

WPS Awards Bios to for Awards Event – April 28

Anjali Gupta is the recipient of the Community Service Award. She is quickly becoming well-known within WPS, as recent presenter at a CLM program on Life After Residency and as an active member of the Membership Committee. Community service is an important part of her life. She has taken a leadership role in a wide range of activities in mental health, charitable fundraising, community projects, the art and much more. In addition, she is a writer, speaker and wellness expert. Dr. Gupta is on the adjunct faculty Georgetown. (Navmeet Sidhu)

Faisal Akram and **Fahad Mukhtar** collaborated on a research project on Predictors of Civil and Forensic Inpatient Psychiatric Readmissions at the Public Mental Health Hospital. They based the project on their work at Saint Elizabeths. The paper was published in Psychiatry Research with high ratings. It was conceptualized and coordinated by residents, with Drs. Akram and Mukhtar playing key roles. They are very deserving of this award for Resident Research Paper of the Year. (Farooq Mohyuddin)

Cristina Secarea, Early Career Psychiatrist of the Year, has been a strong advocate for psychiatry since her residency. She serves as an Assembly Delegate from WPS. She is the recipient of the Resner Award for academic achievement in forensic psychiatry. She has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of patients during COVID-19. She teaches new Fellows at Saint Elizabeths and is president of the Washington Psychoanalytic Society. Dr. Secarea is also an active and involved member of the WPS Advocacy Committee. (Eliot Sorel)

Lauren Pengrin, Early Psychiatrist of the Year, has distinguished herself as an active and involved RFM, and now Early Career Psychiatrist. She graduated from Saint Elizabeths residency program and transitioned to a position as a faculty member and attending supervisor in an outpatient setting. Dr. Pengrin is an advocate for resident/fellow wellness and physician medical and psychiatric wellness. (Lorenzo Norris)

John Fatollahi is this year's Resident of the Year. His work as Associate Editor of Capital Psychiatrist has been exceptional. He always is willing to take on tough challenges, such as writing a book review. He has helped solicit material for the magazine and has always performed in a prompt, conscientious and courteous manner. WPS is saddened to lose John this summer when his new post-graduate fellowship takes him to sunny San Diego. (Gerald Perman)

Mani Yavi is receiving a Special Recognition Award for Research and Advocacy. He has demonstrated extraordinary and diverse expertise and energy as a co-chair of the WPS CLM program, but also has a very involved member of the Advocacy Committee, serving as WPS Rep to MSDC. He just completed a term as Deputy RFM Rep from Area 3. He has taken a lead role in legislative issues, including writing testimony. A Clinical Research Fellow at NIMH, he recently

presented research on Novel Therapeutics in Mood Disorders and Insights on Clinical Psychiatry Research, at a CLM meeting. (Joe Collins)

Ramia Gupta has taken on the challenging job of being Membership Chair for WPS. Her leadership has taken her well-beyond the usual work of following up with dropped members. She has helped the committee focus on member engagement, as evidenced the very successful Critical Conversations virtual events and recently launched WPS Peer Collaboration Group program. Four groups are ready to start meeting in May. Dr. Gupta is in private practice in Virginia. (Catherine May)

Matt Rudorfer leads the WPS CME Committee with dignity, diligence and good humor. He has served on the committee for 4 years, the last 2 as chair. He has steered the committee through the challenges of creating virtual events to replace live events. He has tirelessly worked to develop timely, interesting and educational programs. The Committee has added monthly virtual CME events that are truly appreciated by the members. Dr. Rudorfer works at NIMH. (Anne Marie Dietrich)

Lorenzo Norris has worked with committee members to create and energize an effective Communications Committee. Under his leadership, WPS re-designed its e-newsletter and launched Capital Psychiatry, WPS' quarterly magazine. He has also served as the president of the DC chapter and has focused his energy this year on revitalizing the chapter. Dr. Norris is very busy with his work at GW, including being an Associate Professor, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, and Medical Director of Psychiatric and Behavioral Sciences. (Steven Israel)

Jan Hutchinson is passionate about mental health issues. She has actively engaged the new Advocacy Committee in dealing with key legislative issues. Also, however, she has raised members' sensitivity to the more vexing societal issues impacting mental health. She is a long-time WPS member, serving for many years as the WPS Federal Legislative Representative. (Walter Bland)

Phil Candilis served as WPS President from 2019-2020, a time of transition and regrouping within WPS. He gave many hours of his personal time to WPS work and his dedication and diligence is appreciated. Dr. Candilis is Director of Medical Affairs at Saint Elizabeths. He is a medical educator, administrator and consultant specializing in mental health treatment and forensic assessment. (Farooq Mohyuddin)

Farooq Mohyuddin has led WPS with vision and professionalism and is truly deserving of a special award for Excellence in Leadership. In his term as presidency, he set out clear goals. He worked in a collaborative way with the board and management. This approach helped to ensure that WPS' strong position, both financially and in terms of member involvement. He succeeded in building a strong committee structure. Under his leadership, WPS has again started to work collaboratively with MPS and PSV, returning to the shared lobbyist arrangement. Dr. Mohyuddin is the Director of the Psychiatry Training Program at Saint Elizabeths. (Eindra Khin Khin)

Steve Israel has played pivotal role in WPS over the last few years. As WPS Treasurer, he took on the challenge of truly understanding the financial state of WPS. He was able to recommend and help implement a course of action that allowed for a speedy restoration of fiscal health. Psychiatrist of the Year is an award befitting his efforts. Dr. Israel is in private practice in Rockville., treating adults and adolescents. (Constance Dunlap)