



University of Nevada, Reno

School of Medicine

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences 2023-24 Year in Review

2023 & 2024 Year in Review

Affiliated Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health

Message from Department Leadership

The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health underwent a significant and exciting transformation in 2023 with the transition from Joshua Fitzgerald, M.D. as the Interim Chief/Chair to the hiring of Takesha Cooper, M.D. after a national search. The department, with Renown Health Vice President of Behavioral Health Steve Shell as the administrative dyad partner to the Chief/Chair worked on continued development of new behavioral health programs as well as hiring of psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists, and expansion of educational collaborations. The department was excited to announce the hiring and arrival of Takesha Cooper, M.D. on August 1st, 2023, joining Renown/UNR Med from the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine.



Figure 1: Takesha Cooper, M.D. new chair/chief

Message from the Chair/Chief

I joined UNR Med and Renown to have a meaningful impact in improving mental health outcomes in underserved communities. From the moment I landed in Reno, the excitement from our faculty and learners, the willingness of the community to partner and the great opportunity that exists here in Northern Nevada. As we strengthen our affiliation between UNR Med and Renown Health, we are unified in our commitment to advancing behavioral healthcare and providing state-of-the-art educational opportunities. The mission of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine includes a commitment to education and training of health care professionals. The Department of Psychiatry contributes to the fulfillment of this mission by training the next generation of psychiatrists through our Psychiatry Residency and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship training programs as well as educating learners from various health specialty programs. In support of the educational mission, the department pursues research and provides comprehensive clinical services. The mission of Renown Health is to make a genuine difference in the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve. Our caring team of psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers and counselors are ready to support the community. We offer personalized care for mental health and substance abuse, including one-on-one, couples, family, and group therapy, plus medication treatments and interventional psychiatry.

We continue to expand clinical programs and services supported by generous philanthropic support from Stacie Mathewson and others who are invested in improving our community's mental health.

Chair's Highlights



Figure 2: Psychiatry department at our departmental retreat

- **New Faculty (New hires)**

- Takesha Cooper joined UNR/Renown as the Chair Chief of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health
- Clare Bajamundi-Plyler, O. joined the team at Neil Road as a Psychiatrist and is a board-certified geriatric psychiatrist, who came into an education role with first- and second-year medical students
- Emmanuelle Garcia-Rider, completed her Child and Adolescent program at UNR Med and joined Renown as a joint faculty member. She serves as our 3rd year Clerkship and 4th year Elective director and supervises at our Neil Road clinic. And in 2024 she became Board Certified in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Alycia Clark, and Jocelyn Mariscal Martinez joined the Kirman team as MSW interns (2023)
- Emily Carlson joined the Kirman team as a behavioral health therapist (2023)
- Rosy Chavez-Najera joined the FEP team as a psychological assistant and was a former psychology student who returned after her internship. (2023)
- Hired Justine Pereyra as Project Coordinator to launch national, evidence-based peer responder program called RISE (Resiliency In Stressful Events) that will be available to entire Renown system in 2024
- Lauren Schwarz's PhD joined the team as a Neuropsychologist and acts at the Associate Dean of Institutional Wellness at University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (2024)
- Christine Molina, came back to us in 2024 as a full time Psychiatrists
- Andy Wei, , was hired as a full time Psychiatrist
- Hannah Shlansky, joined our team as a Physician-Academic Psychiatrist

- **Promotions/Major Roles**

- Joshua Fitzgerald, M.D. – Promoted to Associate Professor, Division (UNR)/Section Chief (Renown) of Youth Behavioral health, Director of Research, Medical Director of SOAR Program for FEP
- Caroline Vasendin, – Promoted to Section Chief of Acute Behavioral Health
- Anayansi Lombardero, PhD – Promoted to Associate Professor, Co-Director and Lecturer of OME, Director of Behavioral Sciences curriculum
- Swetha Sirisinahal, DO – Became a Learn the Signs Act Early Ambassador for Nevada
- Clare Plyler, – Pre-Clerkship director
- Emmanuelle Garcia-Rider, – Clerkship Director, Behavioral Health Medical Director for Hometown Health, and Residency Clinical Education Director
- Barbara Kohlenberg, PhD - Interim Associate Dean, Office for Faculty, Faculty advisor for SOC Behavioral health project
- Sheila Young, PhD, who is community faculty at the VA Medical Center, has been elected as Chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Psychological
- Mavis Major, PhD, LCSW, Behavioral Health Therapist, was elected to the national board of directors for the National Association of Social Workers.
- Roch Spalka completed his training as an AAMFT Approved

- **Awards**

- Swetha Sirisinahal, DO
 - Outstanding Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Teaching Award(2023 & 2024)
 - Outstanding Department Faculty Teaching
 - Endowment Excellence in, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (EDEI) Award (2024)
- Anayansi Lombardero, PhD
 - United States Senator Catherine Cortez Masto Certification of Commendation (2023)
 - National Hispanic Association Chapter of The Year Award(2023)
 - Stanford Psychiatry YogaX Scholarship (2023)
- Arden Dingle,
 - Ira Pauly Award (2023)

- University of Nevada School of Medicine Edith Soderling Hagen Diversity and Inclusion Endowment Excellence in, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (EDEI) Award, UNR Psychiatry Residency (2023)
 - Nicole Jacobs,
 - Endowment Excellence in, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (EDEI) Award (2023)
 - Melissa Piasecki,
 - National Judicial College: Making the World a More Just Place Award(2023)
 - Impact Award, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Physician Assistant Studies Program (2024)
 - Deans Distinguished Service Award, University of Nevada, Reno (2024)
 - Novia Anderson
 - Received Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Social Workers-Nevada. (2023)
 - Emmanuelle Garcia-Rider
 - Henry Watanabe Award (2024)
 - Steve Shell, MBA, Vice President of Behavioral Health,
 - was honored as Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers-Nevada.
- **Gifts**
 - HPN gift - \$500,00 provided to the Renown Foundation
 - Part of this gift went towards training 8 providers in evidence-based intensive dialectical behavioral therapy used for treating patients with severe mood dysregulation and suicidal behaviors.
 - The remaining went to the build out of the 3rd and 4th floors of The Stacie Mathewson Behavioral Health and Addiction Institute which will provide 60 behavioral health offices, resident and student work areas, play observation room, psychological testing space, and much more.



Figure 3: Dr. Cooper, Dean Hauptman, Steve Shell, and the HPN team presenting their \$500,000 gift to the department.

- **Sage Encyclopedia total # of chapters**

- 26 Chapters submitted for publications –
 - Bipolar Disorders by Carissa Klarich, M.D.
 - Bipolar Symptoms due to Medications or Substance – Melissa Piasecki, M.D.
 - Community Model by Tarra Becher, M.D.
 - Delivering Culturally Sensitive Care by Wynston Bennett, M.D.
 - Disempowerment by David Krone, M.D.
 - Dissociation and Traumatic Stress Disorder by Caroline Vasendin, M.D.
 - Expressive Writing by Melissa Piasecki, M.D.
 - Family and Genetic Studies by Abigail Landenberger, D.O.
 - Family Therapy by Abigail Landenberger, D.O.
 - Feminist Therapy by Rachael Lambin, M.D., and Melissa Piasecki, M.D.
 - Foreigner Objectification by Jessica Lee, M.D. (Community Faculty member)
 - Global Dissemination of U.S. centered Notions of Mental Health by Landon Hester, M.D.
 - Imaginary Rehearsal Therapy – Carissa Klarich, M.D.
 - Judicial Treatment by Steven Zuchowski, M.D.
 - Koro by Jessica Lee, M.D.
 - Mania by Joshua Fitzgerald, M.D.

- Nervios by Jessica Lee, M.D.
- Neuroleptic Medications by Carissa Klarich, M.D.
- Randomized Controlled Trials by Melissa Piasecki, M.D.
- Reminiscence Therapy by Ashley Maestas, M.D.
- Representation by Daniel Miller-Azar, M.D.
- Rites of Passage by Wynston Bennett, M.D.
- Suicide, Ethical and Legal Implications by Ashley Maestas, M.D. and Melissa Piasecki, M.D.
- Temperament by Erika Ryst, M.D.
- Ukuthwasa by Jessica Lee, M.D.
- **Residency Expansion** – Discussions started to expand Psychiatry residency complement from 24 to In 2024 we accept 8 new residents to our program and plan to continue to expand.
- **Beginning development of Addiction Medicine Fellowship** – Contracted with a consultant who met with the team weekly to begin the development of addiction medicine
- **Neuropsychology and Pediatrics come under behavioral health** – Neuropsychologists under neurology department, pediatric behavioral health providers were transitioned from pediatrics to behavioral health to improve processes and consolidate



Figure 4: Dr. Cooper and Dr. Deeter - working together to champion children's mental health

Scholarship, Research and Funded Grants

The affiliated department of UNR Med and Renown Health has had a successful year in expanding Research and scholarship in the clinical and academic domains. The department is committed to supporting research and scholarships that includes activities designed to improve care delivery in the community, mentorship of medical students, residents, fellow, and faculty activities. The department is proud to highlight several areas of accomplishment during 2023 including publications, national presentations, and other scholarly work.

The mission of research in the Affiliated UNR Med Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Renown Department of Behavioral Health is to develop research and scholarship that has local, national, and global impacts in the field of Psychiatry/Behavioral Health and that is innovated in improving clinical care.

During 2023, several members of the department had ongoing research in several areas that include the domains of clinical care, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, medical education, professionalism, Adverse Childhood Events, First Episode Psychosis. The work by faculty in these areas included mentorship of students, residents and fellows leading to publications, poster presentation, and invited talks at regional and national conferences.

In addition to work completed in 2023, the department continues expanding research initiatives and scholarly work. There are several faculty ongoing projects that will be highlighted in the

future with works already submitted for publication, accepted talks for national conferences in 2024, and poster presentations. In addition to these ongoing projects, the department has been actively collaborating with Sage Publications on writing chapters in The Sage Encyclopedia of Mood and Anxiety Disorders. The work with Sage continued in 2024 with several ongoing chapters being written by students, residents, fellows, and faculty.



Figure 5: Dr. Garcia-Rider and Dr. Klarich (Resident) presenting at a Grand Rounds

The following highlights all of the publications and presentations by faculty, fellows, residents, and students within Psychiatry and Behavioral Health

- **Faculty research and Grants**

- Nicole Jacobs
 - Medical Education Research Projects Several research projects in medical education have stemmed from my committee work in professionalism, curriculum evaluation, and implicit bias.
- Swetha Sirisinahal
 - Prenatal Exposure Assessment Team Grant through Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities providing interdisciplinary assessment for children with known in utero substance exposure.
 - Intensive Consultation Team Grant through Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities providing interdisciplinary care to youth at risk of disruption of placement with known neurodevelopmental disorder
- Takesha Cooper
 - Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Promote Early Identification of ADHD in Diverse Communities. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) Pilot Research Award for Attention Disorders, supported by AACAP's Elaine Schlosser Lewis Fund. 8/1/2023 – 10/31/2024. Margaret

Yau, MD, MS, Resident Physician, UCR Department of Psychiatry & Neuroscience. Primary Mentor: **Takesha Cooper, MD, MS**, Health Sciences Clinical Professor, UCR Department of Psychiatry & Neuroscience. \$15,000.

- Joshua Fitzgerald
 - Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) for First Episode of Psychosis (FEP); SAMHSA Mental Health Block Grant through Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health.; Purpose of the grant is to develop a First Episode Psychosis Clinic that provides wrap around care using an evidence-based model (NAVIGATE); Joshua Fitzgerald, Principal Investigator and Medical Director. 13.8% FTE Brian Leany, PhD - Co-Investigator Total Award Period: 07/2020 – Present
- Arden Dingle
 - Dingle APA Collaborative Care Model Residency Education Conference Grant, support for travel and registration for 2 faculty to attend, March 2023.
 - Zheng Y and Dingle AD. Strong Act GME Expansion, Office of Academic Affiliations, Veterans Health Administration. Support for two additional psychiatry resident positions at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, 2023 – present
- Anayansi Lombardero
 - SAMHSA grant for UNR Substance Use Disorders Curriculum Infusion Program. This is a grant that will support curriculum infusion, expanding substance use disorder (SUD) education across Nevada's health care professionals, enhancing their ability to address SUD as a chronic illness through prevention, harm reduction and evidence-based Role: PI
- **Publications:**
 - **Cooper T**, Ge S, Ijeaku I, Lee R, Moss HB, et (2023) Specific Adverse Childhood Experiences and Homelessness are Associated with Increased Risk for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in a Nationally Representative Sample. J Pediatr Prim Care 2(1): doi <https://doi.org/10.54289/JPPC2300101>.
 - **Cooper T**, Seigler D., Stahl S. Rapid onset brain plasticity at novel pharmacologic targets hypothetically drives innovations for rapid onset antidepressant actions. Journal of Psychopharmacology. 2023;0(0). doi:[1177/02698811231158891](https://doi.org/10.1177/02698811231158891). PMID [36988262](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36988262/)
 - **Benuto LT**, Done M, Zepeda M, **Fitzgerald J**, Leany B. A systematic review of persons of color participation in first episode psychosis coordinated specialty care randomized controlled trials in North America. Psychiatry Research. 2023 Jul;325:115221. doi: 10.16/j.psychres.2023.115221. Epub 2023 Apr 28. PMID: 37172399
 - **Lombardero**, , Assemi, K.S., Szarko, A.J., Houmanfar, R.A., **Jacobs, N.N.**, Trejo, S. (2023). An Acceptance a Commitment Training (ACT) framework for teaching cultural humility: A guide for translating ACT from a therapeutic context into a medical education teaching format. Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings, 30(2), 261-273
 - Harris, , Shader, , Smith, P., Challender, A., Piggott, C., Poll, N.I., Henyard, R., Lyness, J., Malmberg, E.D., Pressman, E.V., Monore, A., Assemi, , **Lombardero, A.**, West, Donna, Smith Greg, Li, Irene, Houmanfar, R.A., **Jacobs, N.N.** (revised and resubmitted for publication). Exploring the impact of Acceptance and Commitment Based Cultural Humility Training on standardized patient interactions: Revisiting the measurement process. & **Jacobs, N.N.** Implementing a Holistic Review Toolkit for Faculty Recruitment and Retention. Submitted to MedEdPORTAL.
 - **Kohlenberg**, (In press) On the Privilege of a Lifetime of Psychotherapy Practice: How our Client's Stories Inform our Own. Invited chapter, to appear in "What I Learned from my " Eds Priscila Rolim de Moura and Artur Vandre
 - Assemi, K.S., **Lombardero, A.**, West, Donna, Smith Greg, Li, Irene, Houmanfar, R.A., **Jacobs, N.** (2024). Exploring the impact of Acceptance and Commitment Based Cultural Humility Training on standardized patient interactions: Revisiting the measurement process. Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings, Epub

- **Krone, ***, Sun, C., Pasia, L., Lopez, I., Ermi, T., **Kohlenberg, B.** (2024). "The Sage Encyclopedia of Political Behavior" Reference Reviews, 32 No. #, pp. 12-13 <https://doi.org/10.1108/RR-12-2017-0251>.
 - **Hester, L.***, Valdez, L., Gustafson, R., Baker-Hewitt, & **Jacobs, N.N.** (2024). Global Dissemination of U.S.-Centered Notions of Mental Health. In Dara G. Friedman-Wheeler & Amy Wenzel (Eds.) The SAGE Encyclopedia of Mood and Anxiety Disorders (Vol. 2, 580-587). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications
 - Harris, , Shader, M., Smith, P. O., Challender, A., Piggott, C., Poll, N. I., Henyard, R., Lyness, J. M., Malmberg, E. D., Pressman, E. K., Monroe, A. D., & **Jacobs, N.** (2024). Implementing a Holistic Review Toolkit for Faculty Recruitment and Retention. MedEdPORTAL. https://doi.org/10.15766/mep_2374-11472
 - **Fitzgerald**, Entry: Friedman-Wheeler, D. G., & Wenzel, A. (Eds.). (2024). The Sage encyclopedia of mood and anxiety disorders. SAGE Publications.
 - ***Becher T**, Podosin M, Callister E, & **Dingle** (2024). Community Model in The Sage Encyclopedia of Mood and Anxiety Disorders (Vol. 3). SAGE Publications Inc, <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781071886229>
 - **Tatum**, (2024). Weight Loss Success in Bariatric Surgery Patients (Doctoral dissertation, Fielding Graduate University
 - Munoz-Martinez, Skinta, Sullivan-Singh, S., **Kohlenberg, B.**, Tsai, M. (2025) Functional Analytic Psychotherapy: Distinctive Features, Routledge Press
- **Poster Presentations: (National and Regional Presentations)**

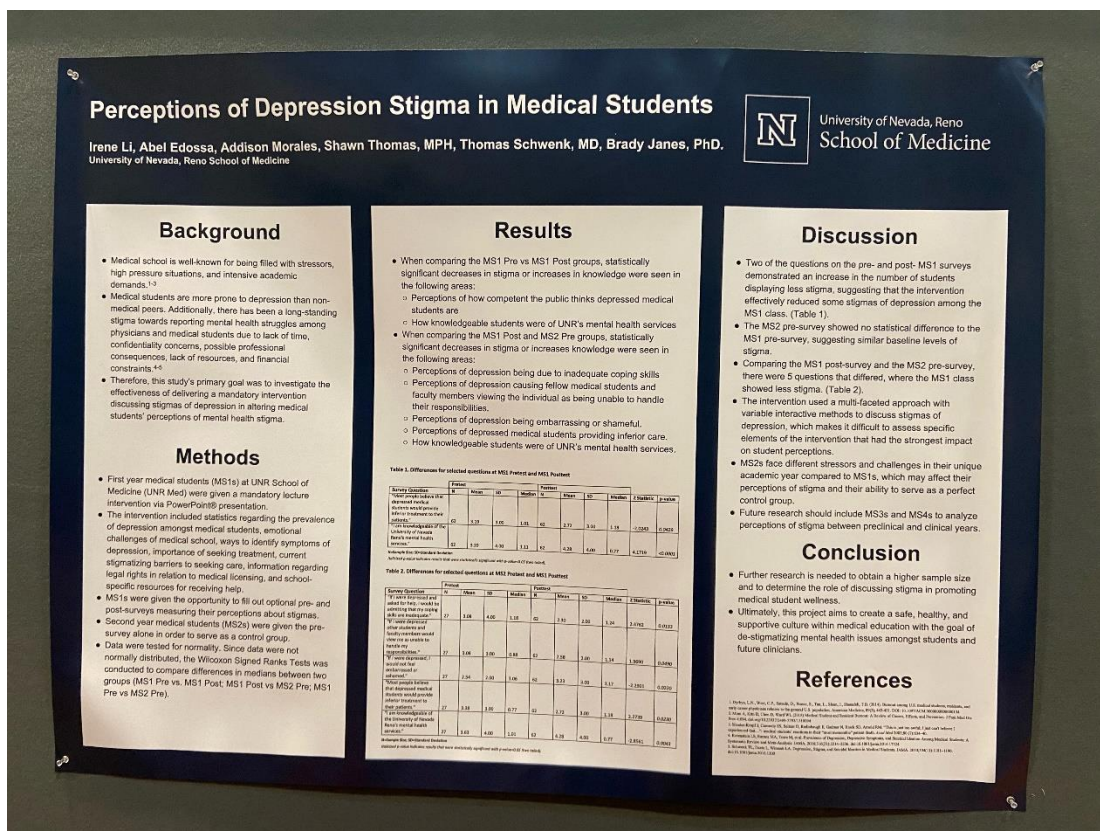


Figure 6: Poster presentation put together by UNR Med students for the Psychiatry department.

*Trainee at time of presentation

- Poster October Miles P. Reyes, BS, Crystal Nguyen, BS, Ashley Lok, BS, Mary Adakama, MS and **Takesha J. Cooper, M.D.**. From #BodyGoals to Body Woes: Examining the Link Between Social Media, Eating Disorders, and Body Dysmorphia and Recommended Interventions. Accepted. AACAP's Annual Meeting in New York, October, 23-28, 2023. Doi.org/10.1016/j.jaac.2023.09.051
- **Lombardero**, 2023 CBT presentation for Insomnia
- **Sirisinahal**, Diversity in Action: Improving Residency Recruitment American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
- ***Hester L & Dingle AD**. Who gets what diagnosis? Machine learning prediction of ADHD or ODD diagnosis based on sociodemographic characteristics. Goodman Research Day, University of Nevada Reno, Reno NV. May 2023.
- ***Wielski C, *Au A, *Garcia-Rider E, *Sirisinahal S, & Dingle AD**. Resident Research Curriculum (in progress). Goodman Research Day, University of Nevada Reno, May 2023.
- ***Klarich CS, Dingle AD, & Sirisinahal S**. Lurasidone as an alternative treatment for mood stabilization in a reproductive-aged female. Nevada Psychiatric Association. Las Vegas, NV. February 2023.
- ***Klarich CS, Dingle AD, & Sirisinahal S**. Lurasidone as an alternative treatment for mood stabilization in a reproductive-aged female. Goodman Research Day, University of Nevada Reno, Reno NV. May 2023.
- ***Garcia-Rider E, Sirisinahal S, Fitzgerald**, Aggression and Autism Obscuring Excited Catatonia. Poster at 28th Annual Psychopharmacology Update. Nevada Psychiatric Association. Las Vegas, Nevada
- **Dingle AD, Fitzgerald J, Sirisinahal S, *Garcia-Rider E**, Training Clinics in Action: Revitalizing the Resident Experience. 2023 Annual Meeting. American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency San Diego, California
- Aiyuk, , Moreno-Montes, A., **Lombardero, A.**, (2023) Mental Health Resource Guide for Internatif
- Nikooei, T, Wescott, , Dhami, R., **Piasecki, M.** "TrichTok: A Cross-Sectional Study of Trichotillomania Content Quality on TikTok." American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, May 2023
- Packham, J., **Piasecki, M.**, Walker, E. "A Community-Wide Approach to the Mental Health Crisis in Northern Nevada: Building a Tiger " International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Meeting, Sydney, June 2023
- Packham, J., **Piasecki, M.**, Walker, E. "Forensic Mental Health Workforce Shortages and " International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Meeting, Sydney, June 2023
- Packham, J., **Piasecki, M.**, Phelan, E., Walker, E. "From Community to Correction: The Trans-Institutional Model at the County Level." American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 2023
- **Maestas, M, Garcia-Rider, E., Piasecki, M.**, "The Competency Crisis: Perfect Storm. Local and Systemic " American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 2023
- **Garcia-Rider, E., Maestas, A, Piasecki, M.** "Addressing Myths and Barriers in Sexual Assault Victim Disclosures" American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 2023
- **Maestas, A, Garcia-Rider, E., Piasecki, M.** "New Frontiers: Forensic Implications of Designer " American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 2023
- **Irene Li, Abel Edossa, Addison Morales, Shawn Thmas, MPH, Thomas Schwenk, D., and Brady Jones, Ph.D.** - Perceptions of Depression Stigma in Medical Students (MS presentation for Psych)
- Chiu, Y-F., Longhurst, K., Loux, T., **Schwarz, L.**, Soudagar-Turkey, M. (2024, February) Dual task effect on oral diadochokinesis and gait in Parkinson's disease. Poster presented at 22nd Biennial Conference on Motor Speech, San Diego CA.

- **Dingle AD, Sirisinahal S, Garcia-Rider E, & Fitzgerald** , Engaging Adult Learners: Using Electives to Improve the Clinical Training Experience. 2024 Annual Meeting. American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training, Austin, TX.
- ***Wielski C, *Au A, *Garcia-Rider E, *Sirisinahal S, & Dingle** Engaging adult leaders: Improving resident knowledge and skills in research. Goodman Research Day, University of Nevada Reno, April 2024.
- "The Competency Crisis: A Tale of Two Nevada Counties." **Maestas, A, Piasecki** , Walker, E., Craig, C. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 2024
- The Erowid Experience Vault: Is self-reporting of substance use a reliable tool for clinicians and patients?" **Lambdin, R., Piasecki, M., Maestas, A**, Phelan, E. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 2024
- "In A Perfect World: AI Generates an Ideal Criminal Justice " **Hester, L., Piasecki, M.** International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 2024
- "Synthetic Cannabinoids Within the Bureau of Prison " **Piasecki, M.** American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Vancouver, October 2024
- **Invited/Accepted talks**
 - **Cooper, T** - Inaugural Keynote Address California Medical Scholars Program UC Riverside School of Medicine the California Medical Scholars Program is a new Pathway Program that provides guidance and support for community college students from Riverside and San Bernardino County who want to pursue an D. degree Jan 28, 2023
 - Pershern L (chair), Aaland K & **Dingle AD**. AADPRT Virtual Forum by Workforce Committee, Creating/ expanding rural programs or tracks. January 2023.
 - Schott M (chair), Bryant PA, Zalpuri I, Khan M, Jacobson S, Joshi PT, Robb AS, Dulcan MK, **Dingle AD**, Walker AM, Stubee DE, Deshpande S, Barnes Workshop at American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York NY. Member Services Forum 9: Instructor to Professor: A Roadmap to Academic Promotion. October 2023.
 - **Dingle AD**. Mentor Breakout Group in Trivedi K, Onyejiaka CA, Sanders B, Stephens J (co-chairs). Workshop at American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York Mentorship Program for Medical Students and Residents. October 2023. **Fitzgerald**, Crisis Collaboration Panel Discussion, 2nd Annual Washoe County Youth Mental Health Summit, Reno, NV
 - **Fitzgerald**, First Episode Psychosis: Engaging Patients and Families in Early Wrap Around Care, 2023 NAMI Nevada Annual Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV
 - Laudenberger, & **Jacobs, N.N.** (2023). Did you really just say that? Responding to bias in the Invited workshop presented at the AAMC 2023 Mid-Career Women Faculty Leadership Development Seminar in Atlanta, GA, December 5-7, 2023.
 - Paikai, A, Diaz, F., Sataray-Rodriguez, A., Nasab, P. & **Jacobs, N.N.** (2023). Development of the Brief Explanatory Model of Illness Questionnaire. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Nevada State Medical Association, South Lake Tahoe, CA, August 2023.
 - Baker, , **Jacobs, N.N.**, Houmanfar, R., Smith, G., **Lombardero, A**, Szarko, A., **Piasecki, M.** Behavior Science Meets Medical Education: An Innovative Approach to Addressing Burnout and Oral Abstract Presentation. AAMC Western Group of Educational Affairs (WGEA)/Student Affairs (WGSA)/Organization of Student Representatives (WOSR) Regional Conference. Honolulu, HI. April 2023.
 - Wilson, , **Jacobs, N.N.**, Imbroek, K. & Latimore, D. (2023). Medical Teams – What Do We Need to Examine? Invited panel at the Race, Gender, Identity and Accessibility Matters in Collegiate Athlete Health Conference. PAC-12 Health Equity Summit at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine in Los Angeles, CA, January 2023.
 - **Jacobs, N.** & Chandrashekar, P. (2023). Effects of Microaggressions, Bias and Discrimination on Student Wellbeing and Learning. Invited talk at the American

Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Institute Annual Virtual Conference. January 18th, 2023.

- Tsai, , Sullivan-Singh, S, **Kohlenberg**, (July 2023) Here, Now, and Between Us: Functional Kohlenberg, B. (ACBS, Cyprus, July 2023).
- **Kohlenberg**, (November 2023). Love, Sorrow, Seeing the World, Healing the World: For What and for Whom is Contextual Behavioral Invited Plenary for IV Association for Contextual Behavioral Science, Brazil Conference on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Contextual Science, Brazil.
- **Piasecki, M** - "Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity: How to Avoid IAC Claims" Sonoma County Bar Association (virtual) 2.15.23
- **Piasecki, M** - "Work-life Balance and Burnout: What is the Impact of COVID on professionals?" Community Faculty Appreciation Event, Elko NV 1.12.23
- **Piasecki**, , Guerrero, A., Kiyota-Chan, T, Lee, S., Weisman, A. "Building New Medical Education Opportunities Through Collaborations with Hospital " Panel Presentation, AAMC Western Group on Educational Affairs, Honolulu, HI 4.23
- *Klarich CS, **Dingle AD**, & *Sirisinahal Lurasidone as an alternative treatment for mood stabilization in a reproductive-aged Nevada Psychiatric Association. Las Vegas, NV. February 2023
- **Jacobs, N.**, Calderon-Cucalon, J., & Battle, L. (2023). DEI in Prevention. Invited panel Discussion for the Washoe County Prevention Conference, sponsored by Join Together Northern Nevada. Reno, NV.
- **Piasecki, M.** "Surviving, Thriving and Flourishing for Judges: The Role of Engagement." National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Justice, Reno, NV 23
- **Piasecki**, "Judicial Wellbeing and " Nevada District Judge's Conference, Sparks, NV, 4.26.23
- **Piasecki**, "Stress, Burnout and " National Association of Hearing Officers, Reno, NV, 9.11.23
- **Kohlenberg, B**, Vurek, M. Invited 2-day FAP workshop, Association for Contextual Behavioral Sciences, Northern California, San Francisco, May 2024
- **Kohlenberg**, Invited 3-hour virtual workshop, Functional Analytic Psychotherapy, Cecontes, Brazil, June 2024
- Tsai, , Sullivan-Singh, S., **Kohlenberg, B.**, Martinez, A. M., & Maitland, D. Association for Contextual Behavioral Science "Here, Now, and Between Us: Functional Analytic Psychotherapy workshop, invited 2-day workshop, ACBS, Buenos Aires, 2024
- **Kohlenberg**, Torneke, Torneke, The personal is Political: How Personal Trauma and Loss may Inform a Path to Healing Our Divided World. Buenos Aires, July 2024
- Callaghan, Assaz, Gregg, **Kohlenberg**, Olaz, Intrapersonal and Interpersonal processes in psychotherapy: Integration of Treatment Strategies in ACT, FAP and DBT. ACBS Buenos Aires, July 2024.
- **Jacobs, N.N.**, (2024). From fake it to make it: ACT'ing to manage imposter syndrome. Invited workshop presented at the AAMC 2024 Mid-Career Women Faculty Leadership Development Seminar in Albuquerque, NM, December 3-5, 2024
- Bush, , Harris, T., **Jacobs, N.N.**, Wilson, S., & Acosta, D. (2024). The power of conversation: Engaging community members to understand and enhance climate. Panel presented at the AAMC Learn, Serve, Lead annual Atlanta, GA. November 2024
- Assemi, , West, D., Houmanfar, R. A., Lombardero, L., Smith, G. S., Le, I., **Jacobs**, (2024). Exploring the Behavioral Measurement and Impact of Acceptance and Commitment Based Cultural Humility Training on Standardized Patient Interactions. Symposium presented at the 50th Annual Convention for the Association for Behavior Analysis International. Philadelphia, PA. May 2024.
- Brilliant, , Magana, & **Jacobs, N.N.** (2024). Microaggressions and active bystander intervention. Workshop presented at the 2024 Northern Nevada Diversity Summit, Reno, NV, February 2024.
- **Jacobs**, (2024). Implicit bias and health care disparities. Invited presentation at the Geriatric Lecture Series - Diversity & Inclusion Teleconference, Nevada Geriatrics Education Center, January 2024.

- **Jacobs, N.N.** (2024). Inclusive language in health professions learning environments. Invited presentation at the Geriatric Lecture Series - Diversity & Inclusion Teleconference, Nevada Geriatrics Education Center, January
- Grahm, , Craigan, , **Fitzgerald, J.B.**, Whisler, E.E., Welikson, T., *Sundaram, S.S., Clinical Case Conference2: Trauma and Psychosis Complex Relationships: Clinical Challenges Across the Ages and Diagnoses. AACAP 2024 (Annual Meeting). American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Seattle, WA.
- **Fitzgerald, J.**, Medication Treatment of First Episode Psychosis. 2024 Early Psychosis Care University of Missouri-St. Louis/Missouri Institute of Mental Kansas City, Missouri.
- **Fitzgerald, ,** Ryst, E., What is Public Health Doing to Address the Gaps in Clinical Care of ADHD: Using State Data to Examine Patterns of ADHD Diagnosis and Treatment in Nevada Children Ages 3-17 APSARD 2024 Annual Meeting, The American Professional Society of ADHD and Related Disorders. Orlando, FL
- **Fitzgerald, ,** Pediatric Mental Health: Inpatient Screening & Early Intervention for PTSD. 3rd Annual Northern Nevada Trauma Symposium Reno, NV
- *Zavala, B., *Duda, N., **Fitzgerald, J.**, Leany, B., & Benuto, L.,T.. Recruitment Method and Their Association with Inclusion Rates of People of Color in Randomized Controlled Trials on Coordinated Specialty Care for First Episode of Psychosis. Symposium presented at the Western Psychological Association (WPA) 104th Annual Convention, San Francisco, California.
- ***Wielski C, *Au A, *Garcia-Rider E, *Sirisinahal S, & Dingle** Workshop at the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training, Austin, TX. Engaging adult leaders: Improving resident knowledge and skills in March 2024.
- **Dingle AD, *Sirisinahal S, *Garcia-Rider E, & Fitzgerald J.** Workshop at the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training, Austin, Engaging Adult Learners: Using Electives to Improve the Clinical Training Experience. March 2024.
- **Dingle AD** (chair), *Cotton N, Ehrlich AC, ***Garcia-Rider E & *Sirisinahal** Workshop at the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training, Austin, TX. Letting the PRITE Help: Review of Exam Uses for Learners and Programs. March 2024.
- Stubbe D (chair), Bernstein C, **Dingle AD**, & Fischel S. Workshop at the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training, Austin, Inspiring Meaning, Mentalization, and Mentorship. March 2024.
- Madaan V (chair), Aggarwal R, Das S, **Dingle AD**, Tampi R, & Wasser Workshop at the American Psychiatric Association, New York, MindGames Masters: Subspecialty Review for the General Psychiatrist, May 2024.
- **Dingle** Mentor Breakout Group in Trivedi K, Onyejiaka CA, Veeramachaneni K (co-chairs). Workshop at American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York NY. Mentorship Program for Medical Students and Residents, October 2024.
- Al-Mateen CS (chair), **Dingle AD**, *Broomes Williamson L, Maria E. McGee ME, Reliford Workshop at American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York Practicing What We Teach – The Ethics of Learning to Apply Antiracist Principles in CAP Practice, October 2024.
- Moore SC (chair), Schott M, Cisneros S, Khan M, Wu M, Bailey B, **Dingle AD**, Veenstra-VanderWeele J, Deshpande S, Jacobson SL, Barnes, AA, Rogers KM, Takahashi A, Joshi PT, Dulcan M, Stubbe D, Marwaha R, Martinez- Gonzalez KG. Workshop at American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York NY. Instructor to Professor: A Roadmap to Academic Promotion, October 2024.
- Keynote Speaker, Nevada Women's Fund Women of Achievement, Reno, NV

5.23.24 Poster: "Community to Corrections: A county-level correlational analysis of social, demographic, health and economic factors," Packham, J., **Piasecki, M.**, Maestas, A., Koos, A., Hester, L., Phelan, E. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 2024 **Piasecki**, and Hagen, J. Paths for Physician Wellbeing: Individual and Systemic Approaches, UNR Med CME Series, Virtual 4.6.23

Community Engagement

The Affiliated Departments of UNR Med Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Renown Health Department of Behavioral Health have a mission to serve the community both from clinical standpoint and from being leaders in the community in education, partnerships with other agencies, and improving mental health care. The Department and its faculty had many activities that involved engaging the community to improve clinical care and education to serve individuals in Northern Nevada. The department partnered with the local nonprofit "Life Is Worth It" to launch a 12-month virtual series for parents on educational topics related to youth suicide prevention. Several members of the department including Takesha Cooper, Joshua Fitzgerald, Steve Shell, and Shelly Christensen serve on the Youth Crisis System Collaboration Committee comprised of several community agencies partnering to improve access to care and education to families of Northern Nevada focused on entry into the mental health crisis response system.

The department is also proud of the work done by its training programs including supervising faculty that provide services to several community agencies. Partnership with community agencies have been a long-standing part of resident and fellow education. The department was excited to continue to have clinical rotations and services with residents, fellows, and faculty including Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Veterans Affairs, Lakes Crossing Center, Truckee Meadows Community College, Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, Jan Evans Juvenile Detention Center, Washoe County School District, Willow Springs Residential Treatment Center, among others.

In addition to the above work the department wants to highlight all the work of our faculty in participation in local, regional, and national associations. Members of the department play important roles in behavioral health and education serving on associations, committees, and by reviewing for publications.



Figure 7: Dr. Cooper and Dr. Kohlenberg advocating for mental health at the NAMI walk in 2024



Figure 8: Dr. Ruth Shim, a national speaker, came to talk about Dismantling Structural Racism in Behavioral Health for a Grand Rounds. She is standing with several members of the psychiatry department. The following highlights the engagement activities by the faculty in our department.

- **Professional Society Activities**

- Arden Dingle
 - Psychiatry Residency in Training Examination Editorial Board (PRITE), Editor in Chief, 2010 – present
 - Fellow selection committee for
 - Strategic planning subcommittee of self-assessment and education for PRITE
 - Psychiatry Residency in Training Examination (PRITE) Editorial Board, 2000 – present
 - Psychiatry Residency in Training Examination Editorial Board, Editor in Chief, 2010 – present
 - Member, Psychiatry Residency in Training Examination Fellow Selection Committee, 2011 – present
 - Member, Strategic Planning Subcommittee of Self-Assessment and Education, 2023 –2024
- Nicole Jacobs
 - Consultant for the National Medical Research Council, Ministry of Health in Singapore
 - Reviewer for BMC Medical
 - Reviewer for MedEdPORTAL (AAMC)
 - Reviewer for Disability and Health Journal
 - Member, AAMC Faculty Holistic Review Advisory Committee

- Member, AAMC Foundation Principles of Inclusion Excellence Advisory Committee
- NSHE Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Council (IDEA)
- Liaison to Nevada Psychological Association
- Takesha Cooper
 - Diplomate for American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
 - Member, “Reducing Stress and Physician Burnout in Ethnically Diverse Women Physicians”
 - Sits on the Editorial Board for CNS spectrums
- Joshua Fitzgerald
 - Co-Chair Outreach Committee, and Executive Council for Nevada Psychiatric Association
 - Fellow of the American Psychiatric Associations (APA)
 - Member of the Executive Counsel for the Nevada Psychiatric Association
 - Member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) Early Psychosis Workgroup
 - Member of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) Physically Ill Children's Subgroup on developing standardized curriculum and modules for fellows on pediatric consult-liaison teams
 - Member, Washoe Children's Crisis Collaboration Committee, Reno, Nevada
 - President Elect of Nevada Regional Organization of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Melissa Piasecki
 - World Foundation Medical Education Recognition Team Member 2023
 - Consultant for the Department of Justice
- Swetha Sirisinahal
 - American College of Lifestyle Medicine
 - Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule II (ADOS) Certification
 - APA Collaborative Care Model Residency Education
 - Joined American Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training (AADPRT)
- Barbara Kohlenberg
 - Member, Med Exec Committee, 2023-present at UNR
- Anayansi Lombardero
 - E-RYT-200, Yoga Alliance, Yoga Teacher
 - Dissertation Committee Member University of Nevada, Reno Department of Psychology Ph.D. Candidate: Cossette Canovas
 - Dissertation Committee Member University of Nevada, Reno Department of Psychology Ph.D. Candidate: Mary Smirnova
- Steve Shell, MBA
 - Was appointed as Chair of Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board
 - Was appointed as Vice Chair of Nevada Attorney General's Substance Use Response

Clinical Accomplishments

In 2023 we were able to complete the following number of appointments and made significant strides in addressing the mental health needs of our community. Our dedicated team of therapists worked tirelessly to provide comprehensive care and support, resulting in numerous positive outcomes and client satisfaction. This is evident in the heartfelt praise we received, such as:

- Behavioral Health Outpatient: 17,451
- Behavioral Health Programs: 3,416

- Pediatric Behavioral Health: 1,664 (Pediatric Behavioral Health joined our department in 2023 but as a part of the Renown team we are proud to include their numbers in this Year in Review)
- UNR Behavioral Health: 5,334 And in 2024 we completed:
- Behavioral Health Outpatient: 19,827
- Behavioral Health Programs: 5,260
- Pediatric Behavioral Health: 3,508
- UNR Behavioral Health: 5,570

We have been able to provide services to a significant number of Medicaid patients in both 2023 and 2024. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to our hard work and dedication to providing quality care to our patients.

2023:

- Behavioral Health Outpatient: 28 Patients
- Behavioral Health Programs: 16 Patients
- Pediatric Behavioral Health: 171 Patients
- UNR Behavioral Health: 235 Patients
 - Total: 450 Medicaid patients served

2024:

- Behavioral Health Outpatient: 90 Patients
- Behavioral Health Programs: 52 Patients
- Pediatric Behavioral Health: 228 Patients
- UNR Behavioral Health: 223

Total: 593 Medicaid patients served

Praise:

"My therapist is very understanding and very helpful"

"Mark was awesome! He listened and validated my feelings. I just moved here and I have been in regular therapy for over 20 years. After my appointment I actually feel like something is going to help"

"Dr. Patrick is caring, thoughtful and thorough in her approach to my care."

"Dr Singh is exceptionally good at explaining what to expect and how I can help myself alongside the medication"

"Dr. Lehil is phenomenal!"

"Dr. Molina was very personable and professional. She kept me on track, which is not easy. She was also very good with asking clarifying questions to make sure she understood what I was saying. She explained several options and then we decided together which one would be the best for me. Dr. Molina made me feel confident that she was the doctor I should be seeing."

"It's always a great experience with this facility."

"Dr. Singh is one of the best doctors I've ever seen he listens he understands and he explains the pros and cons of the medication. I hope he's there forever."

"Dr. Patel was wonderful with our daughter with Intellectual Disability!"

"I was desperate for some help with my problem. I called in the morning and had an appointment that very afternoon and the scheduler seemed as gratified as I was to have such immediate help. We had been hunting for a psychiatrist for a couple of years, since the VA ran out of viable candidates. It is such a relief to have someone who understands and is allowing me to be part of the solution. She explained it so much more clearly than others."

"Dr. Giron consistently provides effective & engaging care. He understands the therapeutic interventions that he utilizes, as well as his role in the process, and recognizes the value of integrated physical and behavioral health."

"Clean nice great front desk customer service everything 5 stars"

"Terrific empathy and understanding"

"Dr Plyler is an excellent psychiatrist! I always have excellent appointments with her! She kept me on the prescription I have been taking for months now. My appointments are only scheduled for 3 months now. She talked with me about some problems I have had with certain co-workers over the past 3 months and the positive things that have happened with my supervisor recently!"

"The staff at the Dr.'s office was Absolutely Great. After finding out that my Dr. I was just

getting to know as my GP, and really liked him, had left Renown. I was already in a Melt Down mode and the only thing I could think of was to get to Dr. Abi's office (someplace for support), even though I knew she probably wouldn't be there. When I walked in the girls at the front desk knew me, I asked if maybe Abi was in? They said No, I told them I needed to talk to someone, and I did. I left that office in soooo much better shape than when I waked in. I had a Plan, a line on Employment, papers from the City of Sparks and other Organizations that could help me with senior living, and Emergency funds to help move me in now so I don't have to go back to an abusive house. We have got appts set up for after the Holidays, I could not have asked for more LOVE & SUPPORT than I received from Everyone in that Office that Day! and I didn't even have an Appt. Standing up Stright and Moving Forward!!!"

"Dr Wood is awesome. She has given me some great tool that have helped a lot."

Education

The affiliated department of UNR Med and Renown Health are highly dedicated to the education of our future behavioral health clinicians. The department is heavily involved in the training and education of medical students, psychiatry residents, and child and adolescent psychiatry fellows. The department also collaborates with the UNR Department of Psychology to have psychology graduate students involved in the clinical care of patients. In addition, the department works with mental health interns from Marriage and Family Therapy and Clinical Social Work Programs.

The department added two new faculty members to academic roles with undergraduate medical education. Emmanuelle Garcia-Rider, M.D., a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and an alumnus of UNR Med, joined Renown and started as the third- and fourth-year Psychiatry Clerkship and Electives Director. Dr. Clare Bajamundi-Plyler, M.D., joined Renown coming from Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University where she was a faculty member.

Dr. Bajamundi-Plyler, a Geriatric Psychiatrist, started as the pre-clerkship director and in the role of Clinical Cadre Faculty Member.

The psychiatry residency prepared for expansion of its size to move from 6 residents per year to 8 residents per year starting in July of 2024 with its first expanded class. This is an exciting accomplishment which should help increase the number of graduates staying in the community after graduation.

In addition to training future psychiatrists and behavioral health clinicians, the department is committed to helping educate the community and other health care professions. Several members of the department have significant roles in Project ECHO Nevada as well providing some community outreach activities. The department also continues to host Psychiatry Community Grand Rounds monthly, bringing presentations to the community with local and national experts in the field. Additionally, several members of our department provided Grand Rounds Presentations to other departments.



Figure 9: Cooper, Jacobs and medical students at the 'See It To Be It' event.

The following highlights the educational roles and activities by the department

- **Academic Roles**
 - Garcia-Rider: Medical Student Clerkship and Electives Director
 - Plyler: Year 1 and 2 Pre-Clerkship Director and Clinical Cadre
- **Psychiatry Community Grand Rounds Presentations Hosted**
 - **2023 Presentation**
 - 2023 Psychiatry Sleep Update by Caris Fitzgerald,
 - Borderpolar: Exploring the Phenomenon of Co-morbid Bipolar and Borderline by Marta Elliott, PhD
 - Mental Health & Novel Treatment Paradigm for Functional Diseases by Burton Tabaac, M.D.
 - Violence Risk Assessment by Bethany Hughes,
 - Three Habits for Building Safe Inclusive Learning Environments by Teri Turner, D.
 - Evidence Based Approach to Prescribing LOA Antipsychotic Medications by Leon Ravin, M.D.
 - Violence in the Clinic: Reflections by Steven Ing, MA, MFT
 - Mental Health Firearms Laws: What Psychiatrists Need to Know by Joseph Simpson, M.D., PhD
 - An Introduction to Key Influences on Mental Health in Built Environment by Nash Emrich, NCARB, LFA, LEED AP BC+C
 - **2024 Presentations**
 - Eating Disorders: Medical Complications and Rethinking the Medical Canon by Jennifer Gaudiani, M.D.
 - Psychiatry and It's Newest Frontiers: Social Media and Artificial Intelligence by Christina Girgis, M.D.
 - Shattering Stigmas: Unraveling the Myths of Psychotropic Medication Use in Pregnancy and the Peripartum Period by Emmanuelle Garcia-Rider, D. and Carissa Klarich, M.D.
 - Help the Psychiatry Community learn about the Sanford Center for Aging and ways to provide support by Gary Aldax, Shelby Greene, LCSW, MSW, and Leslie Baker, PharmD, BCGP
 - Nevada's Children Are NOT for Sale by Jenny Williamson

- Insight Psychopathology by McKenzie Wilson, DO
 - Mental Health Crisis Holds in NV, An Overview by Joe Macaluso, JD, RN
 - Dismantling Structural Racism in Behavioral Health: Challenges and Opportunities by Ruth Shim, M.D.
 - Bad Medicine, Antidepressant Withdraw, and the Incalculable Costs of Medicating Normal by Brooke Siem
 - The Neurobiology of Addiction and Novel Frontiers by Simon Whitton,
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I): Clinical Application and Practical Recommendations by Anayansi Lombardero, Ph.D.
 - Blame and Shame: Addiction Stigma by Takesha Cooper, , and Charlene Letchford, M.D.
- **Grand Rounds presentation**
 - **Sirisinahal**, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds – “Understanding the Adult with Neurodevelopmental Disorders” - UNR
 - **Fitzgerald**, First Episode Psychosis: Understanding Risk Factors and Treatment, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV 8/23
 - **Fitzgerald**, First Episode Psychosis: Understanding Risk Factors and Treatment, Pediatrics Grand Rounds, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV
 - **Piasecki**, “Medical Error and Physician Depression: What is the Connection?” UNR Med Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Reno NV 3.23
 - **Lombardero**, (2024, November). Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I): Clinical Applications and Practical Psychiatry Grand Grounds at the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine
 - **Lombardero**, (2024, May). Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Training. Internal Medicine Grand Grounds at the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine
 - **Community Presentations**
 - **Lombardero, A.** The Children’s Cabinet. (2023, February). Aca Enter Nos: Conversations on Mental Outreach Talk about maintaining and improving mental health in the LatinX community. Sparks, NV
 - **Kohlenberg**, 3 Participated in Difficult Patient Interviews, conducted clerkship seminars yearlong for psychiatry and family medicine Serve as the faculty advisor for Addiction Special Interest group. Faculty advisor for SOC behavioral health project.
 - **Project ECHO**
 - **Fitzgerald, J.** UNR-Med Project ECHO Nevada, NAVIGATE First Episode Psychosis, Psychopharmacology Treatment, Hub Team Member and lecturer: involves facilitating ECHO clinics, curriculum development and providing Reno, Nevada
 - **Fitzgerald**, UNR-Med Project ECHO Nevada, NAVIGATE First Episode Psychosis, Diagnosis and Assessment, Hub Team Member and Lecturer: involves facilitating ECHO clinics, curriculum development and providing lectures. Reno, Nevada
 - **Lombardero**, Hub Team Member, Navigate Health and Wellness 2022,23 Psychological Approaches to Chronic Pain Management
 - **Lombardero**, Hub Team Member, Metabolic Liver Disease 2023 Motivational Interviewing

Graduates and where they went (2023)

- Constanza Spelius Perez – Malinas Practice in Town
- Ian Mikolaj – Nevada Rural Clinics
- Steven Sha – PHP/IOP at a private hospital in Portland, OR
- Kevin Nuveau – VA in Wisconsin

- Isaac Wentz – Queen's Hospital in Hawaii
- Emma Garcia Rider – joined faculty
- David Krone –returned to finish residency

Graduates and where they went (2024)

- McKenzie Wilson – Renown Regional
- Charles Wielski – NV Rural Clinics and California County Facility
- Alexander Au – Utah Private Inpatient Clinic
- Brady Wells – Utah State Hospital
- Lorenzo Capannolo – UNLV Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship
- David Krone – Illinois State Hospital
- Constanca Spelius – Molinas Private Practice, NV
- Wynston Bennett – UNR Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship
- Ashley Maestas – Transferred to Oregon to finish her Residency



Figure 10: Dr. Cooper and Dr. Ira Pauly, the very first Department Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (he became Chair in 1978)!