CONGRATULATIONS TO FUTURE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

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Donna Kempt is leaving the PSC on Friday March 14th. She has been the clinic receptionist and has contributed to the daily function of the clinic. Although she has worked only half-time, she has been the consistent face of the clinic to the surrounding community over the last 2 years. Much of the work that Donna has done has been “behind the scenes”, and her nature is to be very humble anyway. However, those that worked with her closely are aware of the tremendous amount of work that Donna has put in to keeping the clinic running smoothly and bettering it as well. She has also played a role in helping Shannon keep her sanity with her calm demeanor and willingness to learn about anything from psychological assessment materials to budgets to reaching out to local schools in the area. But what really stands out is the warm, welcoming way she greets people who enter the PSC, and her generous nature in wanting to help out others. Many a time she assisted Cecilia and Erika in various clinical area activities. She has always been a support to the faculty and staff, and to the students especially. Donna is leaving the PSC to continue her contribution to her religious community, the Focolare. They have decided that her ministry is needed elsewhere. We are having a small gathering at the PSC at noon on her last day. Come by and say goodbye. If you cannot make it, please see Erika to sign the card. We wish you well Donna in your next stop. Thank you for lending your hand to the PSC and sharing your beautiful smile with us. We will miss you!
This talk presents a series of studies examining culturally-grounded risk and protective factors in the lives of Latino youth and their families living in an emerging immigrant community. In terms of risk factors, discrimination serves to predict greater depressive symptoms concurrently and longitudinally in two separate samples of Latino youth, and significant moderators that place youth at risk for experiencing depressive are discussed. On the other hand, familial cultural values serve as a promotive factor for these youth as it predicts better psychosocial outcomes.
The “TIPS” Early Intervention in psychosis study, outcome and development of evidence based services

Over the years the question rose whether detecting psychosis earlier could improve prognosis. Perhaps “applying existing schizophrenia treatments as soon as possible in the course of the disorder may slow or stop deterioration” (McGlashan & Johannessen, 1996). The Scandinavian early Treatment and Intervention in Psychosis Study (TIPS) engineered an early detection (ED) of psychosis programme that sought to reduce the duration of untreated psychosis (DUP) through early detection teams and extensive information campaigns. The lecture will describe the rationale for the TIPS study, and will present examples of the different components of the ED system.
Announcements:

Obesity Stigma Symposium:

Obesity Stigma: Psychological, Social, and Medical Causes and Consequences is a interdisciplinary research symposium on Friday, May 30, 2014 that will draw on fields of psychology, medicine, and sociology to present a comprehensive view of obesity stigma. The event is free (including a free lunch) and open to the public and is funded by the UCLA Office of Interdisciplinary & Cross Campus Affairs. More information, including registration, is available here:

http://www.dishlab.org/obesitystigmasymposium.php

Gerald Davison Award:

A plaque plus a monetary gift in the amount of $200.00 will be awarded to a student based on excellence in writing as judged by faculty based on a student’s first authored publications or in-press papers reflecting work completed at USC during the past academic year (May 2013-March 2014). The award will be granted during the upcoming Leibovitz Conference. If you would like to be considered for this award, please prepare your paper to be submitted to Erika Quinly. (Deadline TBD)