The Selection Committee for the Minority Fellowships is pleased to announce the new and continuing fellows:

New Fellows Selected for APA's Minority Fellowships:

APA is pleased to announce the names of the 36 new psychiatry residents selected to participate in one of the APA Minority Fellowships and 29 continuing fellows.



2014-2015 APA/SAMHSA Minority Fellows

Uche Achebe, third-year psychiatry resident psychiatry resident at Tulane University Hospital in New Orleans, is interested in forensic psychiatry, healthcare systems and financing, minority mental health and health disparities. He will serve on the Council on Healthcare Systems Financing.



Mawuena Agbonyitor, third-year psychiatry resident at University of Maryland/Sheppard Pratt, is interested in community psychiatry, global mental health, first break psychosis, and child and adolescent psychiatry. She will serve on the Council on International Affairs.



Yusuf Ali, third-year psychiatry resident at Emory University Hospitals, is interested in public/community psychiatry and mental health policy. He will serve on the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations.



Yadira Alonso, fourth-year psychiatry resident at Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center, is interested in psychosomatic medicine, healthcare systems and providing outreach to Hispanic and Latino populations to break barriers associated with mental health and traumatic experiences. She will serve on the Council on Psychosomatic Medicine.



Azeesat Babajide, fourth-year psychiatry resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University, is interested in education, systems of health care delivery, child and adolescent psychiatry, and psychotherapy. She will serve on the Council on Council on Healthcare Systems Financing.



Jhilam Biswas, first-year forensic psychiatry fellow at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, is interested in global mental health and multicultural medicine. She will serve on the Council on Psychiatry and Law.



Steven Chan, third-year psychiatry resident at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, is interested in asynchronous telepsychiatry, mobile technology applications and games for healthcare, and cross-cultural mental health with an interest in anxiety disorders and sleep medicine. He will serve on the Council on the Council on Communications.



Hector Colon-Rivera, third-year psychiatry resident at Boston University Medical Center, is interested in addiction psychiatry, integrated care, schizophrenia and psychotic disorders and developmentally delayed patients. He will serve on the Council on the Council on Addiction Psychiatry.



Olanrewaju Dokun, third-year psychiatry resident at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center, is interested in public psychiatry and global mental health. He will serve on the Council on Communications.



Danielle Hairston, third-year psychiatry resident at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C., is interested in the young adult patient population, psychosomatic medicine, and cultural psychiatry. She will serve on the Council on Psychosomatic Medicine.



Rashad Hardaway, third-year psychiatry resident at Harvard Longwood, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, developmental disabilities, and eliminating stigma of psychiatric illness in minority communities. He will serve on the Council on Medical Education and Lifelong Learning.



Stefani LaFrenierre, third-year psychiatry resident at San Mateo Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, is interested in global mental health, trauma and resiliency, forensic and child psychiatry, and promoting mental health awareness in minority communities. She will serve on the Council on Communications.



Chuan Mei Lee, third-year psychiatry resident at the University of California, San Francisco, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, collaborative care, global mental health, and public psychiatry. She will serve on the Council on Communications.



Wilsa M.S. Charles Malveaux, third-year psychiatry resident at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)- San Fernando Valley, is interested in sports psychiatry, psychiatric sequelae of traumatic brain injury, rTMS in treatment of depression and pain, and cognitive restructuring. She will serve on the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations.



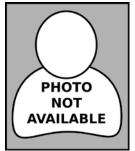
Roberto Montenegro, second-year psychiatry resident at Yale University, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, cross-cultural psychiatry, health disparities and palliative care psychiatry. He will serve on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Yetunde Olagbemiro, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the University of Maryland, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, minority mental health and health disparities. She will serve on the Council on Addiction Psychiatry.



Sandra Peynado, fifth-year psychiatry resident at Sanford University and the University of South Dakota, who completed a child and adolescent fellowship, is interested in international and preventive psychiatry, quality improvement projects and health education in African Refugees, Native American and Latino communities. She will serve on the Council on Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



Racquel Reid, first year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, is interested in health care access for minority populations, cultural psychiatry, and social justice regarding addiction, mental health, and imprisonment. She will serve on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Jose Manuel Rengifo, third-year psychiatry resident at Cambridge Health Alliance and clinical fellow at Harvard Medical School, is interested in residency education, psychotherapy, and multicultural psychiatry. He will serve on the Council for Medical Education and Lifelong Learning.



Barbara Robles-Ramamurthy, third-year psychiatry resident at the University of Pennsylvania, is interested in childhood trauma and resiliency, with a focus on ethnic minorities and children with disabilities. She will serve on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



Anup Sharma, fourth-year psychiatry resident at the University of Pennsylvania, is interested in mood and anxiety disorders, integrative psychiatry and mind-body interventions. He will serve on the Council on Research.



Annabelle Simpson, third-year psychiatry resident at the Medical University of South Carolina, is interested in child and adolescent and addiction psychiatry, and mental health disparities. She will serve on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Jerome Taylor, fourth-year psychiatry resident in the Solnit Integrated Residency in Child and Adult Psychiatry and Research Training at the Yale Child Study Center, is interested in child psychiatry and psychiatric epidemiology, particularly in low-income and minority communities. He will serve on the Council on Healthcare Systems Financing.



Arshya Vahabzadeh, second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at Massachusetts General and McLean Hospitals, and Harvard Medical School, is passionate in researching the scientific basis of autism spectrum disorders, while also working to improve health care delivery for minority and vulnerable populations. He will serve on the Council on Healthcare Systems Financing.



Rubiahna Vaughn, third-year psychiatry resident at New York University, is interested in psychosomatic medicine/consult-Liaison psychiatry, integrated care, cultural psychiatry and global mental health. She will serve on the Council on Psychosomatic Medicine.



Isheeta Zalpuri, first-year child psychiatry fellow at Stanford University School of Medicine, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, women's mental health, global mental health as well as resident and medical student education. She will serve on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.





Ade Adelakun, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, is interested in community mental health advocacy, clinical research and children's issues. He is on the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations, and is the fellows' representative to the APA Board of Trustees.



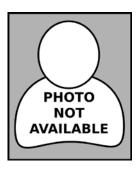
Alicia Barnes, third-year psychiatry resident at Cooper University Hospital in New Jersey, is interested in expanding medical education in regards to global mental health, and using mindfulness and integrative techniques in underserved populations with an emphasis in child and adolescent psychiatry. She is on the Council for Medical Education and Lifelong Learning, and is the fellows' representative to the APA Assembly.



Tiffani Bell, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Treatment Center for Children, is interested in obesity prevention, disordered eating in women and children, and minimizing the stigma of psychiatric care in minority populations. She is on the Council on Psychiatry and Law.



Debanjana Bhattacharya, fourth-year psychiatry resident at the University of South Dakota, is interested in improving the geographic accessibility of psychiatric care for rural American Indian populations through development of a resident-based telepsychiatry service and implementing culturally informed interventions to improve outcomes in this population. She is on the Council on Healthcare Systems and Financing.



Elizabeth Homan, second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the University of Iowa, is interested in research, academic medicine and child and adolescent mental health services. She is on the Council for Medical Education Lifelong Learning.



Ahmed Khan, second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at Stanford University School of Medicine, is interested in global mental health, cultural psychiatry and the destigmatization of psychiatry in minority communities in the USA. He is also interested in psychiatry and the law and is on the Council on Communications.



Vandai Le, second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the UCLA Semel Institute and recent graduate of the Cambridge Health Alliance Residency Program, is interested in systems of care and access of mental health care for minority families and children. Additionally, she would like to establish a formal, collaborative network of Vietnamese-American Psychiatrists. She is on the Ethics Committee.



Esther Lee Yang, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at University of California, Irvine Medical Center, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, Asian American mental health, and the role of the immigrant church and local religious organizations in raising awareness and improving access to mental health. She is on the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations



Daniel Moreno De Luca, third-year psychiatry resident at Yale University, is interested in the genetic causes of neuropsychiatric disorders, particularly copy number variants (CNVs) and sequence genetic abnormalities in patients with autism and schizophrenia in diverse populations. He is on the Council of Research and Quality Care.



Juliet Muzere, fourth-year psychiatry resident at Morehouse School of Medicine, is interested in promoting mental health awareness and education in the Atlanta area, and increasing community engagement in the discussion of mental health and improving the educational infrastructure through the establishment of organizations aimed at addressing mental health illness. She is on the Council for Medical Education Lifelong Learning.



Jamie Ng, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the University of California, Davis, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, trauma and resilience and diversity issues. She is on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



Obianuju "Uju" Obi, fourth-year psychiatry resident at Columbia University, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, public health, trauma/violence, and immigrant health. She is on the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations and serves as the fellows' alumni liaison.



Mardoche Sidor, first-year addiction psychiatry fellow at Mt. Sinai/Beth Israel in NY, recently completed a forensic psychiatry fellowship at SUNY Upstate after completing a child fellowship at Harvard Medical School/Cambridge Health Alliance. His interests include health policies, adolescent addiction, juvenile justice, global mental health, research and preventive psychiatry. He is on the Council on Psychiatry and Law.



Will Siu, fourth-year psychiatry resident at the Massachusetts General/McLean Hospitals, is interested in psychodynamic psychotherapy, coping mechanisms across cultures, and training of mental health professionals in developing countries. He is on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Paula Marie Smith, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at Yale University, is interested in the prevention of child abuse and trauma in at-risk populations through parental education. She is on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Joseph Tasosa, fourth-year psychiatry resident at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, is interested in quality improvement and outcomes research and the use of telepsychiatry as a tool for global mental health outreach. He is on the Council on Health Care Systems and Financing.



Mandrill Taylor, fourth-year psychiatry resident at the University of Virginia, is interested in community advocacy and improving healthcare delivery systems through policy, telecommunications and clinical education. He is on the Council on Addiction Psychiatry.



Vanessa Torres-Llenza, first-year psychosomatic medicine fellow at Inova-George Washington University, is interested in assessing disparities in the evaluation of delirium in high risk minority populations, and educating different level clinicians with the goal of increasing cultural competence. She is on the Council of Psychosomatic Medicine.



Byron Young, second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at New York Presbyterian Columbia-Cornell, is interested in community mental health, community mental health education and preventive mental health. He is on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



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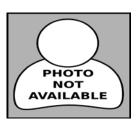
Marie Claire Bourque, fourth-year resident at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia is interested in Canadian aboriginal health, neuropsychiatry, primary prevention and empowerment. She will serve on the Council on Communications.



Vivek Datta, third-year psychiatry resident at the University of Washington, Seattle, is interested in forensic psychiatry, public mental health, social and cultural psychiatry, education, and the history of psychiatry. She will serve on the Council on Psychiatry and Law.



Meredith Harewood, third-year psychiatry resident at USC/LAC+USC Medical Center, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, minority mental health, cultural psychiatry, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, and psychotherapy. She will serve on the Council on Psychiatry and Law.



Suni Jani, third-year psychiatry resident at the Baylor College of Medicine Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Services, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, global mental health, telepsychiatry, and health policy. She will serve on the Council on International Affairs.



Pamela Montano, fourth-year psychiatry resident at NSLIJ- Hofstra School of Medicine, is interested in cross-cultural psychiatry, women's mental health, medical education and public advocacy for minority populations. She will serve on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



James Murphy, third-year psychiatry resident at Georgia Regents University, is interested in child and adolescent psychiatry, Asian American and LGBT mental health awareness and resiliency. He will serve on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



Lisette Rodriguez-Cabezas, third-year psychiatry resident at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, is interested in Women's Mental Health and underserved Latino communities. She will serve on the Council for Medical Education Lifelong Learning.



Vera Tate, third-year internal medicine/psychiatry resident at Emory University, is passionate about health care disparities and global mental health, with a keen interest in integrated healthcare. She will serve on the Council for Medical Education and Lifelong Learning.



Jared Taylor, third-year psychiatry resident at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, is interested in minority health and health disparities. He will serve on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Yang Xu, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at Washington University in St. Louis, is interested in early diagnosis and intervention of mental illness in children and adolescents, psychotherapy for children with trauma and adverse environment, epidemiological and neurobiological research. She will serve on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.

2013-2015 DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP FELLOWS



Kara Bagot, second-year child and adolescent fellow at Yale University Child Study Center, is interested in adolescent substance abuse and health disparities. She is on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



Kara Brown, fourth-year psychiatry resident at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, is interested in women's mental health as well as medical student education. She is on the Council of Medical Education and Lifelong Learning.



Aaron Clark, fourth-year psychiatry resident at Virginia Tech Carilion Clinic, is interested in underserved minority communities and would like to pursue a position as dean of a medical school to recruit more minorities into medicine. He is on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Andres Jovel, fourth-year and chief resident in psychiatry at Saint Louis University Medical Center, is passionate about psychosomatic medicine, end-of-life care and the cultural issues related to the delivery of services in these settings. He is on the Ethics Committee, and is the fellows' representative to the APA Joint Reference Committee.



Jonathan Lee, first-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the University of Toronto, is the use of transcranial magnetic stimulation as a means of studying plasticity in the developing brain. He is on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



Celeste Lopez, second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at Stanford University Medical Center, is interested in the intersection of medical and mental illness and the impact on child and family development. She is on the Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families.



Stacia Mills, fourth-year psychiatry resident at Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center, is interested in consultation liaison, community outreach in African American and Latino communities, student and resident medical education. She is on the Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities.



Lianne Morris Smith, first-year forensic psychiatry resident at New York University, is interested in psychotic disorders, forensic psychiatry, cross-cultural psychiatry, and minority physician recruitment. She will serve on the Council on International Affairs.



Mona Thapa, first-year addiction psychiatry resident at Yale University, has a strong interest in global mental health, integration of mental health in primary care, and mental illness in victims of human trafficking. She is on the Council on Addiction Psychiatry.



Dimas Tirado-Morales, second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at Drexel University College of Medicine, is interested on improving mental health services in the Latino community with particular interest on child and adolescents. He is on the Council on Communications.