



Center for Mental Health Services Research

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Dear Colleagues,

We hope this email finds you well and that your year is off to a great start! We are pleased to present our February newsletter, which contains updates on our seminar series, faculty recognition, recent publications, upcoming presentations and events, a new initiative, and what we have been reading. Please don't miss the opportunity to learn from Dr. Natsu Sasaki, our visiting scholar from the University of Tokyo, as she presents her work on February 14th. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Best,

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CMHSR News

CMHSR Seminar

February 14, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM

Natsu Sasaki presents *Promoting Mental Wellness: Psychosocial Approaches in Workplace and Perinatal Perspectives*

Hillman Hall, Room 120

[Click here to register](#)

March 20, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM

Dani Adams presents *Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Panel*

Hillman Hall, Room 120

[Click here to register](#)

April 17, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM

Nhial T. Tutlam presents *Theory-Informed Interventions to Address the Mental Health Impact of War Trauma Among Children from Refugee Families Resettled in the United States and Those Living in Refugee Camps in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Hillman Hall, Room 120

[Click here to register](#)

Find our YouTube channel [here](#) with recordings from our monthly CMHSR seminar series.



Grants, Awards, and Recognition

Morgan Shields and colleagues' [paper](#), was selected as a Top 10 Paper of 2023 by the editor of Health Affairs Scholar. In their paper, Dr. Shields and colleagues explore the relationship between patient-centered care and outcomes following discharge from inpatient psychiatric care. Their study highlights the importance of the patient care experience as a mechanism through which to improve engagement with post discharge care.

Recent Publications by CMHSR Faculty and Fellows

Hollander MAG, Patton A, **Shields MC**. [Changes in institution for mental diseases \(IMD\) ownership status and insurance acceptance over time](#). Health Affairs Scholar. 2024;2(1): qxad089.

Patel, S.R., Stefancic, A., Bello, I., Pagdon, S., Montague E., Riefer, M., Lyn., J., Archard, J., Rahim, R., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Mathai, C. M., & Dixon., L. B. (2024) "[Everything changed, would you like me to elaborate?](#)": A qualitative examination of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on community participation among young adults with early psychosis and their families. Community Mental Health Journal. 60 (1), 27-36.

Recent and Upcoming Presentations

Powell, B. J. (2024, February 1). Advancing research on implementation strategies to improve the quality of health and social services. Keynote presentation at the *6th Symposium on Novel Methodologies of the Hispanic Clinical and Translational Research Education and Career Development Program* (NIMHD R25MD007607), San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Thompson T, **Lero C**, Levitan J, Bradley C, Heiden-Rootes K, James A, Johnson L. Designing a culturally appropriate dyadic intervention: Rapid qualitative analysis of collaborator insights. Poster accepted for presentation at the Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 13-16, 2024.

Powell, B. J. (2024, May 22). The state of the science on implementation strategies. Oral presentation for the [Swiss Implementation Science Network \(IMPACT\) Webinar Series](#).

New Initiatives and Events

CMHSR Psychedelic Assisted Therapies Learning Community (PAT-LC)

This summer Dr. Leopoldo J. Cabassa and Dr. Dani Adams established the new CMHSR Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies Learning Community (PAT-LC). The goals of these new learning community are to:

- Support and energize a community of scholars interested in advancing the science and practice of Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies (PAT).
- Generate rigorous and meaningful research projects to advance health equity by studying the access, quality, impact, and implementation of PAT in historically marginalized communities.
- Host dialogues and gatherings to discuss how PAT can help transform the behavioral health care system.

- Support the training of the next generation of social work students and scholars dedicated to advancing PAT for all.
- Understand and support efforts and policies to legalize PAT in Missouri and Nationwide.

To get involved, please contact: Dr. Leopoldo J Cabassa, ljcabassa@wustl.edu or Dr. Dani Adams, a.danielle@wustl.edu

Save the Date: [Society for Implementation Research Collaboration Biennial Conference](#)

“Strategic Synergy” Implementation Research, Practice, and Policy for Impact

Pre-Conference Workshops: September 26, 2024

Conference: September 27-28, 2024

Denver, Colorado

Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center

What we are reading

Kimmerer, R. W. (2020). Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants. Milkweed, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Miller, K. (2023). Mapping the Darkness. The visionary scientists who unlocked the mysteries of sleep. Hachette Books. New York, NY.