

Four chosen as 2020 Grand Rounds Trainee Research Award honorees

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2020 Grand Rounds Trainee Research Award honorees (clockwise from top left): Samantha Abram, PhD [2]; Kirsten Bobrow, MBChB, DPhil [3]; Helen Willsey, PhD [4]; and Ali Mohebi, PhD [5]

Four early career researchers from the UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences have been selected to present their scholarship and research at Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds events later this spring as part of a series designed to highlight the work of senior trainees (e.g., residents, child psychiatry fellows, psychology trainees, postdoctoral fellows) at or near the end of their training and help launch their academic careers. Special Grand Rounds sessions in April and May 2020 will each feature formal presentations from two of the selected trainees, followed by a period for questions and discussion with audience members.

Congratulations to the trainees below, who will present their research work on the following dates:

- Samantha Abram, PhD [2] (postdoctoral research scholar, mentored by Susanna Fryer, PhD)

[6]) ? "Reward Processing Electrophysiology in Schizophrenia: Effects of Age and Illness Phase" (May 12 [7])

- Kirsten Bobrow, MBChB, DPhil [3] (postdoctoral research fellow in the Center for Population Brain Health, mentored by Kristine Yaffe, MD [8]) ? "Established and Emerging Modifiable Risk Factors for Dementia in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: South Africa as an Example" (April 21 [9])
- Ali Mohebi, PhD [5] (postdoctoral research scholar, mentored by Joshua Berke, PhD [10]) ? "Dissociable Dopamine Dynamics for Learning and Motivation" (May 12 [7])
- Helen Willsey, PhD [4] (postdoctoral research scholar, mentored by Matthew State, MD, PhD [11]) ? "Understanding Autism Pathobiology Using Frogs" (April 21 [9])

Now in its seventh year, the UCSF Psychiatry Grand Rounds Trainee Research Award annually selects trainees conducting notable and advanced research through a competitive application process. In addition to presenting their scholarship and research at Grand Rounds events, the recipients will receive additional mentorship and guidance from faculty, the opportunity to discuss their work with department leadership, and special recognition at graduation.

About UCSF Psychiatry

The UCSF Department of Psychiatry [12], UCSF Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics [13], 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 [14], 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

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It also includes UCSF Health [16], which comprises three top-ranked hospitals ? UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children?s Hospitals in San Francisco [17] and Oakland [18] ? 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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