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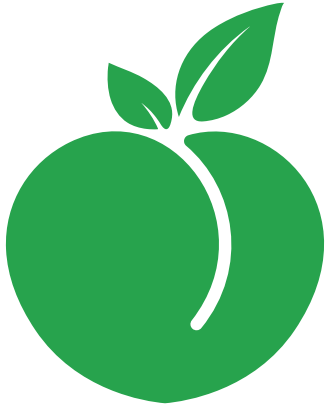
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AACAP Catchers in the Rye Awards

I keep picturing all these little kids playing some game in this big field of rye and all. Thousands of little kids, and nobody around—nobody big, I mean—except me. And I'm standing on the edge of some crazy cliff. What I have to do, I have to catch everybody if they start to go over the cliff.

J.D. Salinger, The Catcher in the Rye

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) is honored to present its most prestigious awards, the AACAP Catchers in the Rye Awards, to our 2026 award recipients.



AACAP Catchers in the Rye Humanitarian Award

Danny Malec

The AACAP Catchers in the Rye Humanitarian Award is awarded by the AACAP Executive Committee. It was established in 1990 to honor those who have made a sustained and significant contribution to pediatric mental health through activities such as advocacy, education, entrepreneurship, philanthropy, research, and/or acts of bravery/kindness. AACAP is honored to present the 2026 Catchers in the Rye Humanitarian Award to Danny Malec.

Danny Malec currently serves as executive director at Georgia Conflict Center (GCC). He has a Master of Arts in Conflict Transformation from the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University. Previously, Mr. Malec was the GCC restorative practices director, primarily assisting the Clarke County School District, Gwinnett County School District, and individual Clarke County Schools with restorative practices implementation.

Prior to moving to Athens, Mr. Malec served for four years as assistant principal of restorative practices at E.L. Haynes Public Charter High School in Washington, D.C. (2012–2016).

Mr. Malec has worked for over 20 years in the areas of youth development, youth violence prevention and intervention, conflict transformation, trauma healing, restorative justice, and school administration.



Mr. Malec receives his award during the Opening Plenary on Wednesday, October 28, from 8:30 am–10:15 am.

I am honored to receive the Catchers in the Rye Humanitarian Award from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. At the Georgia Conflict Center and through our work of advancing restorative justice as a just and equitable alternative to punitive and exclusionary approaches, we are committed to the health, healing and wellbeing of children, youth and the whole community, one relationship at a time. I can't imagine any better way to spend my days. Thank you for recognizing our work in this way!

AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to an Individual

Gabrielle L. Shapiro, MD



Dr. Shapiro receives her award during the Assembly of Regional Organizations Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, from 8:00 am–4:00 pm.

The AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to an Individual was established in 1996 to recognize an individual for their outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of children and adolescents. AACAP is honored to present Gabrielle L. Shapiro, MD, with the 2026 Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to an Individual.

Gabrielle L. Shapiro, MD, is a child and adolescent psychiatrist, Distinguished Fellow of AACAP, and Distinguished Life Fellow of the APA, and has spent three decades turning clinical practice into advocacy. A medical director in school, inpatient, tribal, and community settings, she began in San Diego caring for Native American and Latino immigrant families near the border. In New York, she sees patients weekly in Harlem and the Bronx—largely Latino and immigrant families—carrying their needs into national policy. As Chair of the APA Council on Children, Adolescents, and Their Families, she led policy work on immigration, family separation, youth suicide, and social determinants of health. Clinical professor of psychiatry at Mount Sinai, she mentors the next generation of child and adolescent psychiatrists. She is a founding AACAP-PAC Board member, long-term AACAP Assembly Representative and past Secretary-Treasurer, NYCCAP Advocacy Chair, CalACAP past president, and APA Board of Trustees Secretary. Her honors include the Bruno Lima, Schonfeld, and Hulse Awards, and first place in the 2025 APA Advocacy Challenge.

I am humbled and filled with gratitude and love to receive the Catchers in the Rye Award. AACAP has always been my home away from home; the relationships we build here are lifelong, and we hold each other up in our shared campaign for America's, and the world's, children and families. This honor belongs as well to my patients and their families, who teach me every week why advocacy is part of good clinical care, and to the mentors and colleagues who have stood beside me at every step. Like Holden's The Catcher in the Rye, we stand watch at the edge of the field, catching children before they fall—and along the way, we catch each other, too. To my colleagues and to AACAP's leadership: thank you for your warmth, your partnership, and this recognition. It has been the honor of my life to serve our children and families, and I will carry that honor into every clinic, classroom, and hearing room where they need a voice.

AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Component

Advocacy Committee

The AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Component was established in 1996 to recognize an AACAP component for their outstanding efforts on behalf of children and adolescents. This year's award recognizes the AACAP Advocacy Committee.

The AACAP Advocacy Committee helps advance AACAP's overall advocacy and public policy agenda by working closely with the Government Affairs Department and AACAP members to establish federal and state policy priorities, consult on the planning and execution of the annual Legislative Conference, and review and consult on AACAP's myriad comment letters on proposed regulation and legislation, and involvement in amicus briefs. The Advocacy Committee also participates in the American Medical Association's State Advocacy Summit and prioritizes the work of ROCAPs through the Advocacy Liaison Network, which has grown to more than 500 members.

Each year, the Advocacy Committee develops advocacy programming for the Annual Meeting and works with Government Affairs staff to recruit and engage AACAP Resident Advocacy Scholars, who spend a four-week elective with the Department of Government Affairs staff. The Advocacy Committee also contributes to the AACAP Congressional Fellow selection process. They identify advocacy policy gaps and work with appropriate AACAP committees to develop relevant policy statements. The Advocacy Committee is committed to advocacy education and developed the AACAP Advocacy Toolkit, available for all members, ROCAPs, and committees on the AACAP website.

We encourage any members who wish to become more involved in advocacy to join us at the monthly Advocacy Liaison Network meetings and meet us May 4–5, 2027, in Washington, DC for the next Legislative Conference!

We are deeply honored to receive the 2026 Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award for a Component, and we offer our sincere gratitude to the Assembly for recognizing the work of our committee, as well as the important role of advocacy within AACAP. We are so thankful for the support of dedicated colleagues in the Government Affairs Department as well as the support from the AACAP Executive Committee and Board who fund the Legislative Conference, Congressional Fellowship, and the Resident Scholar Program, in addition to the work of the committee. With gratitude, we recognize that we are standing on the shoulders of giants, Deb Koss, MD, and Karen Pierce, MD, the inaugural co-chairs of the AACAP Advocacy Committee. Finally, we want to recognize all the advocacy work within AACAP including through the Assembly, the amazing ROCAPs and committees, and through the daily work of the AACAP staff and leadership team. Together, we are making a difference for children's behavioral health!





The Advocacy Committee, chaired by Drs. Laura M. Willing and Melvin D. Oatis, receives its award during the Assembly of Regional Organizations Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, from 8:00 am–4:00 pm.

Additional Advocacy Committee members include:

Daisy G. Bassen, MD
Avanti Bergquist, MD
Clarence Chou, MD
Suzanne L. Don, MD
Jennifer Dorr, DO, MPH
Robert P. Holloway, MD
Roshni L. Koli, MD
Eric Lewkowiez, MD
Christopher Rogers, MD
Adam J. Sagot, DO
Justin Schreiber, DO
Emily Rohlffs (staff liaison)

AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Regional Organization

Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Society of Greater Washington (CAPSGW)



Dr. Tracy Meyer, current president of CAPSGW, receives this award on behalf of the organization during the Assembly of Regional Organization on Tuesday, October 27, from 8:00 am–4:00 pm.

The AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Regional Organization was established in 1996 to recognize a regional organization for its outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of children and adolescents. AACAP is honored to present the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Society of Greater Washington with the 2026 Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Regional Organization.

The Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Society of Greater Washington (CAPSGW) represents 350 members and exemplifies tireless, multidimensional advocacy for children, families, and the psychiatry workforce. Given its proximity to Capitol Hill, CAPSGW members have consistently attended Advocacy Days, engaging lawmakers on youth mental health priorities. In 2024, CAPSGW formalized this work by establishing an Advocacy Committee with a standard operating procedure to expedite national support on urgent advocacy matters requiring ROCAP input. CAPSGW members serve across a wide range of advocacy efforts, including partnerships with the Washington Psychiatric Society and Maryland Psychiatric Society, leadership roles on AACAP's Advocacy Committee and Diversity and Culture Committee, advisory work with MedChi's Children's Mental Health Crisis Task Force, and participation in a DC Council workgroup on youth mental health services. Beyond policy, CAPSGW advances community education through public panels and a 2026 symposium on family-centered collaborative care that drew strong multidisciplinary engagement. The organization also invests in future advocates through mentorship, trainee networking, and travel grants supporting attendance at AACAP's Annual Meeting and Assembly.

On behalf of our organization, thank you to AACAP and the Assembly for this incredible honor. This award reflects the dedication of our entire membership to advocating for children, families, and our field. We're proud to carry forward this work and grateful for AACAP's continued partnership and support.

AACAP Virginia Q. Anthony Outstanding Woman Leader Award

Lisa R. Fortuna, MD, MPH, MDiv

The AACAP Virginia Q. Anthony Outstanding Woman Leader Award is awarded by AACAP's President. It was established in 2013 to celebrate the lifetime achievements of extraordinary women in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry. As its namesake envisioned, the award is for women who have applied their talent, medical skills, and leadership to dramatically improve the well-being of children with mental illness. AACAP is honored to present the 2026 AACAP Virginia Q. Anthony Outstanding Woman Leader Award to Lisa R. Fortuna, MD, MPH, MDiv.

Lisa R. Fortuna, MD, MPH, MDiv, is professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Neurosciences at the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine. A board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist, addiction medicine physician, and Episcopal priest, she is an internationally recognized physician-scientist whose federally funded research and influential publications have advanced innovative, community-engaged models of integrated behavioral health, substance use prevention, and health equity for children, youth, and families.

Dr. Fortuna has built enduring partnerships among academic institutions, healthcare systems, schools, and community organizations to translate scientific evidence into sustainable improvements in care. She has received national honors, including the American Psychiatric Association's Agnes Purcell McGavin Award for Prevention and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's Irving Philips Award for Prevention. Inspired by her Puerto Rican heritage, she remains committed to mentoring future leaders while transforming science into healthier communities.



Dr. Fortuna receives her award during the Distinguished Member Awards Lunch on Wednesday, October 28, from 11:45 am–1:15 pm.

Receiving this award is a tremendous honor. I am profoundly grateful to AACAP and to everyone who has supported and inspired me throughout my career. This recognition strengthens my commitment to advancing compassionate, evidence-based care, mentoring future leaders, and ensuring that every child and family can thrive.

AACAP Sidney Berman, MD, Award for the School-Based Study and Treatment of Learning Disorders and Mental Illness

Vera Feuer, MD



Dr. Feuer presents, "Amplifying Youth Voices: The Importance of Peer-Led Programs and Youth Advocacy" during Honors Presentation 1 on Thursday, October 29, from 9:00 am–9:50 am.

The AACAP Sidney Berman, MD, Award for the School-Based Study and Treatment of Learning Disorders and Mental Illness acknowledges outstanding leadership in the public education and treatment of learning disabilities. Albert Abramson, president of the Abramson Family Foundation, established this award in 1996 as a tribute to founding member and AACAP Past President (1969–71) Sidney Berman, MD.

Vera Feuer, MD, is the chief clinical officer at the Child Mind Institute, overseeing patient care across the organization's New York City and San Francisco Bay Area offices. Dr. Feuer completed her general psychiatry training at Drexel University and her child and adolescent psychiatry training at Hofstra-Northwell Health, where she has remained for 19 years, served as Vice President for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and worked on initiatives improving emergency behavioral healthcare, leading upstream initiatives to build an extensive network of youth mental health services collaborating with pediatricians and schools providing immediate access, crisis stabilization and comprehensive mental health literacy programs across Long Island, Westchester, and NYC. Dr. Feuer is a professor of psychiatry, pediatrics and emergency medicine at the Zucker School of Medicine. At the Child Mind Institute, Dr. Feuer is committed to scaling evidence-based support and strengthening integration across psychiatry, psychology, and research. She is passionate about advancing access to mental healthcare for children, suicide prevention, fostering resilience, and collaborating with schools and primary care providers.

Schools are where children spend much of their lives and often where distress first becomes visible. My work has focused on bringing mental health support upstream: partnering with educators, pediatricians, families, and communities to identify needs early, respond with compassion, and connect young people to the right care at the right time. School-based mental health is both an access and a prevention strategy. Equipping youth with tools to support themselves and one another, and amplifying their voices to advocate for change, is what makes this work so powerful and hopeful.

Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation Award for Research in Depression or Suicide, supported by the Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation

Tashalee R. Brown, MD, PhD

The Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation Award for Research in Depression or Suicide recognizes the best paper published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry *on depression and/or suicide, written by a child and adolescent psychiatrist, and published between July 2025 and June 2026. The award is supported by the Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation, which established this award in 1999.*

Tashalee R. Brown, MD, PhD, is a physician-scientist and child and adolescent psychiatrist whose work focuses on advancing mental health equity for Black youth. She earned her BS with honors in biomedical engineering from Johns Hopkins University before completing her MD and PhD through the Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program at Weill Cornell Medicine, Rockefeller University, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She completed adult psychiatry residency at Washington University in St. Louis, followed by child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship training at both Washington University and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where she also served as a postdoctoral research trainee in the National Clinician Scholars Program. Dr. Brown received AACAP's Pilot Research Award for Learning Disabilities, supported by the Elaine Schlosser Lewis Fund, and was an APA Psychiatry Research Fellow. Her research examines structural drivers of mental health disparities, culturally responsive suicide prevention, and antiracism in clinical practice, with the goal of building evidence-based, equitable care for historically underserved youth and families.



Dr. Brown presents "Psychotherapy Interventions for Reducing Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors Among Black Youth: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis" during Honors Presentation 5 on Friday, October 30, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm.

"Well, son, I'll tell you: Life for me ain't been no crystal stair. It's had tacks in it, And splinters, And boards torn up, And places with no carpet on the floor— Bare. But all the time I'se been a-climbin' on, And reachin' landin's, And turnin' corners, And sometimes goin' in the dark Where there ain't been no light. So boy, don't you turn back. Don't you set down on the steps 'Cause you finds it's kinder hard. Don't you fall now— For I'se still goin', honey, I'se still climbin', And life for me ain't been no crystal stair."
–Langston Hughes, "Mother to Son"

AACAP Elaine Schlosser Lewis Award for Research on Attention-Deficit Disorder

John Leikauf, MD



Dr. Leikauf presents "Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder Subtypes Defined by Cognition Have a Distinct Neural and Clinical Profile and Differ in Response to Atomoxetine" during Honors Presentation 5 on Friday, October 30, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm.

The AACAP Elaine Schlosser Lewis Award for Research on Attention-Deficit Disorder is given annually for the best paper published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, *written by a child and adolescent psychiatrist, and published between July 2025 and June 2026. The award was established in 1994 and is supported by the Elaine Schlosser Lewis Fund, a fund named in honor of the late mother of AACAP member Owen Lewis, MD, a special education teacher and child advocate.*

John Leikauf, MD, is a clinical associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Child Development at Stanford University, where he also serves as assistant program director for the fellowship. He completed medical school, residency, and chief residency at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and fellowship and postdoctoral training at Stanford. His mentors have included Mary Solanto, PhD, and Jeffrey Newcorn, MD, at Mount Sinai, and Glen Elliott, MD, PhD, and Leanne M. Williams, PhD, at Stanford. Over the past decade, his academic career has centered on ADHD, focusing on how cognitive, neural, physiological, and self-report markers capture its heterogeneity, and on how cognitive and neural profiles predict differential response to non-stimulant medications such as atomoxetine. He also develops wearable and digital health tools, including an Apple Watch-based application, to support ADHD assessment in youth. He has published more than 25 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and has served as PI or co-investigator on NIH- and foundation-funded research, including an NIMH K23 award. He serves on the editorial board of *JAACAP Open* and the Stanford Faculty Senate and is clinic director of the Young Child and GAIT clinics at Stanford Children's Health, where he supervises fellows and residents.

I am humbled to have been chosen for this honor. My thanks to my collaborators—Kristi Griffiths, Simon Clarke, Michael Kohn, and Leanne Williams—to the mentors named above, and to our research assistants. Thank you to the research participants and their families, who generously donated their time and took on a degree of personal risk to make this work possible. Thank you also to NIMH, AACAP, and the Elaine Schlosser Lewis Fund, and to my family for their support. And thank you to all who have 'held my mind in mind' over the years.

AACAP Irving Philips, MD, Award for Prevention

John V. Campo, MD

The Irving Philips, MD, Award for Prevention recognizes a child and adolescent psychiatrist and AACAP member who has made significant contributions in a lifetime career or single seminal work to the prevention of mental illness in children and adolescents. The award is named after former AACAP President Irving Philips, MD (1985–1987), who was renowned for his work in the field of prevention.

John V. Campo, MD, is the Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and former director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University, vice president of psychiatric services at Kennedy Krieger Institute, and director of mental health at Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Board-certified in pediatrics, psychiatry, and child and adolescent psychiatry, he completed medical training at the University of Pennsylvania, followed by residencies in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Prior roles included medical director of Pediatric Behavioral Health at Nationwide Children's Hospital, chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at The Ohio State University, and chief behavioral wellness officer at West Virginia University. In addition to successful innovative program building efforts focused on improving access to mental health services, Dr. Campo's research career has focused on youth suicide prevention, the integration of mental health services in general medical settings, pediatric psychopharmacology, and the relationship between functional somatic symptoms and emotional disorders.



Carol Vidal, MD, PhD, will introduce Dr. Campo's pre-recorded presentation, "Attitudes Toward Suffering: Relevance to Therapeutic and Prevention Efforts in Youth" during Honors Presentation 3 on Thursday, October 29, from 2:30 pm–3:20 pm.

Successful pediatric mental health service delivery and prevention should balance efforts to eliminate suffering with those that help youth develop accommodative coping strategies.

AACAP Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Award for Scientific Achievement

Daniel S. Pine, MD



Dr. Pine presents "Neural Correlates of Behavioral Inhibition" during Honors Presentation 5 on Friday, October 30, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm.

The AACAP Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Award for Scientific Achievement recognizes the best paper published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry *from July 2025 through June 2026. Established in 1988, the award is supported by the Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Foundation.*

Daniel S. Pine, MD, is chief, Emotion and Development Branch in the National Institute of Mental Health Intramural Research Program. Dr. Pine moved to this position in 2000, after 10 years of training, teaching, and research at Columbia University. Since graduating from medical school at the University of Chicago, Dr. Pine has been engaged continuously in research on pediatric mental disorders, as reflected in more than 700 peer-reviewed papers. His group at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) uses neuroscience to generate new treatments for pediatric mood and anxiety disorders. Dr. Pine served as the chair of the Psychopharmacologic Drug Advisory Committee for the Food and Drug Administration, chair of the Child and Adolescent Disorders Work Group for the *DSM-5* Task Force, and president of the Society of Biological Psychiatry. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, an NIH Distinguished Investigator, and he has received many other awards.

I am tremendously honored to receive this prestigious award. I would like to thank Nathan Fox, for inspiring our work together on behavioral inhibition for nearly 30 years, Janna-Marie Bas-Hoogendam, who led this project, and the entire ENIGMA Anxiety Disorders Work Group, without whom the study would not have been possible.

AACAP Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Award

Timothy Rice, MD

The AACAP Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Award, supported by the Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Foundation, recognizes the best published or unpublished paper written by a member of AACAP. The winning paper addresses the use of psychodynamic psychotherapy in clinical practice and fosters development, teaching, and practice of psychodynamic and psychotherapy in child and adolescent psychiatry.

Timothy Rice, MD, is a professor of psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and clinical professor of psychiatry at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. He directs the Acute Care Division in the Department of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Morningside and West Hospitals and the Child Division in the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. His academic focus includes child psychoanalytic psychotherapy and its derivatives, including Regulation Focused Psychotherapy for Children.



Dr. Rice presents "Interpreting Children's Defenses Promotes Emotion Regulation Development" during Honors Presentation 2 on Thursday, October 29, from 10:30 am–11:20 am.

Thank you to the Academy and to Norbert and Charlotte Rieger's legacy for the continued promotion of child psychotherapy. Thank you to my teachers, mentors, students, and patients for the gifts of many instructive moments that contributed to this work. I hope this presentation with case material shares some thoughts on how to better care today for our youth patients and to link psychotherapy within our complement of psychiatric care.

AACAP Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Service Program Award for Excellence

Mary Margaret Gleason, MD



Dr. Gleason presents "Centering the Families: Early Childhood Mental Health Systems of Care" during Honors Presentation 4 on Thursday, October 29, from 4:00 pm–4:50 pm.

The AACAP Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Service Program Award for Excellence recognizes innovative programs that address prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of mental illness in children and adolescents and serve as model programs to the community. Supported by the Norbert and Charlotte Rieger Foundation, the Award was established in 1996.

Mary Margaret Gleason, MD, is trained as a pediatrician and child and adolescent psychiatrist. In her clinical work, Dr. Gleason focuses on early childhood mental healthcare, especially integrated into non-mental health settings including pediatric practices, where children and families already spend time. In her academic work, she is interested in early identification of childhood mental health disorders and has developed and validated the Early Childhood Screening Assessment, now tested in five languages and cultures. She is also interested in examining effective innovative approaches to mental healthcare access. She has worked closely with state public health leaders to develop federally funded programs that offer mental health consultation to pediatric clinicians, early interventionists, and perinatal healthcare clinicians. Dr. Gleason is honored to hold national positions in the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and has worked closely with both organizations to promote best practices for young children. She is committed to resident education and served as training director at Tulane and Brown Universities and Eastern Virginia Medical School. She participated in the Diagnostic Criteria: 0–5 with ZERO TO THREE's work group and co-led ZERO TO THREE's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Workgroup.

It's a privilege to serve young children and their families through team-based, family-centered, flexible, high-quality mental healthcare.

AACAP Jeanne Spurlock, MD, Lecture and Award on Diversity and Culture

Felton J. "Tony" Earls, MD (In Memoriam—September 2026)

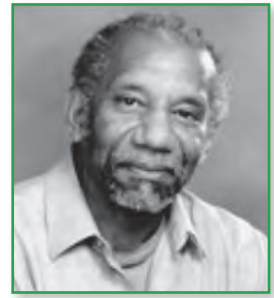
The AACAP Jeanne Spurlock, MD, Lecture and Award on Diversity and Culture recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the recruitment of child and adolescent psychiatry from all cultures. This award was established in 2012 in honor of Jeanne Spurlock, MD, a giant in child and adolescent psychiatry and in advocacy for children, adolescents, and their families from all cultures. This award is administered through AACAP's Department of Research, Grants, and Workforce, along with AACAP's Diversity and Culture Committee, under the direction of Brandon Newsome, MD, and Deepika Shaligram, MD.

Felton J. "Tony" Earls, MD, is professor emeritus of social medicine at Harvard Medical School and of human behavior and development at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Internationally recognized for his groundbreaking research on community violence, juvenile delinquency, child development, and the effects of HIV/AIDS on children, he has advanced understanding of how social environments shape health and behavior.

Dr. Earls earned a chemistry degree and medical degree from Howard University. His postgraduate training included training in neurophysiology at the University of Wisconsin, a pediatric residency at New York Medical College, adult psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and child psychiatry at the Hospital for Sick Children in London.

Dr. Earls is best known for directing the landmark *Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods,* a 10-year study of more than 8,000 residents across 343 neighborhoods. The project transformed understanding of crime and violence through his influential concept of *collective efficacy,* which highlights the role of community engagement in creating safer neighborhoods. He also applied these methods in Tanzania to study the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and communities.

In addition to his research, Dr. Earls has led the Harvard South Africa Fellowship Program and served on the Board of Directors of Physicians for Human Rights. Throughout his career, he has combined scientific inquiry with a commitment to social justice inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



In recognition of Dr. Earls' distinguished career, Brigitte Bailey, MD, presents "Dr. Felton James 'Tony' Earls, MD—An Extraordinary Man; An Extraordinary Legacy" during the Honors Presentation 5 on Friday, October 30, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm.

My father's emphasis on collective advocacy builds upon Dr. Jeanne Spurlock's commitment to children and communities by centering children as active participants in identifying challenges and shaping solutions. His work demonstrated the value of meaningfully engaging children in research and decision-making to reduce risk and strengthen communities. We are deeply grateful to AACAP for this honor. -

-Tanya Earls Milner daughter of Dr. Felton J. Earls on behalf of the family.

AACAP George Tarjan, MD, Award for Contributions in Developmental Disabilities

Matthew Siegel, MD, MBA



Dr. Siegel presents "Profound Autism: A Proposal For *DSM-6*" during Honors Presentation 5 on Friday, October 30, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm.

The AACAP George Tarjan, MD, Award for Contributions in Developmental Disabilities recognizes a child and adolescent psychiatrist and AACAP member who has made significant contributions in a lifetime career or single seminal work to the understanding or care in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. The award was established in 1993 in honor of former AACAP President George Tarjan, MD (1977–79), by his wife, Mrs. George Tarjan, and friends.

Dr. Matthew Siegel, MD, MBA, serves in the dual role of chief of clinical enterprise for the Department of Psychiatry of Boston Children's Hospital and chief behavioral health officer of Franciscan Children's Hospital. He is a professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine and a senior lecturer at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Siegel is engaged in building the programs of each institution into an integrated, world class system of behavioral healthcare focused on patient and family experience. Dr. Siegel previously served at MaineHealth as a vice president of medical affairs and developed an integrated continuum of care, research, and training for the behavioral health needs of youth with developmental disabilities. An international expert in developmental disabilities, he is widely sought for his knowledge of systems of care for youth with autism and other neurodevelopmental disabilities. He is an author of the AACAP Practice Parameter on autism and intellectual disability and has consistently focused on advancing knowledge and practice for those most profoundly affected by autism. Dr. Siegel is a graduate of Amherst College and Stanford Medical School. He trained at Brown University in child psychiatry, psychiatry and pediatrics, obtaining board certification in all three disciplines, and earned his MBA at Brandeis University.

I am deeply honored to join the distinguished group of Tarjan awardees and grateful to the many AACAP member mentors who have generously guided me through two decades of seeking to advance care, research, and training for children with developmental disabilities.

AACAP Simon Wile, MD, Leadership in Consultation Award

Catherine Fuchs, MD

The AACAP Simon Wile, MD, Leadership in Consultation Award acknowledges outstanding leadership and continuous contributions in the field of consultation-liaison child and adolescent psychiatry. The award is named after Simon Wile, MD, a renowned pediatrician and lifelong supporter of child and adolescent psychiatry, and it was established in 2003 with a donation from the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Catherine Fuchs, MD, earned her MD at Vanderbilt University Medical School in 1982. She is professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) on the Clinician Educator track, holding the Bixler-Johnson-Mayes Endowed Chair in Education until retiring July 2026 to Emerita status at VUMC. She has consistently focused on the intersection of child and adolescent psychiatry and pediatrics and has challenged assumptions about children and psychiatric presentations, encouraging curiosity when presented with uncertainty. Her expertise is in pediatric delirium, both pathophysiology and emotional impact, and she has collaboratively developed modules and tools for education and dissemination of knowledge regarding pediatric delirium. As emerita professor, she continues to explore medical trauma in infants and young children in the intensive care units, educating teams on trauma-informed care to help mitigate the impact of acute illness. As a clinician educator, she has been instrumental in formulating and collaboratively exploring hypotheses across disciplines as a consultation-liaison CAP.



Dr. Fuchs presents, "Humanism and Trauma Informed Care in the ICU: Pediatric Delirium as a Model" during the Simon Wile Symposium on Wednesday, October 28, from 3:00 pm–5:00 pm.

Curiosity and attention to detail are foundational in CAP CL. Discovery in pediatric delirium requires knowledge of both psychiatry and acute pediatric illness, attention to patterns, and development of a team to include colleagues across disciplines and skills, patients, and their families. I am honored to receive the Simon Wile Award, a reminder of the importance of curiosity and compassionate understanding of emotions and behavior of children.

AACAP New Distinguished Fellows

AACAP congratulates the following members elevated to Distinguished Fellows between 11/01/2025 and 08/19/2026

Yetunde Akins, MD—Klamath Falls, OR
Eric Alcera, MD—Fairfax, VA
Afshan Anjum, MD—Minneapolis, MN
Ronke Babalola, MD—Milltown, NJ
Dalia Balsamo, MD—Newport Beach, CA
James Bedford, MD—Chapel Hill, NC
Caitlin Briggs, MD—Georgetown, KY
Kevin Coughlin, MD—Somerville, MA
Kathryn Cullen, MD—Minneapolis, MN
Maura Dunfey, DO—Wallingford, PA
Carl Fleisher, MD—Los Angeles, CA
Katrina Fletcher, MD—Philadelphia, PA
Meredith Gansner, MD—Pittsford, NY
Mohammad Ghaziuddin, MD—Ann Arbor, MI
Vikas Gupta, MD, MPH—New York, NY
Richard Ha, DO—Camarillo, CA
Pamela Hoffman, MD—New York, NY
Ellen House, MD—Athens, GA
Eva Ihle, MD, PhD—San Francisco, CA
Suni Jani, MD—Columbia, MD
Praveen Kambam, MD—Los Angeles, CA
Gagandeep Kaur, MD—Louisville, KY
Kristi Kleinschmit, MD—Salt Lake City, UT
Micah Knobles, MD—Houston, TX
Gonzalo Laje, MD, MHSc—Chevy Chase, MD
Stephen Mateka, DO—Elmer, NJ
Rajesh Mehta, MD—Norfolk, VA
Gino Mortillaro, MD—Newton Center, MA
Olugbemiga Osoba, MD
Enrique Oviedo, MD—Baltimore, MD
David Rettew, MD—Eugene, OR
Adelaide Robb, MD—Washington, DC
Andrew Rosenfeld, MD—Williston, VT
Adam Sagot, DO, MBA—Holmdel, NJ
Nasim Shajihan, MD—Chesapeake, VA
Sudhakar Shenoy, MD—Chicago, IL
Alexander Sheppe, MD—New York, NY
Joseph Shotwell, MD—Galveston, TX
Ronald St. Hill, MD—Payson, IL
Meshal Sultan, MBBS—Dubai
Rachel Sy-Layug, DO—Mililani, HI
Nathalie Szilagyi, MD—Meriden, CT
Krysti Vo, MD—New York, NY

AACAP E. James Anthony, MD, IACAPAP Presidential Travel Award

Ayesha Irshad Mian, MD



The AACAP E. James Anthony, MD, IACAPAP Presidential Travel Award was created to honor E. James Anthony, MD, AACAP President from 1981–1983, and to help support travel expenses for the president of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professionals (IACAPAP) to attend AACAP's Annual Meeting. Established in 2015 through the generosity of Virginia Q. Anthony and other donors, this award serves as a lasting legacy to Dr. Anthony's commitment to building a stronger international community.

Ayesha Irshad Mian, MD, is founder and CEO of Synapse Pakistan Neuroscience Institute, a social enterprise dedicated to transforming the mental health landscape through evidence-based clinical services, research, advocacy, and education. She is internationally recognized for her leadership in training, capacity building, and advocacy in child and adolescent mental health.

Dr. Mian is the founder of Women Emerging-Pakistan Chapter, part of a global initiative supporting women leaders, and hosts the weekly podcast Bass Paanch Minute (Only 5 Minutes). She is a public speaker on organizational and women's leadership, gender equity, mental health, and health education. She served as founding dean of students and chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan, and currently consults for the SNF Global Center at the Child Mind Institute in New York.

She completed her adult and child and adolescent psychiatry training at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and served on the faculty at Baylor College of Medicine before returning to Pakistan in 2013. There, she established the country's first child and adolescent mental health fellowship training program.

Dr. Mian is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) and serves on the Executive Council of the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP). She is also a senior fellow of the Higher Education Academy in the United Kingdom.

Her many honors include AACAP's Jeanne Spurlock Award for Diversity and Culture, Presidential Award, and Outstanding Mentor Award; the American College of Psychiatrists' Laughlin Fellowship; and awards for mentorship, educational leadership, and lifetime achievement. She is a Harvard Macy Scholar, FAIMER Fellow, and graduate of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program. She also led the development of the Women Leadership Academy for Aga Khan University.

Our collective responsibility is to ensure that access to quality mental health care is not determined by where a child is born.

AACAP Paramjit Toor Joshi, MD International Scholar Awards

Alex Vicente Spadini, MD



AACAP's Paramjit Toor Joshi, MD, International Scholar Awards recognize international physicians who have shown a commitment, early in their careers, for the enhancement of mental health services for children, adolescents, and their families. The award was established in 2015 with a donation from AACAP Past President Paramjit Toor Joshi, MD.

Alex Vicente Spadini, MD, is a child and adolescent psychiatrist dedicated to expanding access to evidence-based mental healthcare across Brazil. As president of the Rio Grande do Sul Chapter of the Brazilian Association of Child Neurology and Psychiatry (ABENEPI-RS) and co-chair of the World Psychiatric Association Early Career Psychiatrists Section, he advances clinical care, physician education, research, and international collaboration. His work focuses on autism, ADHD, psychopharmacology, and early intervention, including research on autism in women and the cross-cultural adaptation of autism assessment tools. Following the AACAP Annual Meeting, Dr. Spadini plans to share new knowledge through lectures, residency training, and educational programs while strengthening international partnerships that improve care for children and adolescents.

I am honored to receive the Paramjit Toor Joshi, MD, International Scholar Awards. This opportunity will strengthen my work in clinical care, education, and research while fostering international collaboration that expands access to high-quality mental healthcare for children and adolescents in Brazil and beyond.

AACAP Paramjit Toor Joshi, MD International Scholar Awards *(continued)*

Charlene Gumbo, MD



Charlene Gumbo, MD, is a consultant psychiatrist committed to advancing child and adolescent psychiatry in Kenya through clinical care, research, education, and international collaboration. Her work focuses on neurodevelopmental disorders, ADHD, suicidality, and trauma in children and adolescents, while advocating for the development of a formal child and adolescent psychiatry training pathway in Kenya. Dr. Gumbo serves as IACAPAP Early Career Group Coordinator and WPA Kenya Exchange Programme Coordinator, helping expand mentorship, professional development, and cross-border partnerships. She plans to use the knowledge and relationships gained through the AACAP Annual Meeting to strengthen training, research, and systems of care so more children and families in Kenya have access to specialized mental health services.

Receiving the Paramjit Toor Joshi, MD, International Scholar Awards is an opportunity to build the partnerships and mentorship needed to strengthen child and adolescent psychiatry in Kenya. I look forward to bringing the knowledge, collaborations, and shared commitment from AACAP back to the children, families, and clinicians I serve.

AACAP Ülkü Ülgür, MD, International Scholar Award

Ali Evren Tufan, MD



The AACAP Ülkü Ülgür, MD, International Scholar Award recognizes an AACAP member in the international community who has made significant contributions to the enhancement of mental health services for children and adolescents. The award was established in 2013 with a donation from AACAP member Ülkü Ülgür, MD.

Ali Evren Tufan, MD, is Professor and Head of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Bolu Abant Izzet Baysal University Medical Faculty. An internationally recognized clinician, educator, and researcher, Dr. Tufan has advanced child and adolescent psychiatry through leadership in neurodevelopmental disorders, adolescent self-harm, psychopharmacology, and research methodology. He serves as International Editor-at-Large for the Middle East for the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* and Editor-in-Chief of the *Turkish Journal of Child and Adolescent Mental Health.* Through national policy initiatives, workforce development, and international collaborations, he has helped strengthen evidence-based child mental health services and research throughout Türkiye while fostering global partnerships that advance the field.

Receiving the Ülkü Ülgür, MD, International Scholar Award is a tremendous honor and a meaningful opportunity to continue building bridges between Türkiye and the international child and adolescent psychiatry community. I look forward to sharing ideas, strengthening collaborations, and bringing new knowledge home to improve the lives of children, adolescents, and families.

AACAP Psychodynamic Faculty Initiative Mentorship Award

AACAP's Psychodynamic Faculty Initiative (PsyFI) Mentorship Award aims to support and advance psychodynamic psychotherapy training in child and adolescent psychiatry residency programs through faculty development. Under guidance of an assigned AACAP mentor, award recipients identify a problem or area in need of improvement in their child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program's teaching of psychodynamic psychotherapy and design a project to address the need. They work through the year toward project completion with their assigned mentor, while gaining access to a network of leaders in the specialty. Funded through a generous donation by the Leatherman-Drell-Ritvo Fund for the Advancement of Psychodynamic Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (LDRF), recipients receive financial assistance toward their registration to attend a daylong project planning retreat, along with networking events during the week of AACAP's Annual Meeting. The program is administered through AACAP's Department of Research, Grants, and Workforce, under the direction of Rachel Ritvo, MD, Martin J. Drell, MD, Michael Shapiro, MD, and Laura Prager, MD.



Shireen Cama, MD
Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School
Mentor: Timothy Rice, MD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai



Pascale Chrisphonte, MD, MS-HPEd
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Zucker Hillside Hospital
Mentor: Roberta S. Isberg, MD, Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School



John Leikauf, MD
Stanford University School of Medicine
Mentor: Michael Shapiro, MD, Eastern Virginia Medical School/Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old Dominion University/Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter



Margaret A. McKeathern, MD
National Capital Consortium/Walter Reed National Military Medical Center/ Uniformed Services University
Mentor: Jerry Trotter, MD, Uniformed Services University



Stephanie V. Ng, MD
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science (Rochester)
Mentor: Sergio V. Delgado, MD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center/ Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Institute

AACAP Psychodynamic Faculty Initiative Mentorship Award *(continued)*



Hannah K. Scott, MD
Louisiana State University, New Orleans
Mentor: John Sargent, MD, Tufts Medical Center/Boston Children's Hospital

AACAP Leatherman-Drell-Ritvo Fund for the Advancement of Psychodynamic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Grant Award

Daniel Laor, MD



The Leatherman-Drell-Ritvo Fund (LDRF) for the Advancement of Psychodynamic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, awards grants to support projects that maintain and enhance psychodynamic understanding and psychodynamically-informed therapies in child and adolescent psychiatry. LDRF-funded projects can build upon and extend the reach of AACAP's Psychodynamic Faculty Initiative (PsyFI) Mentorship Program projects or may address an area of need that is unaddressed by the PsyFI program. The grant was established in 2023 and is overseen by the Psychotherapy Committee and the Training and Education Committee.

Daniel Laor, MD, is a psychiatrist, a second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow in the Shaffer Scholars Program at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia and Weill Cornell, and an adult and child psychoanalytic candidate at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. He maintains a private practice on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Dr. Laor's research focuses on the development of relational understanding and mentalization in school-aged autistic children and their parents and on adapting psychotherapeutic interventions for this population. His LDRF-supported pilot study evaluates the feasibility and acceptability of Mentalization-Based Treatment for Children (MBT-C), a time-limited, psychodynamically oriented psychotherapy. The study explores its potential to support children's emotional regulation and inner experience by strengthening parental reflective functioning and facilitating play. In 2026, this work received an NIH Loan Repayment Program award, an AACAP Pilot Research Award, and grant support from the American Psychoanalytic Association. Dr. Laor's mentors include Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, Norka Malberg, Arietta Slade, Pamela Meersand, and Barbara Milrod.

Dr. Laor earned his MD from SUNY Downstate, where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, and completed psychiatry residency at NYU. Before entering medicine, he earned an honors degree in piano performance from Mannes College of Music, performed as a concert pianist, and worked as a music educator and conservatory director.

Members of the 100% Club

The following child and adolescent psychiatry residency directors recruited all of their residents to be members of AACAP. Since child and adolescent psychiatry residents are the future of both AACAP and the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, AACAP acknowledges and warmly thanks the following residency directors for their support.

Crystal Wilson, MD—BayCare Health System Program

Zheala Qayyum, MD, MMSc—Boston Children's Hospital Program

Shireen Cama, MD—Cambridge Health Alliance Program

Katherine Liebesny, MD—Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Program

Stephanie Barnes, MD—Case Western Reserve Univ/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center Program

Sumru A. Bilge-Johnson, MD—Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron/NEOMED Program

Anik Jhonsa, MD—Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Program

Brian Perry Kurtz, MD—Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Program

Wendy Watson, MD, MPH—Creighton University School of Medicine Program—Phoenix Program

Jennifer Holton, MD—Emory University School of Medicine Program

Kevin J. Winders, MD—Gateway Behavioral Health Community Service Board Program

David V. Braitman, MD—Indiana University School of Medicine Program

Dhana Ramasamy, MD—Lehigh Valley Health Network Program

Erin L. Belfort, MD—MainHealth-Maine Medical Center Program

Richard Dalton, Jr., MD—Louisiana State University School of Medicine (Baton Rouge) Program

Julie Sadhu, MD—McGaw Medical Center Northwestern University Program

Dale A. Peeples, MD—Medical College of Georgia Program

A. Lee Lewis, IV, MD—Medical University of South Carolina Program

Danae Evans, MD—Morehouse School of Medicine Program

Nicholas Ladd, DO—Mountain Area Health Education Center Program

Oliver M. Stroeh, MD—New York-Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia) Program

Megan Mroczkowski, MD—NYU Grossman School of Medicine Program

Mariam Rahmani, MD—Old Dominion University/Eastern Virginia Medical School Program

Craigan Todd Usher, MD—Oregon Health & Science University Program

Megan White Zappitelli, MD—Prisma Health/University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville Program

John E. Bragg, Jr., MD—Prisma Health/University of South Carolina School of Medicine-Columbia Program

Jeffrey I. Hunt, MD—Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University Health Program

Members of the 100% Club *(continued)*

Benjamin R. Lafferty, MD—Samaritan Health Services—Corvallis Program

David Beckmann, MD—Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University\TJUH Program

Isheeta Zalpuri, MD—Stanford Health Care-Sponsored Stanford University Program

Cecilia C. De Vargas, MD—Texas Tech University HSC El Paso

Isha R. Jalnapurkar, MD—UMass Chan Medical School Program

Blessing Falola, MD—University of Alabama Medical Center Program

Toby Belknap, MD—University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine Program

Melissa Hopkins, MD—University of California Davis Health Program

Karam Radwan, MD—University of Chicago Program

Anne Penner, MD—University of Colorado Program

Jody L. Brown, MD—University of Florida Program Gainesville

Cassie Karlsson, MD—University of Kansas (Wichita) Program

Nathan Prichard, DO—Universi of Kansas School of Medicine Program

Jonathan Baker, MD—University of Mississippi Medical Center Program

Kimothi Cain, MD—University of New Mexico School of Medicine Program

Leigh J. Ruth, MD—University of South Florida Morsani Program

Kari Whatley, MD—University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School Program

Maya Strange, MD—University of Vermont Medical Center Program

Ray Chih-Jui Hsiao, MD—University of Washington Program

Sansea L. Jacobson, MD—UPMC Medical Education Program

Dimal D. Shah, MD—Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Program

Naomi Leslie, MD—Wake Forest University Baptist School of Medicine Program

Celina Jacobi, MD—Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium Program

Dorothy E. Stubbe, MD—Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program

AACAP Marilyn B. Benoit, MD, Child Maltreatment Mentorship Award

Antonio Igbokidi, MD



Dr. Igbokidi's project is entitled, "Barbershop Talk Therapy Project: Trauma-Informed Care in Community Safe Spaces for Justice-Impacted Youth at Homeboy Industries."

The AACAP Marilyn B. Benoit, MD, Child Maltreatment Mentorship Award was made possible by a generous donation from Lisa Yang, MBA, in honor of past AACAP president, Marilyn B. Benoit, MD. This award provides an opportunity for recipients and mentors to design a project over 12–16 weeks focusing on child welfare, foster care, and/or child maltreatment in order to raise awareness, recognize leaders, and create a community of knowledgeable teachers who will become leaders in these fields.

Antonio Igbokidi, MD, is a second-generation Nigerian American from Little Rock, Arkansas, committed to advancing mental health equity in historically marginalized communities. As a third-year psychiatry resident at UCLA, he is dedicated to addressing disparities in mental healthcare access and outcomes. A passionate advocate for community-based mental health solutions, Dr. Igbokidi has pioneered barbershop-based mental health initiatives, collaborating with communal safe spaces for open conversations about mental wellness, accessibility to care, and destigmatization of mental health in minority men and minority youth. His programming has facilitated several sessions with widespread participation, some exceeding 100 attendees, fostering trust and accessibility within Black and Brown communities. He has also been recognized by the American Psychiatric Association Foundation (APAF), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and National Medical Association and awarded grants for his innovative mental health outreach efforts. Not only has he presented his work in several academic spaces, but his work has also garnered national attention, including a feature on Good Morning America, further amplifying the impact of these efforts. As the 2023–2024 National Chairperson of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and now its Immediate Past Chairperson, Dr. Igbokidi has been instrumental in developing initiatives that support underrepresented minority medical students and trainees and promote systemic change in medical education and advocacy. He has facilitated partnerships with lasting impact with organizations such as AstraZeneca, GoodRx, and Genetech to support a membership base with over 15,000 members nationwide. He continues to expand upon this work as a current APAF SAMHSA fellow and Co-Chief of the Office Inclusive Excellence in his residency.

"Education is a priority. How can we resist exploitation if we don't have the tools to understand it?"
—Chimamanda Adichie

"Be kind. You never know who they'll be kind to next."

AACAP Marilyn B. Benoit, MD, Child Maltreatment Mentorship Award *(continued)*

Rebecca Frances Young, MD, MPH

Rebecca Frances Young, MD, MPH, is an assistant professor in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and serves as the Medical Director of the SYNCHRONY Project, an interdisciplinary program dedicated to the prevention and treatment of early child maltreatment. She completed her general psychiatry residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and her child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Washington University. Dr. Young's clinical, educational, and scholarly interests focus on childhood trauma, child maltreatment prevention and intervention, and improving access to evidence-informed mental healthcare for vulnerable youth. She is certified in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and has developed educational programming on childhood trauma, suicidality, and child abuse recognition for medical students, residents, and pediatric trainees.

Dr. Young's current project, supported by the AACAP Marilyn B. Benoit, MD, Child Maltreatment Mentorship Award and mentored by Brooks Keeshin, MD, focuses on adapting the Child Traumatic Stress Care Process Model for implementation in a community mental health setting to improve identification of traumatic stress and strengthen trauma-informed clinical care.



Dr. Young's project is entitled, "Adapting the Child Traumatic Stress Care Process Model for Community Mental Health Settings: A Clinical Implementation Project."

Children are remarkably resilient when they have adults who recognize their experiences and respond with understanding. My goal is to help build systems where every child affected by trauma receives that kind of care.

AACAP Drs. Gabrielle and Harold Carlson Psychopharmacology Research Award

James Luccarelli, MD, DPhil



Dr. Luccarelli presents "Neuromodulation for Patients With Autism Spectrum Disorder: Evidence and Clinical Advances in Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)" during Institute 2 on Monday, October 26, from 4:00 pm–6:00 pm.

The AACAP Drs. Gabrielle and Harold Carlson Psychopharmacology Research Award was established in 2022 to provide mentored research funding support to a child and adolescent psychiatry second-year fellow or early career faculty in the area of psychopharmacology, to include neurotherapeutics, with a focus on practical and investigative work toward treatment for children and adolescents. Offering $20,000 to one child and adolescent psychiatry fellow or early career faculty to complete a two-year mentored research project, this award supports early investigators at a critical stage, encouraging a future career in child and adolescent psychiatry research. In 2024, two award recipients shared the honor and split the award funding.

James Luccarelli, MD, DPhil, is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and director of pediatric neuromodulation at the Massachusetts General Hospital. His clinical and research work focuses on electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), catatonia, and neurodevelopmental disorders. His research uses real-world clinical data to improve the understanding and treatment of severe and treatment-resistant psychiatric illness in children and adolescents.

With support from the AACAP Drs. Gabrielle and Harold Carlson Psychopharmacology Research Award, Dr. Luccarelli is examining the effectiveness and tolerability of ECT for patients with catatonia and the ways in which treatment course and response may differ for patients with co-occurring autism. His work seeks to strengthen the evidence base for pediatric neuromodulation and support informed clinical decision-making for young people and their families.

I am deeply honored to receive the AACAP Drs. Gabrielle and Harold Carlson Psychopharmacology Research Award. This support has advanced my work to better understand and improve treatment for children and adolescents with catatonia and other severe psychiatric illnesses. I am grateful to AACAP, the Carlson family, my mentors, collaborators, patients, and their families for making this work possible.

AACAP Drs. Gabrielle and Harold Carlson Psychopharmacology Research Award *(continued)*

Justin B. Steinfeld, MD, PhD

Justin B. Steinfeld, MD, PhD, is an instructor in clinical psychiatry and a T32 postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University, where he works in the laboratory of Jonathan Javitch, MD, PhD. A physician-scientist trained in both medicine and molecular biophysics, he is committed to translating discoveries at the bench into safer, more effective treatments for children and adolescents with psychiatric illness. Dr. Steinfeld earned his medical degree at Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and his doctorate in cellular, molecular, and biomedical studies at Columbia, following a bachelor's degree in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University. He completed his adult psychiatry residency and his child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia and Cornell.

Dr. Steinfeld's research program investigates new molecular targets for autism and schizophrenia, focusing on the metabotropic glutamate (mGlu) 1 and 5 receptors and the ways they pair as homodimers and heterodimers to shape drug activity and toxicity. With support from AACAP, Dr. Steinfeld is using a bioluminescence-based assay to test whether promiscuous activation of mGlu1/5 heterodimers underlies the catalepsy and seizure toxicity that has stalled preclinical development of otherwise promising mGlu positive allosteric modulators. This work could allow drug developers to select safer candidates for childhood psychiatric disorders. The work supported by this award has laid the groundwork for a manuscript now in submission at *Molecular Cell* and for K08 and R01 applications submitted in June 2026.



Dr. Steinfeld presents New Research Poster 1.42: *Transmembrane Domain Dominance Drives Emergent Signaling and Allosteric Inversion in mGlu1/5 Heterodimers* during New Research Poster Session 1 on Wednesday, October 28, from 1:00 pm–3:00 pm.

I'm grateful to AACAP and the Carlson family for backing this work at such an early stage of my career. As a physician-scientist, what drives me is bridging the gap between the laboratory and the clinic. In this case, I'm understanding why promising glutamate-targeting drugs for autism and schizophrenia keep stalling on toxicity, and how we might design around it. This support has given me the resources to pursue that question and, I hope, to move us closer to safer, more precise treatments for the young people who need them.

AACAP Beatrix A. Hamburg, MD, Award for the Best New Research Poster by a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Resident

Jacob Lister, MD, PhD



Dr. Lister presents the poster "Ketamine for Depression in Adolescents: Exploring Metabolites as Predictors of Treatment Response in a Randomized Midazolam-Controlled Study," which is available to view during New Research Poster Session 5 on Friday, October 30, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm or on the Annual Meeting website throughout the meeting.

The AACAP Beatrix A. Hamburg, MD, Award for the Best New Research Poster by a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Resident was established in 1996 through a grant from the Greenwall Foundation and the Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation in honor of Beatrix A. Hamburg, MD, former president of the William T. Grant Foundation and an AACAP Life Fellow. This award honors her commitment to the education and development of young investigators by recognizing the best new research poster by a child and adolescent psychiatry resident and AACAP member.

Jacob Lister, MD, PhD, is a PGY-5 Clinical Fellow at Yale School of Medicine (YSM). He earned his BA from Middlebury College (Philosophy, 2008), and his MD, PhD from YSM (Neuroscience, 2022). His graduate research under Michael Crair, PhD, used *in vivo* wide-field imaging to study cortical development relevant to psychiatric disorders, focusing on the NMDA receptor. Previously at University of Texas Southwestern, he studied hippocampal dysfunction in schizophrenia under Carol Tamminga, MD, and performed clinical research on pediatric depression under Graham Emslie, MD. His current research under Michael Bloch, MD, MPH, focuses on improving treatments for serious mental illness across the lifespan, integration of psychotherapeutic and interventional modalities, and management of obesity in psychiatric patients. His work on ketamine for adolescent depression is supported by the Detre Fellowship Award in Translational Neuroscience (2023). He received the NIMH Outstanding Resident Award, Honorable Mention (2024). He is honored to receive the Beatrix A. Hamburg, MD, Award and hopes it facilitates new collaborations to support young people suffering from treatment-resistant mental illness.

On behalf of my co-authors, Jennifer Dwyer, MD, PhD, Ruin Moaddel, PhD, Carlos Zarate, MD, and Michael Bloch, MD, MPH, I am honored to receive the Beatrix A. Hamburg, MD, Award. I look forward to sharing this work at AACAP and establishing new collaborations to support young people with treatment-resistant mental illness. Thank you to my family for all their support.

AACAP John F. McDermott, MD, Assistant Editor-in-Residence for the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*

Afifa Adiba, MD

The John F. McDermott, MD, Assistant Editor-in-Residence position provides the opportunity for an early-career child and adolescent psychiatrist to join the editorial team of the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (JAACAP) *for two years. Working closely with the editor-in-chief, the assistant editor-in-residence acquires an intimate understanding of the editorial processes behind the production of the Journal. The long-term goal of this position is to foster the professional growth of child and adolescent psychiatrists interested in the editorial process. The award was established in 2006 in honor of the late John F. McDermott, Jr., MD,* JAACAP *Editor-in-Chief, 1988–1997.*



Dr. Adiba speaks in Workshop 14: "Adaptive Leadership: Harnessing Inner Strengths to Master Communication" on Wednesday, October 28, from 2:30 pm–5:30 pm.

Afifa Adiba, MD, is a child and adolescent psychiatrist at Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Medical Group and an adjunct assistant professor at the Yale Child Study Center. She previously served as service chief of the Adolescent Mood Disorder Inpatient Unit at Sheppard Pratt. Dr. Adiba completed her child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center after her psychiatry residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Her clinical and academic interests include executive functioning disorders, mood disorders, trauma-informed care, and cultural psychiatry, with a focus on the impact of culture, identity, and immigration on child and adolescent mental health. A dedicated physician-leader, educator, and advocate, she serves in national leadership roles within AACAP and the American Medical Association (AMA), advancing equitable, culturally responsive mental healthcare through clinical practice, education, research, and advocacy.

Serving as the John F. McDermott, MD, Assistant Editor-in-Residence is both a tremendous honor and a meaningful milestone in my professional journey. Throughout my career, I have been inspired by the power of scholarly writing—not only to advance science, but also to amplify diverse voices, foster dialogue, and inspire change. I am excited to contribute to JAACAP Connect *by working with authors and editors to bring forward research, perspectives, and stories that enrich our understanding of child and adolescent mental health.*

I am sincerely grateful to the McDermott family for their generosity in making this opportunity possible. My heartfelt thanks also go to Dr. David Saunders, Dr. Doug Novins, Mary Billingsley, Mariel Gambino, and the entire JAACAP *and AACAP teams for their confidence, mentorship, and warm welcome. I look forward to learning from this exceptional group of leaders while contributing to the journal's mission of advancing scholarship, fostering collaboration, and supporting the next generation of child and adolescent psychiatrists.*

AACAP John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member of Council

Thomas K. Pak, MD, PhD



The AACAP John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member of Council honors former AACAP President John E. Schowalter, MD (1989-1991). The resident participates in the governance of AACAP by attending Council meetings for two years (2026-2028). This position encourages those new to the field of child and adolescent psychiatry to become familiar with AACAP functions as well as the overall governance of the association and in turn gives resident members of AACAP a voice on Council.

Thomas K. Pak, MD, PhD, is a child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, in a fellowship program led by Misty Richards, MD. He completed general psychiatry residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center, where he served as chief resident, after earning his MD and PhD in neuroscience from the University of Iowa. His academic work focuses on youth suicide prevention and the effects of emerging technologies and social media on youth mental health, including markers of adolescent suicidality, novel psychiatric treatments, and artificial intelligence in psychiatry and medical education. Dr. Pak has held national leadership roles, including service on the NBME Council and the U.S. Federal Council on Graduate Medical Education, and as an attendee of the APA Board of Trustees. He has been actively involved with AACAP's Committee on Medical Students and Residents, which has served as a home for him within the AACAP community. Outside of medicine, he enjoys salsa, musicals, anime, and coordinating the AACAP Open Mic and Fashion Show.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and honored to follow my amazing predecessor, Carly Kawanishi, MD. It is especially meaningful to serve in a role bearing the name of John E. Schowalter, one rooted in his commitment to recruiting, mentoring, and developing future leaders in child and adolescent psychiatry. I hope to honor that spirit by amplifying trainee voices.

AACAP Emerging Leaders Fellow—*Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*

Terrance Embry, MD



The AACAP Emerging Leaders Fellowship aims to support AACAP in strengthening its leadership and workforce development efforts across the organization and the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (JAACAP). *This two-year fellowship will offer mentorship and leadership experience, allowing the fellow to become familiar with* JAACAP, *complete a project of their choosing, and be a voice on* JAACAP's *Editorial Board.*

Terrance William Embry, MD, is a chief child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at NewYork-Presbyterian. He completed general psychiatry residency at Yale School of Medicine, where he served as chief resident. He earned his MD from Meharry Medical College and holds a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation from Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Embry's work focuses on addiction psychiatry, health disparities, and the mental health of marginalized youth. His experience includes treating co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders, developing clinical pathways for substance use treatment including adolescent care, and advocating for minoritized youth at national and international levels. His research examines intersectional factors including racism, homophobia, transphobia, and trauma and their impact on youth mental health outcomes. His career goals include advancing equity in child and adolescent mental health through research, clinical innovation, and leadership.

Thank you to AACAP for this meaningful honor and for the opportunity to be part of the JAACAP *Emerging Leaders Fellowship. I am grateful to join a community committed to advancing equity in child and adolescent mental health and look forward to contributing to this work alongside mentors and colleagues across the Academy.*

AACAP Emerging Leaders Fellow—AACAP Council

Alexandra K. Desir-Clarke, MD



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Alexandra K. Desir-Clarke, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and recent graduate of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center. Dr. Desir-Clarke earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Public Health from Boston University and obtained a post-baccalaureate Certificate in Health Studies from Cornell University. She then earned her MD from the Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, graduating with a distinction in Humanities. After medical school, she completed her psychiatry residency at Zucker Hillside Hospital, Northwell Health. She is currently an attending child and adolescent psychiatrist at Cornell Scott Hill Health Center in New Haven, Connecticut. Dr. Desir-Clarke's clinical and academic interests include young child development, school-based mental health, trauma-informed care, first episode psychosis, and advancing health equity initiatives.

I am deeply honored to be selected for the AACAP Emerging Leaders Fellowship. It is with gratitude to the selection committee that I accept this award. Serving on the AACAP Council and participating in this program strengthens my deep commitment to advancing the health of children and families. I'm grateful for the mentorship and opportunity to promote equity, inclusivity, and leadership within our field.

AACAP Emerging Leaders Fellow—AACAP Program Committee

Dahlin Jackson, DO



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Dahlin Jackson, DO, is currently a second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at the University of California, San Diego. He is on the community track, which specializes in working in the public sector with historically marginalized youth and vulnerable populations. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Miami and his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Georgia Campus. He completed his general psychiatry residency training at the University of Minnesota. He has been a part of the American Psychiatric Association Foundation Fellowship program and has served in various other leadership and educational roles during his training. His main clinical interests include early-onset psychosis, LGBTQ+ mental health, and collaborative care.

Thank you to the selection committee for awarding me the opportunity to join the Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program Committee. The ability to work alongside some of the greatest minds in our field is truly an honor that I am humbled to have been bestowed. I look forward to learning alongside experts in the field to broaden my own knowledge and expertise.

AACAP Junior Investigator Award, supported by AACAP and Industry Supporters

Rana Elmaghraby, MD



The AACAP Junior Investigator Award, supported by AACAP and Industry Supporters, offers an award of up to $30,000 a year for two years for child and adolescent psychiatry junior faculty. Beginning in 2009, this program is intended to facilitate basic or clinical research relevant to our understanding, treatment, and prevention of child and adolescent mental health disorders.*

Rana Elmaghraby, MD, is an assistant professor of psychiatry, neurodevelopmental psychiatrist, and medical director of the transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH. She completed psychiatry residency at the University of Minnesota and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, where she began her research in transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) for youth. Her research focuses on TMS safety, tolerability, and efficacy in adolescents with treatment-resistant depression, with particular attention to youth with autism and other neurodevelopmental conditions. She has been recognized with multiple awards for her clinical, research, and teaching contributions, including honors from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Junior Investigator Award, the Mayo Clinic, and Cincinnati Children's. Outside of her professional work, she enjoys hiking, spending time outdoors with her family, and savoring a good cup of coffee.

**The Junior Investigator Award program was supported by the Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation (2025) and Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (2026)*

AACAP Junior Investigator Award, supported by AACAP and Industry Supporters *(continued)*

Sara VanBronkhorst, MD, MPH



Sara VanBronkhorst, MD, MPH, is a child and adolescent psychiatrist. She is an adjunct assistant professor at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and affiliated with New York State Psychiatric Institute. She works as a community mental health psychiatrist in an assertive community treatment program and as an outpatient child psychiatrist at Network180. She completed a combined MD/MPH program at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Her adult psychiatry training was through Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services at Michigan State University. She completed a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship training program with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital at Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University Irving Medical Center, where she was a chief resident.

With an interest in pursuing global mental health research, Dr. VanBronkhorst completed an elective during medical school in Merida, Mexico. Then, during her psychiatry training, she began working under the mentorship of Dr. Cristiane Duarte at Columbia University, who has multiple international NIH-funded studies. After her child and adolescent psychiatry training, Dr. VanBronkhorst completed the NIMH T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship for Translational Research in Child Psychiatric Disorders at Columbia University and the New York State Psychiatric Institute. During this fellowship, she was awarded the AACAP Pilot Research Award. This award funded a pilot study in São Paolo, Brazil examining the relationships between maternal adverse childhood experiences, maternal and child oxytocin, and observed behaviors related to emotion regulation in preschool-aged children. The AACAP Junior Investigator Award funded a large expansion of this pilot study which enrolled over 300 mother-child dyads in Sao Paulo, facilitating important intergenerational research in a low resource setting.

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AACAP's Junior Investigator and Pilot Awards were instrumental in helping me advance as a researcher. With this outside funding, I was able to have independence in pursuing an area of research that I am passionate about. Additionally, the personal support, guidance, and encouragement from AACAP's research committee was a benefit I had not been expecting. The AACAP research community consists of physician scientists who truly care not only about advancing research, but about providing the support and community needed for early career researchers.

AACAP Pilot Research Award for Attention Disorders, supported by AACAP's Elaine Schlosser Lewis Fund

The AACAP Pilot Research Award for Attention Disorders, supported by AACAP's Elaine Schlosser Lewis Fund, encourages early career faculty and child and adolescent psychiatry fellows to pursue research careers in the area of attention disorders. Established in 2001, recipients receive up to $15,000 for a mentored pilot research project. The Elaine Schlosser Lewis Fund is named in memory of Elaine Schlosser Lewis, a special education teacher, child advocate, and mother of AACAP member, Owen Lewis, MD.

2024 Recipient



Lalita Thitiseranee, MD, MBBS
University of Minnesota/Mayo Clinic
Project: *Real-Time, Smartphone-Based Monitoring of Impulsivity and Affect States in Adolescents With ADHD and Nonsuicidal Self-Injury (SmartMIND): A Pilot Study*
Mentor: Kathryn R. Cullen, MD

AACAP Pilot Research Award for Early Career Faculty and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows, supported by AACAP

The AACAP Pilot Research Award aims to reduce the shortage of pediatric mental health researchers, support early career investigators at a critical stage, and encourage future careers in child and adolescent psychiatry research by providing up to $15,000 to support a mentored pilot research project.

2024 Recipients



Timothy D. Becker, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University/Weill Cornell Medicine
Project: *Multistage, Theory-Driven Development of a Brief Intervention to Reduce Parental Stigma*
Mentor: Doron Amsalem, MD



Aneta Krakowski, MD, MSc
Hospital for Sick Children
Project: *Neurodevelopmental and Psychiatric Phenotype in Neurofibromatosis Type 1*
Mentor: Jacob Vorstman, MD, PhD



Christy Ky, MD
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago/Northwestern University
Project: *Integrating Racial and Ethnic Socialization Into Evidence-Based Therapy: Interim Qualitative Findings From Parent and Youth Interviews*
Mentor: Andrea Spencer, MD



Sarah J. Palmer, MD
UMass Chan Medical School
Project: *Understanding Attachment and Attrition, an Exploratory Qualitative Study*
Mentor: Elizabeth Peacock-Chambers, MD, MSc

2025 Recipients



Debha N. Amatya, MD, PhD
University of California, Los Angeles
Project: *Speech-Based Biomarkers for Psychosis Risk States*
Mentor: Carrie Bearden, MD



Musa Yilanli, MD
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center/Nationwide Children's Hospital
Project: *Glymphatic MRI Markers in Adolescent First-Episode Psychosis*
Mentor: Eric E. Nelson, PhD

AACAP Pilot Research Award for General Psychiatry Residents, supported by AACAP and Industry Supporters*

The AACAP Pilot Research Award encourages general psychiatry residents to pursue research careers in pediatric mental health research, aims to reduce the shortage of pediatric mental health researchers, and supports early career investigators at a critical stage by providing up to $15,000 to support a mentored pilot research project.

2025 Recipient



Elizabeth A. Flook, MD, PhD
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Project: *Resting-State Development of the Insula*
Mentor: Theodore Satterthwaite, MD

**The AACAP Pilot Research Award for General Psychiatry program was supported by AACAP and Alkermes, Inc. (2025 and 2026)*

AACAP Educational Outreach Program for General Psychiatry Residents, supported by AACAP's Endowment Fund

The AACAP Educational Outreach Program provides the opportunity for general psychiatry residents to receive a formal overview of child and adolescent psychiatry, establish mentor relationships with child and adolescent psychiatrists, and experience AACAP's Annual Meeting. Supported by AACAP's Endowment Fund, recipients receive $1,200 of financial assistance to experience AACAP's Annual Meeting.

Heather A. Addison, DO—Naval Medical Center (Portsmouth)

Esha Aneja, MD—University of Southern California/Los Angeles General Medical Center

Heidi M. Banh, MD, MS—UCLA Medical Center/VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Teresa M. Brown, MD—Cambridge Health Alliance

Tatum E. Burdo, MD, MPH—University at Buffalo

Kapil Chauhan, MD—Yale-New Haven Medical Center

Rishab Chawla, MD—University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Loren Cobb, MD—University of Minnesota

Paige Comerford, MD—UMass Chan Medical School

Austin Eason, MD—Tufts Medical Center

Natalie Eichner, MD, PhD—Duke University Hospital

Ryan J. Elliott, MD, MPH—University of California, San Diego

Kassidy Y. Kanja, MD—Kaiser Permanente Northern California (San Jose)

Stewart Lockett, MD—University of Mississippi Medical Center

Skylar Luu, MD—Rutgers Health/New Jersey Medical School

Jonathan T. Mathews, MD—University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals

Michael F. Mazzeo, MD—Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai/Morningside/West

Arthur M. McCarty, MD—Cone Health

Jessyca L. Naegele, MD—University of North Carolina Hospitals

Suren Najaryan, MD—University of California Riverside

Nkemdilim Ndubuizu, MD—Howard University

Nnenna E. Okafor, MD—University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics

Elif Ozan, MD—University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center

Sonal Sharda, MD, MHS—Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Lara Tang, MD—NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center

Katherine Trapani, MD—HCA Healthcare/TriStar Nashville/Centennial Medical Center

Larayeb Wazir, MD—New York Medical College/St. Mary and St. Clare

Kaleigh Wingate, MD, MS—Dartmouth-Hitchcock/ Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital

Muhammad Yusuf, MD—Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas

Lilian Zhan, DO—Texas A&M University Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine

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Thalia Adrian, MD—Memorial Healthcare System, Hollywood, Florida

Shreya Chadda, DO—University of Hawaii

Elizabeth Deya Hicks, DO—Maimonides Medical Center

Vanessa Fan, MD—Garnet Health Medical Center

Ryotaro Fukuda, MD, MS—University of California Davis Health

Laya Jalilian-Khave, MD—University of Colorado

Kevin Lam, MD—Rutgers Health/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Armin Munir, MD—Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University

Isreal Munoz, MD—University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Audrey D. Nguyen, MD, MPH—University of California, Los Angeles

Emily N. Ong, DO—Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium

Julia L. Versel MD, MS—Mass General Brigham/Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School

James B. Wise, MD—Cone Health

AACAP Educational Outreach Program for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residents, supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids

The AACAP Educational Outreach Program provides the opportunity for child and adolescent psychiatry residents to receive a formal overview of child and adolescent psychiatry, establish mentor relationships with child and adolescent psychiatrists, and experience AACAP's Annual Meeting. Supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids, recipients receive $1,200 of financial assistance to attend AACAP's Annual Meeting and must obtain a minimum of $300 of shared funding from a regional organization or institution.

Katherine A. Amano, MD, MA*—University of Utah Health

Danah Atassi, DO—Rutgers Health/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Caylan J. Bookman, MD—Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Caneisha D. Coburn, MD—University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Robin Du, MD, MPH—NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Abrar Ebady, MD—NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University/Weill Cornell Medicine

Hallie I. Geller, MD—UMass Chan Medical School

Shelby Giese, DO—Old Dominion University

Catherine A. Ha, MD—University of Southern California/Los Angeles General Medical Center (USC/LA General)

Sarah Hafuth, MD—SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

Cecilia N. Hollenhorst, MD—McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University/Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital

Claire E. Janes, MD—University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals

Carly Kawanishi, MD—University of Colorado

Younji Lee, MD—UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine/UCLA Medical Center

Moon Young Lee, DO—University of California, Irvine

Jason J. Li, MD—University of California, San Francisco

Mwamba T. Malekani, MD—Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Raul J. Martinez-McFaline, MD, PhD*—Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Sand Mastrangelo, MD—Boston Children's Hospital/Brigham and Women's Hospital

Sarah L. Moses, MD—University at Buffalo

Chaden Noureddine, MD—NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University/Weill Cornell Medicine

Jasmine M. Ogundipe, MD*—University of Utah Health

Oluwatofunmi A. Oshodi, MD, MEd—University of Miami/Jackson Health System

Sahana Rajan, MD—Stanford Health Care-Sponsored Stanford University

Danielle L.G. Rivera, MD—University of New Mexico School of Medicine

Jessica F. Sachs, MD—Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

AACAP Educational Outreach Program for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residents, supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids *(continued)*

Maria C. Shibatsuji, DO—Loma Linda University Health Education Consortium

Alana Slavin, MD, MSc—UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine/UCLA Medical Center

Brandon Trojanowski, MD—Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium

Lauren N. Tronick, MD—University of California, San Francisco

Aria D. Vitale, MD—Johns Hopkins University

Monique Waltman, MD—University of California Davis Health

**Triple Board/Post Pediatric Portal Resident*

AACAP Educational Outreach Program for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residents, supported by AACAP's Life Members Fund

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Shanique C. Bailey, MD—University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/Western Psychiatric Hospital

Rina Bhalodi, MD—Johns Hopkins University

Kelly J. Haller, MD—Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Susheel Khetarpal, MD, MS*—Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Mindy M. Kim, MD—University of California, San Francisco

Deirdre Martinez-Meehan, MD—Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Quy Tat, MD—University of Colorado

Diana V. Vo, MD—John Peter Smith Hospital (Tarrant County Hospital District)

**Triple Board/Post Pediatric Portal Resident*

AACAP Educational Outreach Program for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residents supported by AACAP's John E. Schowalter, MD, Endowment Fund

The AACAP Educational Outreach Program, supported by AACAP's John E. Schowalter, MD, Endowment Fund, provides the opportunity for one child and adolescent psychiatry resident to receive a formal overview of child and adolescent psychiatry, establish mentor relationships with child and adolescent psychiatrists, and experience AACAP's Annual Meeting. The recipient receives $1,200 of financial assistance to attend AACAP's Annual Meeting. The John E. Schowalter, MD, Endowment Fund was established in 2014 with a generous endowed gift from Frank A. Roberto, MD, to honor his Yale mentor, John E. Schowalter, MD.

Kalyan Tripathy, MD, PhD—University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/Western Psychiatric Hospital

AACAP Educational Outreach Program for Pediatric Residents, supported by AACAP's Life Members Fund

The AACAP Educational Outreach Program provides the opportunity for pediatric residents to receive a formal overview of child and adolescent psychiatry, establish mentor relationships with child and adolescent psychiatrists, and experience AACAP's Annual Meeting. Supported by AACAP's Life Members Fund, recipients receive $1,200 of financial assistance to experience AACAP's Annual Meeting.

David A. O'Connell, MD—McGaw Medical Center Northwestern University/Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital

Chuchitra Thanigaivasan, MD, MS—Detroit Wayne County Health Authority (Authority Health)

AACAP Mentorship Grants for Medical Students, supported by AACAP's Life Members Fund

Established in 2011, AACAP's Mentorship Grants for Medical Students, supported by AACAP's Life Members Fund, provide medical students the opportunity to receive a formal overview of child and adolescent psychiatry, establish mentor relationships with child and adolescent psychiatrists, and experience the AACAP Annual Meeting. Recipients engage with AACAP Life Members by attending the Life Members Clinical Perspectives and the Life Members Reception. Recipients receive $1,200 of financial assistance to attend AACAP's Annual Meeting.

Oluwabomi O. Adekoya, MS—California Health Sciences University

James M. Chua, MS—Touro University Nevada

Razaq Durodoye, PhD—Case Western Reserve University

Soumya Jaiswal, BS—University of Cincinnati

Aileen Navarrete, MPH—University of California, Irvine

Tram N. B. Nguyen, MS—Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Samuel A. Palmer, BA—Vanderbilt University

Isabel Rodriguez, MPH—University of North Carolina

Nandini Sarkar, BS—Pennsylvania State University

Katharine R. Torrey, BA—Emory University

Alexandros S. Tsobanoudis, BS—Kaiser Permanente

Grace E. Williamson, BS—University of Pennsylvania

AACAP Mentorship Grants for Medical Students, supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids

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Bhavya Appana, BA—The Ohio State University

Hashim Bangura, BS—Meharry Medical College*

Gloria E. Choi, MS—University of Illinois at Chicago

Noa Cohen-Kim, MPhil—Oregon Health and Science University

Monique I. Crum, BS—Temple University

Ann-Marie Derias, BS—University of Florida

Andrew S. Dissanayake—University of British Columbia**

Heidi Elnathan, MS—Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Kathryn Ezenwa, BS—George Washington University

Elizabeth C. Fuentes, BS— University at Buffalo

Matthew Gold, BA—University of Arizona

Sofia Herrera, MPH—University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Jasmine A. Hartsook, BFA—Washington State University

Maryam Khan, BS—Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Lilian G. Kilgore, BS—University of Alabama at Birmingham

Shaun Kohli, BS—Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Temitayo Lukan, BA—Howard University*

Connor J. O'Leary, BA—Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Bhavana Rai, BS—University of California, San Diego

Ankita Saxena, BA—State University of New York Upstate Medical University

Samar I. Shaqour, BS—University of California, San Francisco

Shaan Thakkar, BS—Saint Louis University

Lena A. Wood, BS—The University of Vermont

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AACAP Jeanne Spurlock, MD, Research Fellowship in Substance Use Disorders, supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids

The AACAP Jeanne Spurlock, MD, Research Fellowship in Substance Use Disorders, supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids, is named in honor of Jeanne Spurlock, MD, in recognition of her lifetime of opening doors for colleagues from diverse backgrounds and fostering career advances. This summer fellowship encourages outstanding medical students to pursue research careers in substance use disorders and child and adolescent psychiatry, or supports students whose research in the aforementioned practice areas focuses on vulnerable populations. The fellowships are administered through AACAP's Department of Research, Grants, and Workforce, AACAP's Substance Use Committee, under the direction of Scott Hunter, MD, MHS, and Patrice Malone, MD, along with AACAP's Diversity and Culture Committee, under the direction of Brandon Newsome, MD, and Deepika Shaligram, MD.



Sanjana Baliga, BS
California Northstate University
Project: *Adolescent Experiences of Reward, Cravings, and Cannabis Use During GLP-1 Treatment in a Pediatric Weight Management and Diabetes Program*
Mentor: Sivabalaji Kaliamurthy, MD, Children's National Hospital



Debora Chrispin, MPH, MS
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (Middletown)
Project: *Race/Ethnicity, Mobile-Health Intervention Engagement, and Clinical Outcomes for Young Adults with ADHD*
Mentors: Aiden Williard, BA and Traci Kennedy, PhD, and Shinny-Yi "Cindy" Chou, MD, PhD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center



Alejandro De Los Angeles, DPhil, MPH, MS
University of Central Florida
Project: *Problematic Gaming, Help-Seeking, and Family Factors Among Asian American and Pacific Islander Youth: A Scoping Review and Community-Informed Webinar Initiative*
Mentor: Eunice Y. Yuen, MD, PhD, Yale University



Darius M. Hardie, BS
William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Project: *GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for Adolescent Mood Disorders, Obesity, and Substance-Use Vulnerability: A Focused Review*
Mentor: Iliyan Ivanov, MD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai



Erick Regalado, BS
University of California, San Diego
Project: *The Interaction of Cannabis and Family History of Psychosis Predict Conversion to Psychosis at Long-Term Follow-up in Clinical High-Risk Youth*
Mentor: Kristin S. Cadenhead, MD, University of California, San Diego

AACAP Summer Medical Student Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids, Break the Cycle Initiative

The AACAP Summer Medical Student Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, supported by AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids, Break the Cycle Initiative, offers an opportunity for medical students to explore a career in child and adolescent psychiatry, gain valuable work experience, and meet leaders in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry. The fellowship opportunity provides up to $3,500 for 12 weeks of clinical or research training under a child and adolescent psychiatrist mentor. The fellowships are administered through AACAP's Department of Research, Grants, and Workforce, AACAP's Committee on Medical Students and Residents, under the direction of Mollie Marr, MD, PhD, and Aria Vitale, MD along with AACAP's Training and Education Committee, under the direction of Isheeta Zalpuri, MD, and Edwin Williamson, MD.



Kevin H. Bao, BA
Johns Hopkins University
Project: *Binge Eating Behaviors are Prospectively Associated with Lower Cognitive Performance in Adolescence*
Mentor: Amanda Downey, MD, University of California, San Francisco



Isabel Betances, BS
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Project: *Examining the Relationship between ADHD and Online Engagement with Suicide or Self-Injury-Related Content Prior to Hospital Presentations for Self-harm*
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