

Report on SOBP Special Project – APPA Trainee Workshop

We are grateful to the SOBP for its support of the American Psychopathological Association (APPA) pre-meeting Trainee Workshop in New York City on March 1st 2023. The Trainee Workshop brings together trainees and faculty from many T32 programs from a range of disciplines including psychiatry, epidemiology, and neuroscience. Each participating training program is allotted time to introduce their scope and activities and for a research presentation by a current fellow. The programming also includes representatives of NIMH and NIDA who discuss NIH programs and funding geared towards supporting trainees and junior investigators. The Special Project funding from SOBP was intended to support the APPA pre-meeting Trainee Workshop and promote interest in the SOBP and its annual meeting especially among junior investigators at the workshop.

The total number of registrants for this year's Workshop was 79; this number included T32 program directors, presenting fellows, as well as other junior investigators and APPA meeting attendees. The schedule of presentations that took place during the day is attached to this report. The Workshop was well-attended, generated lively discussion, and was followed by a reception attended by many junior investigators who had the opportunity to network with T32 faculty, senior APPA members, and NIH representatives.

Dr. Dost Öngür who was the “champion” for this SOBP Special Project served as the President of APPA for 2023 and official host of the Workshop. He made welcoming remarks, introduced presenters, and guided the question-and-answer sessions during the day. In his remarks at the start and end of the program, Dr. Öngür highlighted the SOBP's support for the Workshop and the overlap between the missions of SOBP and APPA. He pointed out that much of the research presented at APPA would also be appropriate for submission to the SOBP annual meeting where it could reach a broader audience. He encouraged all attendees and especially junior ones to consider becoming a member of the SOBP and attending the annual meeting. SOBP's support of the Workshop was also acknowledged in meeting materials shared with attendees at the meeting and online. These activities were particularly impactful because many of the Workshop attendees work in epidemiology and treatment research and are not routinely exposed to SOBP as an organization, despite the fact that their work is relevant to the SOBP's mission, and the society can benefit from their involvement.

Historically, the Workshop has been hosted by the APPA as a separate event from its annual meeting without charging the attendees for registration costs. Over the years, this had become increasingly difficult to sustain for a small organization like the APPA. This year for the first time, the SOBP Special Project allowed the APPA to host the Workshop without incurring a large expense in its budget. This SOBP Special Project had a budget of \$21,007. The funds were used to defray Workshop attendee registrations, space and AV rentals, and other costs of hosting the event. This arrangement allowed the APPA to continue hosting the Workshop without needing to start charging attendees, a particularly important development since the vast majority of Workshop attendees are junior investigators.

In conclusion, this SOBP Special Project was greatly successful in accomplishing its goals of supporting the APPA Trainee Workshop and raising awareness of the SOBP among Workshop attendees. The Trainee Workshop is slated to be held once again the day before the start of the APPA Annual Meeting in New York City in March 2024. Given this year's positive experience, the APPA will be eager to submit a new proposal to the SOBP if the Special Projects program is extended.

Training Workshop

March 1, 2023

- 12:30 pm** **Welcome Remarks**
- 12:35 pm** Training Program in Psychiatric Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Harvard University
Karestan Koenen, PhD, Director
Three Approaches to Operationalizing Adverse Childhood Experiences and Their Relationship to Child Outcomes Among a Peruvian Sample
Kathy Trang, PhD
- 1:05 pm** Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia University
Katherine M. Keyes, PhD, Director
Union Burying Ground: Mortality, Mortality Inequities, and Sinking Labor-Union Membership in the United States
Jerzy Eisenberg-Guyot, PhD
- 1:35 pm** Substance Abuse Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia University
Deborah Hasin, PhD, Director
Psychosocial Problems Associated With Cannabis Use Disorder in the US, 2012-2013: Sex Differences
Sarah Gutkind, MPH
- 2:05 pm** Behavioral Sciences Training in Drug Abuse Research Program, NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing
Gregory P. Falkin, PhD, Director
Hepatitis C Among People Who Inject Drugs in Puerto Rico: The Path to Elimination
Yesenia Aponte-Melendez, PhD
- 2:35 pm** Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Johns Hopkins University
Heather E. Volk, PhD, and Peter Zandi, PhD, Directors
Evaluating Effects of Maternal Pregnancy Exposures on Autism and Related Outcomes in the Context of Polygenic Scores
Luke Grosvenor, BA
- 3:05 pm** **Break**
- 3:15 pm** Whitaker Scholar Program in Developmental Neuropsychiatry, Columbia University
Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, MD, Co-Director
Title TBD
Amandeep Jutla, MD
- 3:45 pm** NIDA T32 Training Program, University of Florida
Linda B. Cottler, PhD, Director
Alcohol- and Drug-Related Non-fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes 2019-2022
Nae Won, MPH

- 4:15 pm** Drug Dependence Epidemiology Funded Training (DDET) Program, Johns Hopkins University
Brion Maher, PhD, Co-Director
Opportunities and Challenges in the Surveillance of Social Media Platforms for Substance Use Research: Preliminary Finding on Cannabis Use & Reddit
Savannah Brenneke, MPH
- 4:45 pm** Drug Dependence Epidemiology Training Program, Michigan State University
James C. Anthony, PhD, MSc, Director
Drug Dependence Epidemiology Research Training Program at MSU
Villisha Gregoire, PhD
- 5:15 pm** **NIMH Presentation Title TBD**
Marsha Lopez, PhD, Epidemiology Research Branch Chief, NIDA
- NIDA Presentation Title TBD**
Ashley Smith, PhD, Program Officer, NIMH
- 6:15 pm** **Closing Remarks**
- 6:15-7:15 pm** **Networking Reception**