early Career Subcommittee on new and exciting ways to create and distribute programming that meets the needs of ECPs. The SIG remains committed to increasing engagement and fostering community among ECPs.

If you are an ECP, we encourage you to [contribute your voice to the survey](#).

Emergency Psychiatry

Chairs: Allison Hadley, MD; Julie Owen, MD, MBA

The SIG is looking forward to meeting in person in Atlanta this year. Members have put together preconference *Skills* courses in *Emergency Psychiatry and Agitation Management through the Lifespan*; and there are other sessions planned on topics in Emergency Psychiatry.

The listserv has been active with planning for the meeting and our SIG website is up and running. We are looking forward to networking at the Annual Meeting, including a meet-up with members of ASEP and the appointment of a new Early Career Representative.

Visit the Emergency Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Geriatric Psychiatry

Chair: Jo Ellen Wilson, MD

The SIG has resumed quarterly calls, with upcoming meetings scheduled for the 2022-

2023 academic year. If enough interest exists, we may extend meeting times to early evening to allow for greater participation.

The SIG is developing subcommittees. The following groups are being considered: Research, Guidelines, Education, and Annual Meeting SIG-Sponsored Activities (symposia, etc.) We need individuals to come forth to help join, lead, and develop these subcommittees. Subcommittees will be tasked with developing leadership structure, objectives, and timeline for deliverables to the main SIG committee.

Key issues being debated at the SIG committee level include further development, organization, and marketing of the SIG to the general C-L Psychiatry audience, with a focus on growth of the SIG, and contribution to future ACLP annual meetings and activities.

The SIG welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with other SIGs, especially those with a focus on issues pertinent to mental health of older adults (e.g., delirium, neurocognitive disorders, management of agitation / violence in the medical setting, ethical and legal considerations, etc.)

If you are not currently receiving notifications of upcoming SIG meetings, and would like to learn more, please join the listserv for more information about upcoming events. We welcome new members to this growing SIG!

Global & Cultural Psychiatry

Chairs: Stephen Nicolson, MD, FACLP; Adel Zaraa, MD, FACLP

SIG members have put together a workshop proposal on psychiatric challenges related to climate change and forced migration. The focus will be on how to educate trainees on working with displaced populations. The proposal has been accepted for CLP 2022, so look for us in Atlanta!

Visit the Global and Cultural Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Hispano-American Psychiatry

Chairs: Carlos Fernandez-Robles, MD, FACLP; Ricardo Millán González, MD

In 2022, the SIG continued its mission to

foster collaboration and integration among ACLP members across the US, Latin America, and Spain. Through our WhatsApp group, we have created a community for clinical and academic discussion, and sharing best practices and innovative solutions to daily challenges.

Our academic meetings schedule continues, and we are looking forward to having a presentation this summer by Carlos Arnaud, MD, on esketamine in the medically ill patient. We have big plans for CLP 2022 in Atlanta as we will host a SIG-sponsored symposium: C-L psychiatrists in Chile, Mexico, Colombia, and Spain will share clever and translatable models to solve challenges in education, hospital systems, clinical care, and research across Latin America.

Also, we are planning for our first in-person meeting with attendance from members from more than six different countries that will help advance our mission and will be an excellent opportunity for academic networking.

Finally, we are delighted to announce the publishing of two textbooks by members of our SIG. First, the second edition of the *Psiquiatría de Enlace y Medicina Psicosomática* textbook by Drs. Jorge Calderon, Matias Gonzales, and Maria Arteaga published in Chile; and the first edition of *Psiquiatría de Enlace y Medicina Psicosomática* by Drs. Hernan Rincon-Hoyos, Juan Velasquez Tirado, and José Franco published in Colombia.

Visit the Hispano-American Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

HIV/AIDS Psychiatry

Chairs: Luis Pereira, MD; Paulo Sales, MD

The SIG is thrilled with the opportunity to have our members meet in person once again during this year's Annual Meeting!

Our members had a productive year with multiple scholarly projects that deserve our recognition. For instance, Drs. Cesar Alfonso, Luis Pereira, et al., have been invited to present a state-of-the-art symposium with the World Psychiatric Association in Bangkok, Thailand. Drs. Paulo Sales and Guida da Ponte, et al., will present a symposium on combined psychotherapies for people living

with HIV at this year's annual meeting of the International Federation for Psychotherapy, in Casablanca, Morocco.

We have also been collaborating with ACLP to develop a podcast series on HIV Psychiatry, and a discussion by John Grimaldi, MD, on the new PrEP Guidelines is already available on Apple Podcasts. More episodes are on their way, so stay tuned!

Our *Pocket Guide to HIV Psychiatry* is being edited, then published by the APA, to provide a concise roadmap for busy clinicians who treat people living with HIV. It is expected to reach the bookshelves in 2023.

We have created three new workgroups that are developing several exciting new projects: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (led by Kenneth Ashley, MD, FACLP); Psychotherapy (led by Guida da Ponte, MD); and Telepsychiatry (led by Gabrielle Marzani, MD).

Finally, we would like to congratulate our SIG member, Kenneth Ashley, MD, FACLP, who received APA's John Fryer Award in recognition of his significant contributions to improving the mental health of sexual minorities.

We welcome new members in all career stages: from medical students to senior psychiatrists. Looking forward to seeing you all again during this year's Annual Meeting!

Visit the HIV/AIDS Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Integrative Medicine (Complementary & Alternative Medicine)

Chairs: Janna Gordon-Elliott, MD, FACLP; Ana Ivkovic, MD; Uma Naidoo, MD

The SIG will be presenting a SIG-sponsored workshop at CLP 2022 titled *Biophilia, Green Spaces, and Mental Health: How C-L Psychiatrists Should Include Nature in Their Treatment Arsenal*. Our invited discussant, Tina Duhaime, MD, is a pediatric neurosurgeon with a book coming out in October, *Minding the Climate: How Neuroscience Can Help Solve our Environmental Crisis*.

In other news, SIG co-chair Uma Naidoo, MD, has been invited to the Scientific Advisory Council of the World Economic Forum Nutrition Initiative, helping to integrate nutrition education with brain health and physical health; in addition, she was the key-

note speaker for mental health at the first UK Integrative and Personalized Medicine Congress in June.

We look forward to meeting with SIG members in Atlanta this year to discuss ideas around future collaborations and additional member recruitment.

Visit the Integrative Medicine SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Medicine & Psychiatry

Chair: Thomas Heinrich, MD, FACLP

The SIG consists of members who have either completed combined training or are practicing integrated medical-psychiatric care. We are also fortunate to include members of the Medical-Psychiatry Unit Consortium. The SIG aims to bring professionals together to discuss important topics such as building careers that integrate Medicine and Psychiatry, research initiatives, and training.

The SIG has been diligently working to develop content for our ACLP website. It has been a while in development, but I think members will find it informative and helpful once completed and posted on the site.

In addition, following ACLP bylaws, the SIG will be working to identify a co-chair of the SIG. Succession planning is an important step for our future growth.

In addition to meeting at November's ACLP Annual Meeting, the SIG will also gather at the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry's Annual CME Conference from September 29-October 1, 2022. This meeting will also be held in Atlanta (apparently a popular place) and includes many topics relevant to the practice of C-L Psychiatry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tom Heinrich at theinric@mcw.edu with questions about the SIG.

Neuropsychiatry

Chairs: Durga Roy, MD, FACLP; Inder Kalra, MD

The SIG had a productive year and each task group has met the goals established at the ACLP 2021 Annual Meeting. The SIG has successfully met every two months via Zoom, and continues to work on the development and expansion of three task forces,

reflective of the SIG's mission.

As of March 2021, Jennifer Erickson, DO, stepped down as co-chair, and Inder Kalra, MD, has taken on the role of co-chair. We thank Jen for her remarkable leadership by being integral in helping this SIG build its membership and achieve its mission goals from when she took on the co-chair role in 2016. We welcome Inder, who has worked alongside Jen and Durga over the past six years to help grow the SIG and organize projects taken on by our task groups.

Our task groups are busily working on designated projects and being diligent about maintaining deadlines for scholarly products:

SIG-sponsored symposia task force: Under the leadership of Kamalika Roy, MD, the task force has expanded its participants and continues to prepare abstracts for informative workshops, symposia, and skills courses for the CLP 2022. It also continues to meet independently outside of regularly scheduled SIG meetings. Under the leadership of Kamalika Roy, MD, and Badr Ratnakaran, MD, the task force has submitted two abstracts for presentation at CLP 2022.

Education task force: Jeffrey Zabinski, MD, and Timothy Kiong, MD, have taken the lead on this task force, and group members continue to compile a list of online resources in neuropsychiatry. In collaboration with the Online Education Subcommittee, by CLP 2022 the SIG will have a newly-launched website of video lectures, literature references, and neuropsychiatry-focused websites among other educational resources for Academy members to access.

The SIG has been invited to give an ACLP Education Committee-sponsored case conference which will be held on September 14. The topic will be *Traumatic Brain Injury* with David Arciniegas, MD, FACLP, as the expert moderator and discussant.

Scholarship task force: Under the leadership of Durga Roy, MD, FACLP, Inder Kalra, MD, and Idris Leppla, MD, this task force has successfully led manuscript production. Currently several scholarship projects are underway including:

- A systematic review on neuropsychiatric symptoms in COVID 19.
- A systematic review on Huntington's Disease and OCD.

- A cross-institution retrospective chart review research study on treatment of neuropsychiatric symptoms after TBI.

Additionally, the *Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry* has launched its inaugural neuropsychiatry section and has invited members to submit articles.

Monthly member case reports: Case discussions continue amongst the listserv members who present a challenging, de-identified case on a neuropsychiatric syndrome for discussion amongst SIG members. This occurs on average once per quarter.

Social media: The group has moved forward with developing a hashtag (Neuropsychiatry #CLPNEUROPSYCH) so that resources on C-L neuropsychiatry can be widely accessed.

Visit the Neuropsychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Palliative Medicine & Psycho-Oncology

Chairs: Sheila Lahijani, MD, FACLP; Wendy Baer, MD, FACLP

The SIG is a dedicated group of professionals focused on the care of people with cancer and advanced illness. Our SIG's goal is to share and advance knowledge, provide peer support, and increase our engagement in other professional societies.

We have quarterly scheduled virtual meetings with panels focused on discussing difficult cases, learning about new modalities in cancer care and complexities of delivering care in a cancer center, career development, and mentorship.

Our next meeting in August will feature William Pirl, MD, MPH, and Carlos Fernandez-Robles, MD, FACLP, who will share their insights on clinical care and professional development as both clinicians and administrators.

Wendy Baer, MD, FACLP, and Daniel McFarland, DO, recently attended the American Society of Clinical Oncology Meeting and presented symposia focused on provider wellness and the theme of loneliness in cancer care.

Other members, including Hermioni Amoano, MD, MPP; Kelly Irwin, MD; and Sheila Lahijani, MD, FACLP, are serving on

the Program Committee of the American Psychosocial Oncology Meeting that will take place in March 2023.

We have several accepted symposia, posters, and brief oral presentations for this year's ACLP meeting. We welcome new members and look forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta this November!

Visit the Palliative Medicine & Psycho-Oncology SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Pediatric C-L Psychiatry

Chair: Laura Markley, MD, FACLP; Julianne Jacobson, MD

Despite the continued challenges of COVID-19 and the need for online interactions, the SIG maintains high levels of interest. We have multiple participants at each meeting and receive frequent requests to be added to the group.

At our SIG virtual meeting late in 2021, following the ACLP Annual Meeting, the group reviewed and celebrated the innumerable contributions of Susan Turkel, MD, FACLP, co-founder of the SIG as well as co-chair through the end of 2021.

Dr. Turkel decided to step down at the end of 2021, and Julie Jacobson, MD, was introduced as the new co-chair. The SIG also engaged in a lively discussion of challenges in the current health care environment and solutions being tried. We reviewed sponsored presentations by SIG members at the 2021 annual meeting, including a Fundamentals course and SIG-sponsored preconference course. A wide breadth of topics for possible submission at the ACLP 2022 annual meeting were discussed.

The group met again in February to discuss CLP 2022 submissions. Several have been accepted. We are also planning an in-person networking event in Atlanta this year during the Annual Meeting.

The SIG continues to share a listserv with the Physically Ill Child Committee of the American Academy of Child-Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) thanks to the efforts and support of Maryland Pao, MD, FACLP. The linkage with this highly active forum allows shared communication between the two groups with similar interests. Members of either (or both) AACAP and ACLP committees use the listserv to review clinical and

administrative topics and put forward questions for collective advice and support. We are discussing ways to expand the use of our own internal listserv as a networking and collaborating resource for members.

Visit the Pediatric C-L Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Proactive C-L Psychiatry

Chair: Mark Oldham, MD

We would like to welcome anyone interested in learning more about Proactive C-L Psychiatry to our preconference *Skills* session at CLP 2022 (November 9), *Deconstructing Proactive C-L Psychiatry: Exploring the elements of change*.

This session is for the attendee whose practice setting does not have the resources, personnel, or institutional buy-in needed to launch a full Proactive C-L Psychiatry service.

In this interactive workshop, we'll be approaching Proactive C-L Psychiatry implementation in a modular fashion with the goal that attendees leave with practical tips on what aspects might be feasible in their setting and how to demonstrate the value of these interventions.

We are also delighted that members of our SIG will have an opportunity to present on Proactive C-L Psychiatry to an international audience, the World Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine (September 7-9, 2022) in Rochester, NY. Presenters of *Proactive Integrated Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry: Applying the Biopsychosocial Model to C-L Psychiatry* will explore how the elements of Proactive C-L Psychiatry map onto the biological, psychological, and social aspects of care.

We also want to congratulate those who presented on *Social Factors in Proactive Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry* at the APA Annual Meeting in New Orleans for being featured in a [Psychiatric News alert](#).

For updated resources on Proactive C-L Psychiatry, check out our SIG website. If you're looking for something that's not there, please let us know! As always, we invite you to join our SIG for access to the listserv and to receive updates on news and opportunities for collaboration.

Visit the Proactive C-L Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Psychological Considerations

Chairs: Craig Lichtman, MD, MBA, FACLP; Xavier Jimenez, MD, MA, FACLP; Janeta Tansey, MD, PhD, FAPA

The SIG has been evolving since 2006, bringing together like-minded C-L psychiatrists to promote psychological aspects of patient care. All psychological perspectives and psychotherapeutic approaches are welcome, including but not limited to cognitive, psychodynamic, motivational interviewing, humanistic, interpersonal, existential, positive-psychology, mindfulness, and somatic.

This year, Janeta Tansey, MD, PhD, FAPA, has joined us as a co-chair. Specializing in physician care and ethics/professionalism, she has a PhD in Religious Studies, scholarship in the dialogic ethics of Buber and Levinas, and interests in existential therapies, depth psychology, and mind-body medicine. A Clinician Diplomate in Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy and Existential Analysis, she recently presented 'Woke' to *Dasein: A Psychiatrist's Short Musings on Epistemic Humility* (Daseinanalysis International conference, November 2021), and *Maieutics in Logotherapy* (INPM conference, July 2021).

The following sessions were presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychodynamic Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis titled, *Ways to Replenish a Passion for Medicine with Psychodynamic Psychiatry and Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry*:

- Xavier Jimenez, MD, MA, FACLP: *The Hospital as Our Patient: Macro-dynamics and the Liaison Role*
- Craig Lichtman, MD MBA, FACLP: *Functional Neurological Disorders: A Psychodynamic Approach and Case Discussion: The challenges of trying to do psychodynamic psychotherapy in an outpatient, private, office practice of C-L and not get lost in a 'Tower of Babel'*.

If you would like to join in discussions of the future of our SIG, or collaborate on future presentations, please join. You may also contact Craig Lichtman directly with questions.

Visit the Psychological Considerations SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Quality & Safety

Chair: David Kroll, MD

The SIG has been writing a white paper mapping out a proposed strategy for how the ACLP can more effectively lead efforts to measure quality in C-L Psychiatry. C-L psychiatrists—and C-L Psychiatry services—need a standardized approach to measuring both clinical performance and operational outcomes that are relevant to hospital systems and can be used to direct investments in C-L Psychiatry resources. We plan to have a draft of this paper completed by the fall, in time for the Annual Meeting.

Telepsychiatry

Chair: Terry Rabinowitz, MD, FACLP

The SIG has a lot of good news to report!

- Sanjeev Sockalingam, MD, FACLP, and several colleagues received an award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for their project *Telephone-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Post-Operative Bariatric Surgery Patient to Manage COVID-19 Pandemic Related Mental Health and Distress (TELE-BARICARE): A Randomized Controlled Trial to Determine Effectiveness and Adaptation for Marginalized Populations*. See [further detail here](#).
- Sharon Batista, MD, FACLP, has been chosen as a Doximity Telehealth Fellow. This is a multispecialty group of physicians interested in technology, telehealth, and innovation.
- Michael Blumenfield, MD, FACLP, has published a new book, *Shrinktalk*, that reviews his many years as a psychiatrist (much of it as a C-L psychiatrist). It includes his interaction with two US presidents, his experience during 9/11, and a lot more.
- Led by Paulo Sales, MD, MS, we (Dr. Batista, Gabrielle Marzani, MD, Terry Rabinowitz, MD, FACLP) recently submitted a proposal, *Telepsychiatry that Google Cannot Teach: How to Tailor Telehealth Services for People Living with HIV* for presentation at the 2022 APA Mental Health Services conference.
- Dr. Rabinowitz has been appointed as a Member to the APA Committee on Telepsychiatry.
- Hsiang Huang, MD, MPH, reports three recent telepsychiatry-related publications:
 - Adams, Thomas C. E. MD; Lim, Christopher T. MD; Huang, Hsiang MD, MPH, *The Practice of Psychiatric E-Consultation: Current State and Future Directions*, Harvard Review of Psychiatry: 5/6 2022 – Volume 30 – Issue 3 – p191-197. doi:10.1097/HRP.0000000000000338
 - Joseph, R.C., Lim, C.T., Huang, H., & Lacasse, J.J. (2022). *Expanding Access to Psychiatric Care: Implementation of Psychiatric e-Consultation and Tele-consultation for Primary Care in a Safety-net Health System*. Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved 33(2), 767-778. doi:10.1353/hpu.2022.0062.
 - Lim CT, Rosenfeld LC, Nissen NJ, Wang PS, Patel NC, Powers BW, Huang H. *Remote Care Management for Older Adult Populations With Elevated Prevalence of Depression or Anxiety and Comorbid Chronic Medical Illness: A Systematic Review*. J Acad Consult Liaison Psychiatry. 2022 May-Jun; 63(3):198-212. doi: 10.1016/j.jaclp.2022.02.005. Epub 2022 Feb 19. PMID: 35189427.
- An identified area of inquiry for the SIG is a better understanding of C-L Telepsychiatry when provided across cultures (i.e., when patient and provider are from different cultures) and how the quality of the telepsychiatry experience may be affected by these diversities.

Visit the Telepsychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Transplant Psychiatry

Chairs: Paula Zimbrean, MD, FACLP; Yelizaveta Sher, MD, FACLP

The SIG will:

- Contribute to the C-L Psychiatry *Updates* course at CLP 2022.
- Provide a transplant psychiatry advanced *Skills* course at the Annual Meeting (if accepted).
- Continue the submission/approval process for the ACLP guidelines on depression in solid organ recipients.

- Publish a paper on cannabis use in transplantation written jointly with the Addiction & Toxicology Psychiatry SIG.
- Complete a peer-reviewed educational ‘to do’ paper on the evaluation of organ donors and make it available on the website.

Visit the Transplant Psychiatry SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

Women’s Health

Chairs: Nancy Byatt, DO, FACLP; Priya Gopalan, MD, FACLP

The SIG has remained active in 2022 and remains committed to the dissemination of work related to reproductive psychiatry and women’s health. The membership of the group is diverse and spans the globe.

The SIG met virtually earlier this year to discuss collaborations for ACLP 2022’s Annual Meeting abstract submissions; of these two SIG-sponsored submissions were accepted. Additional work related to reproductive psychiatry was accepted including workshops and posters/oral papers by SIG members.

We welcome Deepika Sundarajan, MD, to the SIG as an early career co-chair.

SIG members have collaborated on academic projects including two papers related to trauma-informed care. One of these, *Trauma Informed Care in the Obstetric Setting and Role of Perinatal Psychiatrist: A Comprehensive Review of the Literature*, was recently published in the *Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry*.

Many members of the SIG have been participating in a women’s mental health curriculum that was successfully implemented this year jointly by women’s health fellowships and C-L Psychiatry fellowships across the country, highlighting a key inter-organizational collaboration. These inter-institutional partnerships have led to a network of faculty and trainees who are eager to collaborate on projects moving forward.

The SIG has an established listerv for communication throughout the year. We value discussions around academic collaborations, case discussions, and diversity, equity and inclusion. The SIG will continue to provide opportunities to network and collaborate on projects. Please be in touch if you wish to be included in our listerv.

Visit the Women’s Health SIG page on the Academy website [here](#).

ACADEMY MEMBERS URGE EQUITABLE CARE

We must incorporate social justice principles into medical training

C-L psychiatrists are crucial in assisting medical and surgical teams as they work through implicit biases to provide equitable care.

That is the key message from ACLP members who compiled the latest article in a series coordinated by the Academy and the American Psychiatry Association’s Council on Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry.



Adrienne Taylor, MD Diana Robinson, MD

The report, [C-L Psychiatrists Can Support Social Justice in Medical-Surgical Settings](#), published in APA’s *Psychiatric News*, is the work of Adrienne Taylor, MD, and Diana Robinson, MD.

Dr. Taylor is a C-L psychiatrist and program director of C-L Psychiatry at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She is also a psychiatry instructor at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Robinson is a C-L psychiatrist, the associate medical director of C-L Psychiatry at Parkland Hospital, and an assistant professor of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas.

They say that the impact of police shootings and the coronavirus pandemic on people of color has led to an accelerated urgency to incorporate social justice principles into medical training.

C-L psychiatrists are trained to think about the relationship between medical

and psychiatric illness within systems of care, allowing them to be uniquely poised to highlight systemic racism and structural vulnerabilities.

Quoting case studies, the duo show how C-L psychiatrists can conceptualize clinical care through a social justice lens.

In particular, they highlight how law enforcement agencies are frequently first responders to mental health emergencies, including crises involving violence. About 20% of people hospitalized for severe mental illness have been arrested or detained by police for a suspected crime during the four-month period prior to admission.

“Racial inequities in lethal force cases may reflect differences in the way that some law enforcement officers or agencies perceive and interact with Black communities,” they say. Moreover, “in medicine, many people hold culturally derived ‘implicit biases’—attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. Resisting implicit bias requires constant vigilance and actively working toward developing an anti-racist approach.”

The presence of police within the health care space may reinforce stereotypes of injured patients as deviants and criminals and cause patients to feel unsafe in hospital settings and disenfranchised, when wrongly or rightly, they are held accountable for the cause of their injuries, say the authors.

Police at the bedside can contribute to long-term racial disparities after injury, including risk of re-injury, higher rates of mental illness, and the use of risky strategies, such as substance use, to cope with the physical and mental aftermath of injury.

C-L psychiatrists are “crucial in assisting medical and surgical teams as we work through implicit biases and help provide equitable care at the individual, clinical, institutional, and educational levels. Recognizing these biases and eliminating them provide a way forward as psychiatrists continue working to promote equity for patients at the intersection of psychiatry and general medicine.”

ACLP Committee Updates

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Chair: Sandy Rackley, MD, MAEdHD, FACLP

Early Career Track

Chair: Inder Kalra, MD

The subcommittee is focusing on ways to improve the networking experience for the Academy's early career members and creating a platform for informal communication with senior members of the Academy. In lieu of this, we are planning to host a networking event, using a fun trivia-based format, at CLP 2022 during the mixer.

We also plan to host a 'Meet 'n' Greet Event' with prominent members of the APA and ACLP this year that allows ECPs to engage in discussion with senior members related to current health care reforms and political issues in Psychiatry.

The ECP subcommittee in collaboration with the ECP SIG chairs have sent out a survey to ECPs to obtain feedback about topics of interest for this year's 'Ask me anything' event. We plan to use the survey results to invite speakers on topics that are the most pertinent to ECPs.

There are ongoing efforts to improve collaboration between the subcommittee and the Early Career Psychiatrists SIG to support their representation and work in the Academy, use the SIG to connect members to common interests, and increase participation of ECPs in other SIGs and the Academy subcommittees.

We are working on setting up webinars for ECPs, including on negotiating a contract, academic advancement, and topics pertinent to career-related changes. If you have a webinar that you have presented or are able to present, please reach out to dr.inder@gmail.com

As a subcommittee we meet monthly and will continue to build on creative opportunities for ECPs through the Academy.

Local Arrangements

Chair: Emily Holmes, MD, MPH

The subcommittee is eagerly preparing for the first in-person ACLP Annual Meeting since 2019! Our committee has two exciting

updates. First, on Friday November 11, we have arranged for a private, guided tour of the Oakland Cemetery, a beautiful, historic cemetery adjacent to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park. The tour, *We Shall Overcome: African American Stories from Civil War to Civil Rights* will be available to meeting attendees and family members who sign up from the Annual Meeting registration website. There will be additional time to tour the cemetery at your leisure. Please sign up right away because spots are limited!

Second, we have compiled a list of resources to help orient you to the city of Atlanta. If you are eager to start your journey right away, we encourage you to check out the [Archive Atlanta](#) podcast to learn more about this fascinating city. No time to think about what to do and where to eat in Atlanta? No worries, we have done the legwork of researching popular attractions and well-reviewed restaurants for you. Please check out our guide on the [meeting website](#). See you in Atlanta!

Networking

Chair: Sejal Shah, MD, FACLP

As we look ahead to our first in-person annual meeting in three years, we can perhaps all agree that we are ready for some networking opportunities in Atlanta!

In preparation for this, a new Networking Subcommittee to the Annual Meeting Committee has been created. This new subcommittee will focus on the development of networking and informal learning activities at the Annual Meeting which will serve as a nice complement to the high-quality structured meeting content.

The subcommittee is comprised of a diverse membership from all parts of the country and career stages. Stay tuned for more information about the opportunities that are being created by this group!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Ann Schwartz, MD, FACLP

The Education Committee coordinates the activity of the six ACLP Education Subcommittees. We have resumed the monthly webinars which were interrupted by

the COVID-19 crisis. We will be alternating between cutting-edge scientific updates in the field and clinical case conferences (see also the report of the Residency Education Subcommittee below). If you would like to suggest topics for the scientific speaker series, please contact Ann Schwartz or another member of the Education Committee.

Fellowship Education

Subcommittee

Chair: Mark Bradley, MD, FACLP

The Fellowship Education Subcommittee (FES) continues its work in ensuring best practices for education in the COVID-19 era, promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in fellowship training, and developing work that supports trainee and faculty wellness.

After a significant revision, FES has updated interviewing and selection guidelines: the ACLP recommends, like most major specialty organizations, that all interviewing be virtual rather than in-person this recruiting season. Similarly, the FES is in the process of updating the existing fellowship application guidance document for prospective fellows that is currently published on the ACLP website.

As ACGME prepares for its next update of the C-L Fellowship Program Requirements, the FES is responding to an ACGME request by developing recommendations addressing revisions of training competencies and incorporating concepts of DEI and social determinants of health. In line with the FES's ongoing interest in developing DEI in C-L programs, we are currently collecting survey data from current and recent fellows regarding their fellowship experiences in these domains, with plans to share this data later in the year.

Finally, following the FES-sponsored presentation on ERAS in May, we plan to use the remainder of the year to examine the pros and cons of moving towards ERAS-supported fellowship applications.

Interdisciplinary Education Subcommittee

Chair: Liliya Gershengoren, MD, MPH

In June 2022, the subcommittee began distributing a brief, online survey examining the structure and the educational needs of interdisciplinary C-L Psychiatry teams. Chiefs and vice-chairs of their respective C-L Psychiatry services have been asked to complete the survey. This will direct the subcommittee's subsequent work on developing appropriate educational content.

Additionally, in light of the recent recognition of the magnitude of social determinants and their impact on mental health, we have joined with the other Education subcommittees to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) curriculum for C-L psychiatrists, trainees and interdisciplinary team members. The objective is to generate a clinical guide for the interdisciplinary team which reviews the concepts of cultural competency and helps to recognize and address mistreatment of patients and their medical team. Members are planning to include an annotated bibliography of DEI-themed articles for the interdisciplinary team.

Maintenance of Certification Sub-committee

Chair: Dwayne Heitmiller, MD, FACLP

The subcommittee is planning to review and update the maintenance of certification process with the goals of distilling it into something that is easier to track. In addition, the group will again work to prepare the self-assessment exam in anticipation of the 2022 Annual Meeting.

We recently developed a clinical module that aims to satisfy the improvement in medical practice requirement (Part IV, PIP) as part of the continuing certification process. The module asks you to evaluate your notes on substance-using patients and consider your assessment and treatment planning. The module will allow you to fulfill your PIP requirement in an efficient and meaningful way. This is posted on the ACLP website at: <https://www.clpsychiatry.org/educationcareers/moc-program/> If you need clinical PIP, try this free option from the ACLP.

There is a process currently underway by the American Board of Medical Specialties that seeks to revise what continuing certification means and how it is developed across specialties, so that it is seen as providing value, being relevant, and avoid duplicating efforts. The subcommittee contributed to the comments to be provided by the ACLP in this process. Once these changes are ultimately defined for Psychiatry, our subcommittee will work on developing a system to clarify, organize, and track requirements.

Medical Student Education Subcommittee

Chair: David Kasick, MD, FACLP

The subcommittee is dedicated to promoting early awareness, fostering interest, and broadening the path for recruitment of medical students into future careers in C-L Psychiatry.

Our team is focused on increasing student involvement in the Academy and is spreading the word about opportunities for student participation at our live annual meeting this fall in Atlanta! We are strengthening mentoring relationships, presenting the work of our subspecialty to national student interest groups, and offering a workshop about optimizing student education in the C-L Psychiatry setting at CLP 2022. We would alert all students and medical teachers to look for new materials for featuring on the medical student section of the ACLP website and the Academy-supported virtual question bank at Psy-q.com.

Lastly, we will be recruiting a new student member to our subcommittee this fall and would ask you to encourage your student mentees to join the ACLP (for free)!

Online Education Subcommittee

Chair: Sanjeev Sockalingam, MD, FACLP

The subcommittee aims to improve ACLP members' access to online educational resources and tools available through the ACLP website. The subcommittee has launched a series of ACLP podcasts to further disseminate ACLP content, such as highlights from our annotated bibliographies and other C-L Psychiatry clinical updates.

We will continue to update the ACLP website to further improve user experience and site navigation and continue to work with other Education subcommittees to introduce online new content. Lastly, we have nearly completed the development of a brief online survey for ACLP members to determine members' online education needs.

Residency Education Subcommittee

Chair: Mallika Lavakumar, MD, FACLP

The Residency Education Subcommittee (RES) focuses on promoting educational scholarship, developing educational materials, recruiting trainees to C-L Psychiatry, and addressing issues of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in C-L Psychiatry training. In fall 2021, the RES kicked off virtual case conferences in an effort to recruit trainees to C-L Psychiatry and to augment C-L education at training sites. Case conferences occur every other month and are part of a monthly webinar series to provide online educational content and engage ACLP membership. Recent case conferences were on transplant psychiatry and cardiac safety of psychotropics; they have included medical student, resident, and fellow presenters. The RES sources cases through SIGs, the *Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry*, and ACLP members. Interested parties can send a brief summary of their case to dfipps123@gmail.com and the RES will review cases for selection.

The RES continues to add to its *How To* guide series on common consultation questions encountered by residents on a C-L Psychiatry service and has recently added guides on demoralization, use of clozapine on a C-L Psychiatry service, and behavior plans.

RES members will be presenting two virtual symposia at CLP 2022:

- The State of Residency Training in C-L: An Analysis and Discussion of Results from the 2021 ACLP National Survey
- Navigating Burden of C-L Training in Residency: A Residency Education Subcommittee Sponsored Workshop.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Terry Rabinowitz, MD, DDS, FACLP

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Chair: Leena Mittal, MD, FACLP

The DEI Subcommittee has completed its first successful year, having convened a group that was created as part of the report produced by the DEI Taskforce. We have collaborated with many longstanding and newly formed groups within the Academy, including the Education Committee, Awards Subcommittee, Mentorship Subcommittee, and Annual Meeting Committee—including collaborative contributions to the Annual Meeting through a preconference course and workshop.

We are currently working on an environmental scan to assess the work happening throughout the Academy that focuses on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. In this effort, we are preparing a review of the activities within the committees and plan to work with a DEI consultant to improve the experience of members, including those from historically marginalized groups. Over the next year, we will strive to increase and amplify the issues of Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at all levels within the Academy.

RESEARCH & EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Chair: Christopher Celano, MD, FACLP

Guidelines & Evidence-Based Medicine

Chair: Scott Simpson, MD, MPH, FACLP

The Guidelines and Evidence-Based Medicine subcommittee (GEBM) aims to help Academy members apply the latest in scientific findings to patient care and clinical leadership. The subcommittee continues to produce widely read *Annotations* on the Academy website that describe the latest findings in areas of interest to Academy members. New topics have been dedicated to Climate Change and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. GEBM has also advanced the first set of Academy clinical guidelines thanks to the leadership of former subcommittee chair Paula Zimbrean, MD, FACLP.

The subcommittee is also looking forward to another presentation of the year's 'Top 10' articles at this fall's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, led by GEBM subcommittee member and editor Jeylan Close, MD. The subcommittee welcomes new members to participate in committees and invites everyone to reach out with ideas for new topics of interest!

See the latest [Annotations](#) here.

TASK FORCES

Benchmarking Task Force

Chair: Thomas Heinrich, MD, FACLP

The Task Force was fortunate to have the opportunity to present some of the data we have gathered to the leadership of the American Psychiatric Association at the spring ACLP Board Meeting.

The presentation focused on the productivity and quality metrics we gathered through the ACLP Membership

and the Departmental Surveys. In this meeting, the ACLP stressed the importance of differentiating clinical productivity expectations for C-L Psychiatry from general Psychiatry.

It was pointed out that other medical subspecialties have been allowed different RVU benchmarks from their core specialty to recognize the uniqueness of their clinical efforts. It is time that there was similar recognition of the unique subspecialty work performed by physicians practicing C-L Psychiatry.

We also discussed the diversity of quality benchmarks deployed by our membership and their clinical departments. There is a clear need to identify quality metrics to aid our profession in demonstrating the value of our work to department, hospital, and practice leadership.

Lastly, the APA learned about ACLP efforts, along with the American Delirium Society and the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry, to lobby the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to recognize the complexity of delirium in clinical coding, especially as it relates to encephalopathy.

We would also like to thank the ACLP leadership and membership for their patience as we endeavor to review the data thoughtfully to ensure the results are valid and meaningful to our membership. We look forward to presenting the final analysis of our data to the ACLP membership in the coming months.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tom Heinrich at theinric@mcw.edu with questions about this project.

SURVEY WILL BOLSTER TEAMS

A survey developed by ACLP's Interdisciplinary Education Subcommittee is designed to examine the interdisciplinary composition of C-L Psychiatry services and educational needs.

Interdisciplinary, or collaborative, care was the cornerstone of President Joe Biden's new mental health intervention package in his State of the Union address. Removing barriers to the adoption of the Psychiatry-based collaborative care model (CoCM) is one of its objectives.

In subsequent testimony to the US House Committee on

Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, Rebecca Brendel, MD, JD, FACLP (ACLP president 2018-19), focused on the CoCM model.

The survey, sent to C-L Psychiatry service directors, asks about the composition of existing C-L Psychiatry services and the educational needs of any non-physician providers. Data will be analysed by researchers at Yale University and results presented during the subcommittee's workshop *Non-physician professionals and the Academy of C-L Psychiatry: Making controversial connections—a forum for discussion and debate* at CLP 2022 in November.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM CONNECTS TRAINEES AND EARLY-CAREER PSYCHIATRISTS WITH MORE EXPERIENCED MEMBERS¹

'ALL ACLP MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 15'

ACLP's Mentorship Subcommittee is running an annual Trainee and Early Career Psychiatrist Mentorship Program. The aim is to connect Psychiatry residents, C-L Psychiatry fellows and early career C-L psychiatrists with mentors who can advise about a variety of areas, including career planning, applying for C-L Psychiatry fellowship, scholarly projects, and clinical specialty areas.

In an effort to build a robust mentorship database for this program and future mentorship initiatives, the subcommittee are inviting all ACLP members to sign up to

serve as mentors. They are also encouraging members to share this announcement with trainees and ECP colleagues who may be seeking mentorship.



Carrie Ernst, MD

"The experience is rewarding, especially when mentoring trainees who have limited access to C-L Psychiatry faculty at their own institutions," says subcommittee chair, Carrie Ernst, MD.

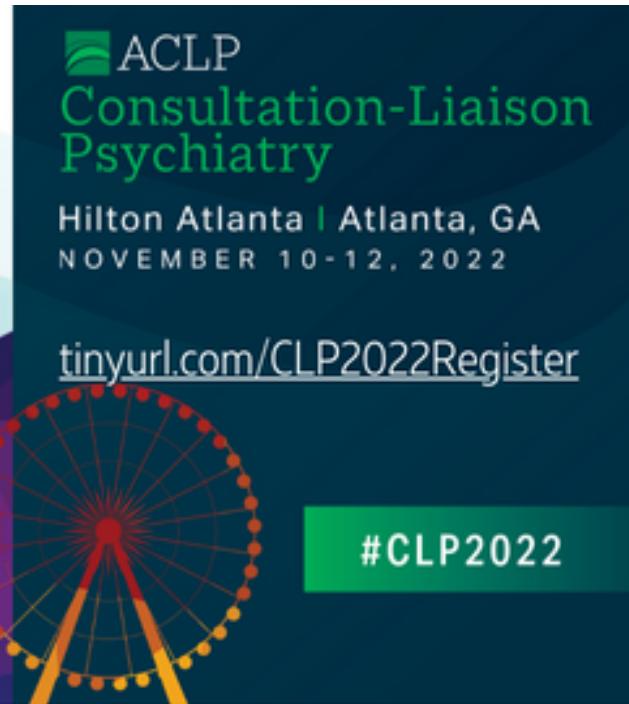
"With the field of C-L Psychiatry expanding beyond inpatient consultation work, Psychiatry trainees do not always have access nor exposure to the multitude of C-L Psychiatry subspecialties and models of care. The Mentorship Program aims to connect Psychiatry trainees and ECPs with C-L Psychiatry specialists to enhance their medical knowledge and assist with career choices."

A detailed description of the program, and both the mentor and mentee sign-up forms, are on ACLP's website [here](#).

The application deadline is **September 15**.

Mentors are expected to provide their mentee with a minimum of four encounters per year (via phone, Zoom, Skype, etc.), or in person if agreed upon by both parties. Examples of topics for mentorship are:

- Pros and cons of a career in C-L Psychiatry.
- Specific clinical issues, especially in the fields in which the mentee has limited exposure at the training site (e.g., patients with HIV, integrated care).
- Academic activities (such as writing for presentation or publication, or deciding if a case is worth writing up for publication, help drafting a submission).
- Application for C-L Psychiatry fellowship.
- Faculty development and career guidance.





Register for CLP 2022 NOW!

Registration for Annual Meeting is open

Reserve your place here: tinyurl.com/CLP2022Register

From program chair Sandra Rackley, MD, MAEdHD, FACLP



Sandra Rackley, MD,
MAEdHD, FACLP

CLP 2022 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

ACADEMY'S FIRST LIVE
ANNUAL MEETING FOR
THREE YEARS



Rebecca Weintraub
Brendel, MD, JD, FACLP

May I invite you to CLP 2022 in Atlanta—the Academy's first live annual meeting in three years. Registration is open!

With its theme *Making Connections: Inspiring Transformation Through Education*, the meeting will also have

an online facility for members unable to travel.

As reported in *ACLP News* July, we are delighted to welcome Rebecca Weintraub Brendel, MD, JD, FACLP (ACLP president 2018-19), now president of the American Psychiatric Association, and her CEO medical director at the APA, Saul Levin, MD, MPA, FRCP-E, FRCPsych, who will be our opening plenary speakers.

Dr. Brendel is director of the Master's Degree Program at the Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics, of which she is also an associate director. She bases her clinical work in Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital where she is the director of Law and Ethics at the Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior.



Saul Levin, MD, MPA,
FRCP-E, FRCPsych

Before taking up his role at the APA in 2013, Dr. Levin led the District of Columbia Department of Health. There, he was responsible for the health of the nation's capital, including primary care for from infants to seniors on Medicaid and Medicare, DC-funded health care, HIV/AIDS, addictions, health professional licensing and regulation, policy and planning. He was also responsible for health

emergency preparedness, planning, and coordinating alongside dozens of federal and local agencies to ensure the public's health during major events such as President Obama's second inauguration.

The Annual Meeting itself begins on Thursday, November 10, and continues through a farewell lunch on Saturday, November 12.

The Hilton Atlanta, the venue for this year's conference, is open for CLP 2022 reservations at this link: https://book.passkey.com/event/502566591_owner/322/home The CLP 2022 rate is \$199 per night + tax/fees. The conference rate is available for the nights of November 7-13, 2022.

**From Brett Lloyd, MD,
PhD, FACLP, chair of the
Preconference Courses
Subcommittee of the Annual
Meeting Committee**



Brett Lloyd, MD, PhD,
FACLP

**PRECONFERENCE
PROGRAM OF UPDATES,
CORE TOPICS, AND
SKILLS LEARNING**

The preconference subcommittee is thrilled to provide a program that supports our meeting theme: *Making Connections: Inspiring Transformation Through Education*.

We will hold the *Essentials* course this year, which is designed to cover both essential information and updates in the field on core topics. The course materials will be presented by experts in our field. This course is an excellent review of multiple content areas/subspecialties in C-L Psychiatry. The course will run for four hours on Wednesday, November 9, and feature: Bioethics, Endocrinology, Psycho-oncology, Transplant Psychiatry, Delirium, and Pediatric C-L Psychiatry.

The *Fundamentals of Psychiatry* course is also on the Wednesday morning and will focus on core topics within C-L Psychiatry presented at the level of fellowship training. The content matter is geared toward trainees, clinicians new to our field, and anyone wanting to revisit core topics in our field.

This year's course will include: Addiction Psychiatry in the C-L Psychiatry setting, Somatic Symptom Disorders, HIV/ Infectious Diseases, Psycho-oncology, and Cardiac Psychiatry.

Our *Skills* courses provide an opportunity to learn more about a content area and to develop skills that may support career development. These courses will run on the Wednesday afternoon and attendees will participate in four hours of live interactive content focused on principles of active learning.

We are thrilled to have more flexibility with live sessions this year and bring back the interactive nature of these courses. For registered members, up to two hours of prerecorded didactic content will be available for viewing prior to the course.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD

From chair Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD, FACLP



Maria Tiamson-Kassab, MD, FACLP

Bylaw changes to the process of applying for leadership positions in the Board were implemented for 2022. Only self-nominations are now permitted, with one, optional, supporting nomination letter allowed. Candidates, as always, need to be Academy Fellows in good standing.

The Nominating Committee met on May 31 and reviewed a strong list of diverse candidates for open positions on the Board and the Secretary position. After considerable deliberations on the excellent group of candidates, the following slate of nominees were selected to be put forward:

SECRETARY:

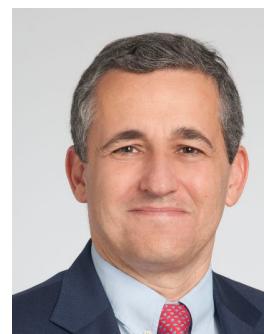


Thomas Heinrich, MD, FACLP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Amy Bauer, MD, FACLP, for her second term



Leo Pozuelo, MD, FACLP, for his first term.



Kewchang Lee, MD, FACLP, to finish the remainder of Dr. Heinrich's unfinished second term.

There are plans to organize an open 'Ask Me Anything' forum at the Annual Meeting in November for all members interested in serving the Academy in committees and leadership positions. We are hoping a significant number of the membership will attend this session. Further details on this special event will be announced closer to the meeting.

The elections are scheduled for Friday, November 11, at CLP 2022 in Atlanta, GA.

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FUTURE ACADEMY ANNUAL MEETINGS

November 9–12, 2022

Hilton Atlanta
Atlanta, GA

November 8–11, 2023

JW Marriott Austin
Austin, TX

November 6–9, 2024

Hyatt Regency
Miami, FL

LAST WORD: Goodbye to the Good Olde Days?

The Academy has endorsed recommendations from its leading educationalists that all candidates for C-L Psychiatry fellowships should be interviewed virtually during the upcoming recruitment season rather than face-to-face.

It worked well on trial during the worst of the pandemic, and so it lives on.

Would-be C-L psychiatrists won't have to travel, nor spend money they can ill-afford, nor risk catching anything nasty—and, frankly, in any case, our Zoom-generation candidates wouldn't dream of being interviewed any other way.

Surprisingly, perhaps, everyone appears to agree—not a dinosaur in sight. Not just within ACLP, but in the major training authorities, many universities... they all concur.

Among further benefits...interviewing all candidates online is said to heighten equity in selection and recruitment. No one-to-one favoritism which may, apparently, have resulted from in-person interviews!

Moreover, our guidelines for the 2022-23 recruitment season suggest other questionable practices from former times are avoided:

Total interview time should be similar for all applicants. Now easier to manage online with the 'leave meeting' button at your fingertips.

No in-person tours, visits, informational sessions, open houses, or 'second looks' to be scheduled. Instead, now in the digital age, programs are encouraged to consider pre-recorded video tours linked to the program website and made available before or after the interview day.

It is acceptable for programs to respond to post-interview thank-you notes from the applicant as a formality, but no further communication should be solicited from the applicant in those communications.

However, **incidental contact with applicants during normal institutional or organizational activity is common and need not be avoided.** Phew. Such as: **shared participation by an applicant and recruiting faculty member on an ACLP SIG, or participation in a shared institutional or departmental group activity.** OK. However, **extra activity that is specifically targeted towards recruitment goals (e.g., program faculty taking a prospective applicant out to dinner at the ACLP Annual Meeting for the purposes of recruitment) should be avoided.** Perish the thought. What's more: **Applicants should not be sent inducements or anything of monetary value by programs, including gifts cards or food vouchers.**

Quite obviously, then, not like it was in your day.



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