Second annual Weill Symposium to focus on modern psychiatry

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Staff reports

The 2018 UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences Symposium [1], hosted by Weill Cornell Medicine, will be held on Friday, November 9, in New York City. Bringing together neuroscientists from Weill Cornell Medicine and the University of California, San Francisco, "New Tools, New Hope: The Modern Face of Psychiatry" will examine the current landscape of psychiatry-related neuroscience research, highlighting recent advances and discussing key challenges facing the field.

The Weill Neurosciences Symposium series brings together leaders in science and medicine to showcase innovative research, inspiring ideas, and highlight new paths toward discovery. Each symposium takes on a different theme, offering a renewed focus on key issues and disease areas across the neurosciences. Last year's inaugural event [2] focused on neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and ALS.

This year's symposium will be moderated by Francis Lee, MD, PhD [3], the Mortimer D. Sackier MD Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine, and Matthew W. State, MD, PhD [4], the Oberndorf Family Distinguished Professor and chair of the UCSF Department of Psychiatry.

The daylong event will feature a number of speakers from both institutions, including UCSF Psychiatry department members Lisa Gunaydin, PhD [5]; Mazen Kheirbek, PhD [6]; Eirene Markenscoff-Papadimitriou, PhD [7]; Stephan Sanders, BMBS, PhD [8]; Vikaas Sohal, MD, PhD [9]; Mark von Zastrow, MD, PhD [10]; Helen Willsey, PhD [11]; and Jeremy Willsey, PhD [12]. Closing remarks will also be delivered in part by UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences director Stephen Hauser, MD [13].

Those unable to travel to New York to attend the symposium are invited to watch online via a l ive Zoom broadcast

[14]. The entire event will also be recording for future viewing.

About UCSF Psychiatry

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry [15], UCSF Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics [16], and the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute are among the nation's foremost resources in the fields of child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric mental health. Together they constitute one of the largest departments in the UCSF School of Medicine and the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences, with a mission focused on research (basic, translational, clinical), teaching, patient care, and public service.

UCSF Psychiatry conducts its clinical, educational and research efforts at a variety of locations in Northern California, including UCSF campuses at Parnassus Heights, Mission Bay and Laurel Heights, UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco VA Health Care System, and UCSF Fresno.

About the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences

The UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences [17], established by the extraordinary generosity of Joan and Sanford I. "Sandy" Weill, brings together world-class researchers with top-ranked physicians to solve some of the most complex challenges in the human brain.

The UCSF Weill Institute leverages UCSF?s unrivaled bench-to-bedside excellence in the neurosciences. It unites three UCSF departments?Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurological Surgery?that are highly esteemed for both patient care and research, as well as the Neuroscience Graduate Program, a cross-disciplinary alliance of nearly 100 UCSF faculty members from 15 basic-science departments, as well as the UCSF Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases, a multidisciplinary research center focused on finding effective treatments for Alzheimer?s disease, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson?s disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

About UCSF

UC San Francisco (UCSF) [18] is a leading university dedicated to promoting health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. It includes top-ranked graduate schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy; a graduate division with nationally renowned programs in basic, biomedical, translational and population sciences; and a preeminent biomedical research enterprise.

It also includes UCSF Health [19], which comprises three top-ranked hospitals ? UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children?s Hospitals in San Francisco [20] and Oakland [21] ? as well as Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics, UCSF Benioff Children?s Physicians, and the UCSF Faculty Practice. UCSF Health has affiliations with hospitals and health organizations throughout the Bay Area. UCSF faculty also provide all physician care at the public Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, and the San

Francisco VA Medical Center. The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program is a major branch of the University of California, San Francisco?s School of Medicine.

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[1] https://weill.ucsf.edu/initiatives/weill-neurosciences-symposium
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