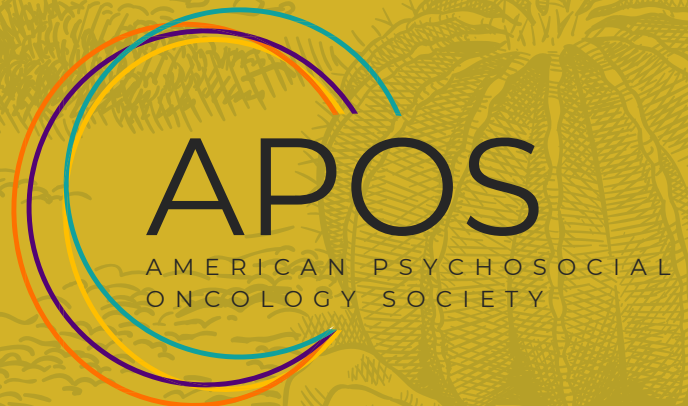


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APOS 2024

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PROGRAM BOOK





SHARLA WELLS-DI GREGORIO, PHD APOS PRESIDENT

WELCOME TO THE APOS 2024 CONFERENCE. WE ARE SO EXCITED YOU ARE HERE!

SINCE OUR LAST CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND, OREGON, APOS HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK FOR YOU. WE NOW HAVE A NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE THANKS TO THE DEDICATION OF JOE GREER, PHD, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRAD MCALISTER, AND OUR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT TEAM. THE WEBSITE FEATURES MANY NEW RESOURCES AND BEST OF ALL – IMAGES OF OUR BELOVED MEMBERS SPENDING TIME TOGETHER AT PAST CONFERENCES. WE HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH TRUSTED PROVIDER NETWORK (TPN.HEALTH) TO HOST OUR WEBINARS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL CONTENT. THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL ALLOW US TO EXTEND OUR REACH TO OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND EXPAND OUR PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY WORKFORCE – A PRESSING NEED IN THE FACE OF AN AGING POPULATION AND SHRINKING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS. OUR PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY VIRTUAL ACADEMY HAS BEEN LAUNCHED WITH OVER 50 PROVIDERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THIS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THANKS TO PARTNERSHIPS WITH EVERNORTH AND MOUNTAINS OF HOPE IN WEST VIRGINIA. OUR GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IN 7 KEY STATES THAT HAVE BEEN DEFINED AS MENTAL HEALTH CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS (HPSAS) AND HIGH RATES OF CANCER MORTALITY.

I'D LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO JESSICA VANDERLAN, PHD, CONFERENCE CHAIR, KARA MOELLER, PARTHENON MANAGEMENT, AND THE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATING A FANTASTIC CONFERENCE THIS YEAR. THE THEME, ADVANCING PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY WITHIN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE, ACKNOWLEDGES THE MANY CHANGES AND CHALLENGES FACED BY OUR MEMBERS. THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD LASTING EFFECTS ON HOW WE PROVIDE CARE, ENGAGE WITHIN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, AND CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER. THESE CHANGES AND CURRENT WORLD EVENTS CALL FOR INCREASED COMPASSION AND PRESENT MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PROFESSION TO IMPROVE WELL-BEING IN OUR RESPECTIVE SPACES. WITH THIS IN MIND, APOS HAS ESTABLISHED RECOMMENDED BENCHMARKS FOR PRODUCTIVITY IN ACADEMIC SETTINGS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT APOS SURVEY FOCUSED ON PROVIDER BURNOUT. WE HOPE TO CARRY THIS WORK FORWARD FOR OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUPS ENGAGED WITH APOS INCLUDING OUR NURSES, PSYCHIATRISTS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS. IMPORTANTLY, THE LANDSCAPE IS ALSO CHANGING WITH RESPECT TO THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COUNTRY AND OUR MEMBERS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE TO KEEP PACE WITH THIS GROWTH AND REPRESENT DIVERSE AND UNDERREPRESENTED MEMBERS AND CHAMPION DEI PRIORITIES OF APOS. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THIS COMMITTEE.

AS I CLOSE MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF APOS, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW IMPORTANT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN TO MY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING. I'M SO FORTUNATE TO CALL APOS MY PROFESSIONAL HOME. THROUGH APOS, I'VE FORGED SO MANY WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS, AND PROJECTS THAT WILL HOPEFULLY SERVE OUR MEMBERS FOR YEARS TO COME. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND HOPE THAT IT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A SENSE OF RENEWAL, REFLECTION, AND COMPASSION. IF YOU ARE MID OR LATE-CAREER, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO SAY HELLO TO OUR MANY NEW AND EARLY CAREER MEMBERS AND ENJOY SOME OF THE CONFERENCE OFFERINGS TAILORED SPECIFICALLY FOR YOU (MID-CAREER PEER NETWORK MEETING AND DR. BILIMORIA PLENARY). WELCOME NEW AND EARLY CAREER MEMBERS – PLEASE SAY HELLO. ENJOY YOUR CONFERENCE AND TIME IN ALBUQUERQUE!

SINCERELY,

SHARLA WELLS-DI GREGORIO, PHD, FAPOS
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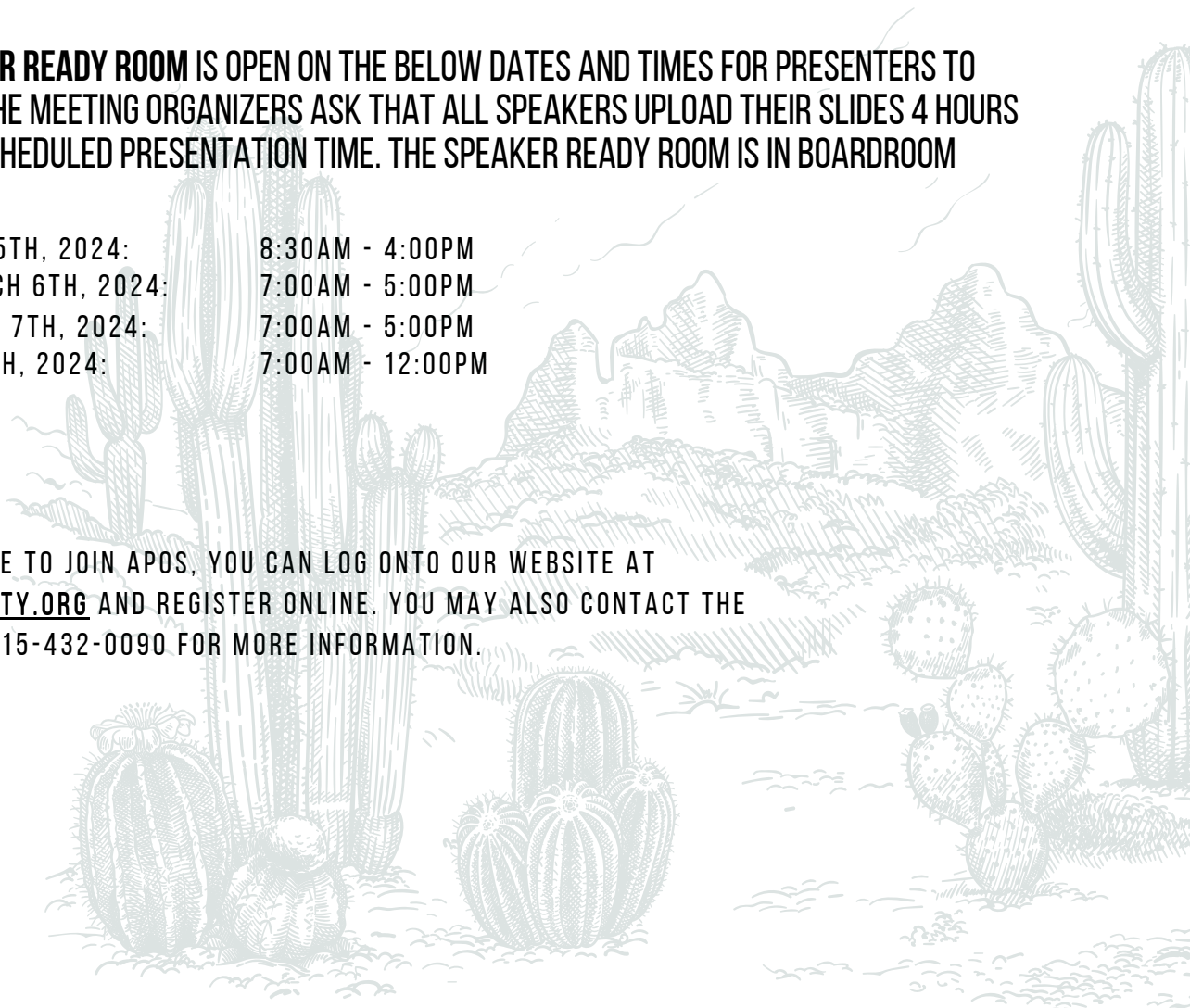
TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2024:	9:00AM - 5:00PM
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THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2024:	7:00AM - 5:00PM
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4 PM - 11 PM, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MERCANTILE

7 AM - 2 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

LITTLE BEAR

7 AM - 2 PM DAILY

LOCAL DINNING

FRIENDS' COFFEE & SANDWICH SHOP - 3 MIN WALK FROM HOTEL

7:30 AM- 2 PM- MONDAY- FRIDAY

JC'S NEW YORK PIZZA- 5 MIN WALK FROM HOTEL

11 AM - 10 PM DAILY

BOURBON & BOOTS- 3 MIN WALK FROM HOTEL

5 PM - 2 AM MONDAY-FRIDAY

SISTER- 3 MIN WALK FROM HOTEL

4 PM - 11 PM DAILY



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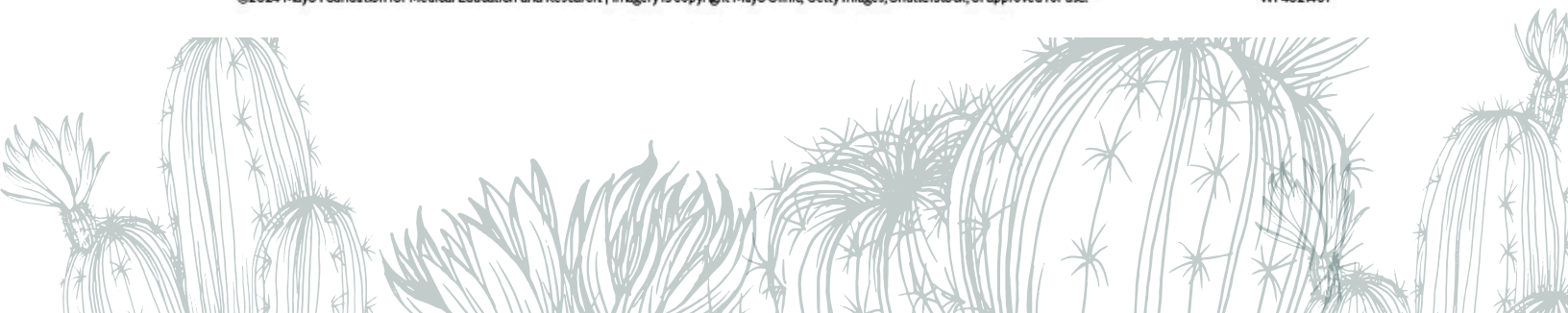
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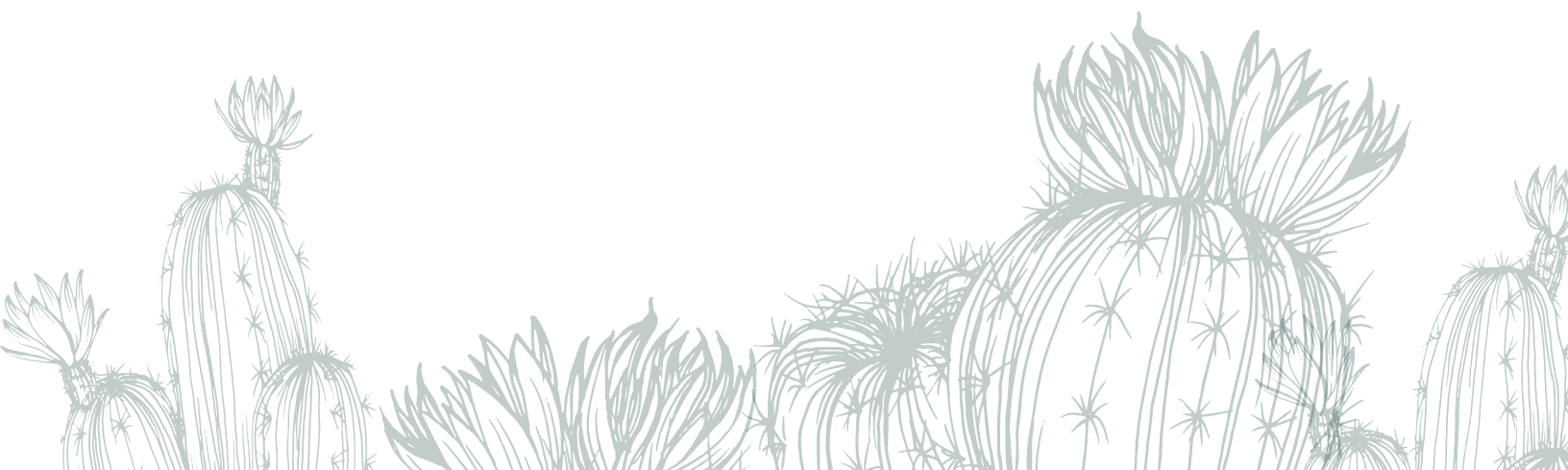
More expertise simply leads to better outcomes.”- **Raed Al-Rajabi, MD**

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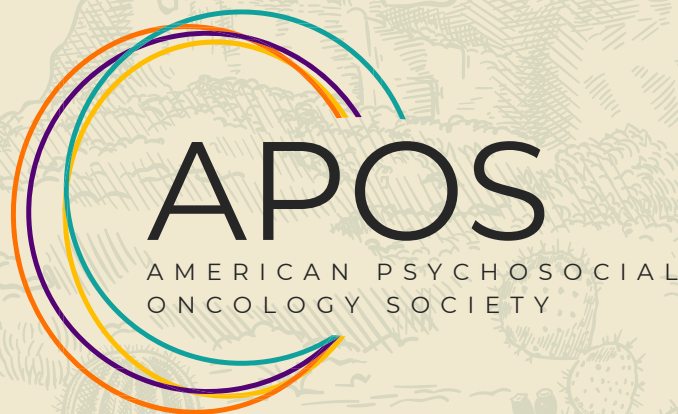
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 5th

REGISTRATION

9:00AM - 5:00PM | ATRIUM

SPEAKER READY ROOM

8:30AM - 4:00PM | BOARD ROOM NORTH

WORKSHOPS

12:00PM - 4:00PM

ENCHANTMENT BALLROOM A-B, PHARMACOLOGY AND PRESCRIBING BASICS: WHAT EVERY NON-PRESCRIBER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MEDICATIONS

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 6th

REGISTRATION, SPONSOR EXHIBITS & MORNING COFFEE

7:00 AM - 5:30 PM | REGISTRATION

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM | MORNING COFFEE

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM | SPONSOR EXHIBITS, ATRIUM

SPEAKER READY ROOM

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM | BOARDROOM NORTH

SESSIONS

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS AND AWARDS & DR. LAURA SIMINOFF

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA & PODIUM SESSION

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM LUNCH ON OWN

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM HEALTH EQUITY SCHOLARS

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM BEST OF THE BEST ORAL PRESENTATIONS

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM POSTER SESSION I

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA & PODIUM SESSION

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM WELCOME RECEPTION



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 7th

REGISTRATION, SPONSOR EXHIBITS & MORNING COFFEE

7:00AM - 6:00 PM | REGISTRATION

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | MORNING COFFEE

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | DECOMPRESSION SESSION

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM | SPONSOR EXHIBITS, ATRIUM

SPEAKER READY ROOM

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM | BOARDROOM NORTH

SESSIONS

8:30AM - 9:30 AM WELCOME & DR. DIANE BILIMORIA

9:45 AM - 11:15 AM CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA & PODIUM SESSION

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM COLLABORATION CAFE

12:45 PM - 2:15 PM CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA & PODIUM SESSION

2:15PM - 3:15 PM POSTER SESSION II

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA & PODIUM SESSION



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8th

REGISTRATION, SPONSOR EXHIBITS & MORNING COFFEE

7:30 AM - 12:30 PM | REGISTRATION

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM | MORNING COFFEE

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM | SPONSOR EXHIBITS, ATRIUM

SPEAKER READY ROOM

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM | BOARDROOM NORTH

SESSIONS

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10:15 AM - 11:45 AM CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA & PODIUM SESSION

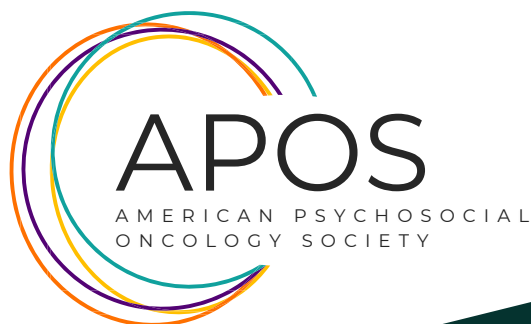
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM CLOSING SESSION



Conference Objectives

AFTER ATTENDING THE 2024 CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- EDUCATION/TRAINING. DEFINE TRAINING PRIORITIES FOR THE FIELD OF PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY THAT REFLECT THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF CANCER CARE AND THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR PROGRAMS AND TRAINEES. THIS INCLUDES SPECIAL FOCUS ON NETWORKING TO FACILITATE MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AND PROGRAM GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND EXPANDING PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY TRAINING TO IMPROVE ACCESS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.
- CLINICAL PRACTICE. REDEFINE THE ROLE OF THE PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY CLINICIAN AND HOW WE DELIVER CANCER CARE, WITH A FOCUS ON BUILDING A COMMUNITY WITHIN AND ACROSS CANCER CARE SETTINGS. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS OFFERING TOOLS AND RECEIVING MENTORSHIP AROUND EVOLVING MODELS OF CARE AND STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE CLINICIAN RESILIENCE.
- RESEARCH. IDENTIFY INNOVATIVE MODELS FOR EXTENDING THE REACH OF PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE TO ALL IMPACTED BY CANCER. SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON NOVEL AND SUSTAINABLE DIGITAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS WITH POTENTIAL FOR WIDE IMPLEMENTATION AND THE GOAL OF ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ALL PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND CAREGIVERS.
- ADVOCACY. TRANSLATE SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY - FROM POLICY LEVEL TO PROFESSIONAL WELLNESS AND PATIENT ADVOCATE INCLUSION - FOSTERING THE DIVERSE VIEWS AND EXPERTISE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

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THE JIMMIE HOLLAND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LORI WIENER, PHD, DCSW, FAPA, FAPOS

LORI WIENER, PHD, IS CO-DIRECTOR OF THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CORE AND HEAD OF THE PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND RESEARCH PROGRAM AT THE PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI). AS BOTH A CLINICIAN AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST, DR. WIENER HAS DEDICATED HER CAREER TO THE FIELDS OF ONCOLOGY AND PEDIATRIC HIV/AIDS. AT THE NCI, SHE HAS DEVELOPED A ROBUST CLINICAL AND RESEARCH PROGRAM THAT HAS FOCUSED ON CRITICAL CLINICAL ISSUES SUCH AS PARENTAL COPING, LONE PARENTING, TRANSNATIONAL PARENTING, SIBLING AND SIBLING DONOR EXPERIENCES, GRAPH VERSUS HOST DISEASE, AND END-OF-LIFE PLANNING. DR. WIENER HAS ALSO DEDICATED A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF HER CAREER TO APPLYING KNOWLEDGE FROM HER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL STUDIES TO CREATE INNOVATIVE RESOURCES SUCH AS BOOKS, WORKBOOKS, THERAPEUTIC GAMES AND AN ADVANCE CARE PLANNING GUIDE FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND YOUNG ADULTS. EACH OF THESE RESOURCES ARE DISTRIBUTED WORLDWIDE AND WIDELY UTILIZED IN PEDIATRIC CENTERS.

DR. WIENER PROUDLY LED THE TEAM THAT HAS DEVELOPED THE FIRST EVIDENCE-BASED PSYCHOSOCIAL STANDARDS OF CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. SHE HAS OVER 270 PUBLICATIONS SPANNING PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS. DR. WIENER HAS CO-EDITED THE TEXTBOOKS PEDIATRIC PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY: A QUICK REFERENCE ON THE PSYCHOSOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF CANCER SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT AND PEDIATRIC PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY: TEXTBOOK FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE, CO-AUTHORED A STORYBOOK, THE GIFT OF GERBERT'S FEATHERS, TO HELP CHILDREN THROUGH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR A NATURAL END OF LIFE AND MORE RECENTLY, CO-EDITED A SPECIAL ISSUE IN CHILDREN ON PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH A RARE CONDITION.

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THE RUTH MCCORKLE EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH MENTORSHIP AWARD

BARBARA JONES, PHD, MSW, FAPOS

DR. BARBARA JONES, PHD, MSW IS DEAN AND PROFESSOR AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. PRIOR TO JOINING BUSSW, SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY AND LEADERSHIP AT THE UT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS. AT UT AUSTIN, JONES SERVED AS UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, LOCKHART MEMORIAL PROFESSOR, FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR COLLABORATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH AND PRACTICE, AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS. SHE WAS ALSO A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AND INAUGURAL CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOCIAL WORK AT UT AUSTIN'S DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

JONES EARNED HER PHD AND MSW FROM THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY AND PRACTICED AS A CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER FOR 15 YEARS. SHE IS CURRENTLY ON THE NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS FOR THE CAMBIA HEALTH FOUNDATION SOJOURNS SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND ACS'S CENTER FOR DIVERSITY IN RESEARCH TRAINING. HER RESEARCH, SUPPORTED BY GRANTS FROM NIH AND ACS, FOCUSES ON IMPROVING CARE FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER.

IN ADDITION TO CO-EDITING 3 BOOKS IN ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE AND PUBLISHING MORE THAN 130 ARTICLES IN TOP-TIER JOURNALS, JONES IS A PAST RECIPIENT OF THE APOSW SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD AND IS A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL WELFARE. SHE WAS THE FIRST SOCIAL WORKER TO RECEIVE THE ACS PATHFINDER IN PALLIATIVE CARE AWARD. SHE IS A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AND FELLOW OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF PRACTICE AND IS A 2023 FELLOW OF BOTH APOS AND AOSW. SHE HAS MENTORED DOZENS OF SCHOLARS FROM MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES IN ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP.

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THE MATTHEW J. LOSCALZO OUTSTANDING EDUCATION & TRAINING AWARD

WILLIAM REDD, PHD, FAPOS

DR. REDD HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN RESEARCH ON PSYCHOSOCIAL-ONCOLOGY AND CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS AND IS CREDITED FOR INTRODUCING BEHAVIORAL PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE TO RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PRACTICE IN CANCER SUPPORTIVE CARE. HIS MOST RECENT RESEARCH ON CONTROLLING CANCER-RELATED FATIGUE HAS DRAWN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION, INCLUDING INVITATIONS TO PRESENT AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS SUCH AS THE BIOTECHNOLOGY WORLD CONGRESS, THE WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ACADEMY, AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE, ALONG WITH TWO ARTICLES (2016, 2018) AND AN INTERVIEW (2018) WITH THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS HE HAS LECTURED AT ELEVEN UNIVERSITIES AND/OR MEDICAL CENTERS. FOR 40 YEARS HE HAS HAD NIH RESEARCH SUPPORT AND A SERIES OF FIVE NIH K-05 RESEARCH SCIENTIST AWARDS. HIS CURRENT RESEARCH EXAMINES: 1) THE CONTRIBUTION OF CIRCADIAN RHYTHM DISRUPTION IN CANCER-RELATED SOMATIC AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS AND 2) THE ROLE OF SYSTEMATIC LIGHT EXPOSURE AND PROGRAMMED ENVIRONMENTAL ILLUMINATION TO AMELIORATE NEGATIVE SEQUELA OF CANCER AND ITS TREATMENT. HIS MISSION IS TO APPLY BEHAVIORAL PRINCIPLES TO UNDERSTAND AND TREAT NEGATIVE SEQUELA OF CANCER AND ITS TREATMENT.

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THE AVERY D. WEISMAN & J. WILLIAM WORDEN AWARD FOR NEW INVESTIGATORS **ANAO ZHANG, PHD, LCSW, ACSW, ACBT**

ANAO ZHANG, PHD, LCSW, ACSW, ACBT, IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND THE CLINICAL RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF THE ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS (AYA) ONCOLOGY PROGRAM AT MICHIGAN MEDICINE. ZHANG IS A HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONIST WITH A PRIMARY RESEARCH INTEREST IN PSYCHOSOCIAL-ONCOLOGY AND AYA CANCER SURVIVORSHIP. AN INTERVENTION RESEARCHER BY TRAINING, ZHANG CONTEXTUALIZES HIS WORK USING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF YOUTH HEALTH FRAMEWORK AND AIMS TO DEVELOP AND DELIVER INTEGRATED AND EMPIRICALLY SUPPORTED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH CO-MORBID PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, E.G., AYA CANCER SURVIVORS WITH DEPRESSION. TO DATE, DR. ZHANG HAS PUBLISHED 72 PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND OBTAINED 1 MILLION IN EXTERNAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT HIS RESEARCH. ZHANG USES ADVANCED STATISTICAL METHODS TO SUPPORT HIS RESEARCH, INCLUDING META-ANALYSIS, STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELING, CAUSAL INFERENCE, AND MACHINE LEARNING. ZHANG SERVES AS AN ASSOCIATE EDITOR FOR THE JOURNAL OF PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY, CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AT THE AYA CANCER ALLIANCE, AND AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE CURTIS CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH AND TRAINING AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

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THE OUTSTANDING CLINICAL CARE AWARD

AMANDA THOMPSON, PHD

FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES, DR. THOMPSON HAS DEDICATED HER CAREER AS A PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGIST TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY CANCER. SHE COMPLETED HER PH.D. IN CLINICAL-DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, HER PREDOCTORAL RESIDENCY AT NEMOURS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN WILMINGTON, DE, AND HER POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN COLUMBUS, OH. DR. THOMPSON THEN SPENT A DECADE AS DIRECTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES IN THE CENTER FOR CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS AT CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HOSPITAL IN WASHINGTON DC, BUILDING WORLD-CLASS PSYCHOSOCIAL TEAMS AND TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGISTS. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS CHIEF OF PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGY AND DIRECTOR OF PEDIATRIC PROGRAMS AT LIFE WITH CANCER, THE PSYCHOSOCIAL PROGRAM OF THE INOVA SCHAR CANCER INSTITUTE IN FAIRFAX, VA.

DR. THOMPSON HAS A NATIONAL PRESENCE AS AN AUTHOR OF THE STANDARDS OF PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND THEIR FAMILIES AND AS PROJECT LEAD ON DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETENCIES FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS IN PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS CO-CHAIR OF APOS'S PEDIATRICS/AYA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP, APA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PEDIATRICS DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE, AND A BOARD MEMBER ON THE PEDIATRICS COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE. WITH A PASSION FOR PEDIATRIC PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, DR. THOMPSON IS COMMITTED TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF CARE FOR ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY CANCER, FROM THE TIME OF DIAGNOSIS AND INTO SURVIVORSHIP OR THROUGH END-OF-LIFE, BEREAVEMENT, AND BEYOND.

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ALLISON APPLEBAUM, PHD

DR. ALLISON APPLEBAUM IS AN ASSOCIATE ATTENDING PSYCHOLOGIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER (MSK), AND AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN PSYCHIATRY AT WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE. SHE IS THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE CAREGIVERS CLINIC AT MSK, HOUSED IN THE COUNSELING CENTER. THE CAREGIVERS CLINIC IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND AND PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF PATIENTS WHO EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT DISTRESS AND BURDEN AS A RESULT OF THEIR CAREGIVING ROLE.

DR. APPLEBAUM'S PROGRAM OF RESEARCH FOCUSES ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS FOR CANCER CAREGIVERS, AS WELL AS UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF CAREGIVER PSYCHOSOCIAL WELLBEING, PROGNOSTIC AWARENESS, AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS ON ADVANCED CARE PLANNING. SHE HAS PUBLISHED OVER 100 ARTICLES, REVIEWS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS ON THESE TOPICS, AND IS THE EDITOR OF THE TEXTBOOK CANCER CAREGIVERS (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2019). DR. APPLEBAUM HAS RECEIVED COMPETITIVE FUNDING FOR HER RESEARCH, INCLUDING AWARDS FROM THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, AND THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION. SHE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THE FORTHCOMING BOOK, STAND BY ME: A GUIDE TO NAVIGATING MODERN, MEANINGFUL CAREGIVING (SIMON ELEMENT, 2024).



REBECCA LEHTO, PHD, RN, FAAN

REBECCA LEHTO, PHD, RN, FAAN IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING, AND AN APOS MEMBER SINCE 2012. SHE HAS 37 YEARS OF CLINICAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE OF CANCER PATIENTS. HER PROGRAM OF RESEARCH FOCUSES ON PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE OF PATIENTS WITH CANCER, AND MORE RECENTLY, THEIR INFORMAL CAREGIVERS. AS AN APOS MEMBER, SHE HAS SERVED AS INTEGRATIVE HEALTH SIG CO-COORDINATOR FOR 8 YEARS, BEEN ON THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR 5 YEARS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE FOR 6 YEARS, AS WELL AS BEING AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE ABSTRACT AND PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY REVIEWER FOR 9 YEARS. HER INTERVENTION RESEARCH INCLUDES DESIGN, FIDELITY, OUTCOMES, FEASIBILITY, AND EFFICACY WITH ~80 PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS, EXTENSIVE PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS, AND BROAD DISSEMINATION LOCALLY, REGIONALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. SPECIFIC INTEREST AREAS ARE INTEGRATIVE THERAPIES, END-OF-LIFE, AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS.

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WENDY G. LICHTENTHAL, PHD., FT

WENDY G. LICHTENTHAL, PHD, FT IS FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BEREAVEMENT CARE AT THE SYLVESTER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PENDING RANK, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES, DIVISION OF PREVENTION SCIENCE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. SHE IS A LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND HAS WORKED AS A GRIEF SPECIALIST AND PSYCHO-ONCOLOGIST FOR 20 YEARS. SINCE 2005, SHE HAS BEEN AT MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER (MSK) IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE SHE WAS FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE BEREAVEMENT CLINIC AND ASSOCIATE ATTENDING PSYCHOLOGIST, AND WHERE SHE NOW SERVES AS CONSULTANT FACULTY. SHE COMPLETED HER UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, HER DOCTORATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, HER CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP AT THE PAYNE WHITNEY CLINIC AT WEILL CORNELL MEDICINE, AND A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY AT MSK, WHERE SHE WAS CHIEF RESEARCH FELLOW. SHE WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY SOCIETY KAWANO NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD AND THE 2019 ASSOCIATION FOR DEATH EDUCATION AND COUNSELING (ADEC) RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD, AND SHE WAS DEEPLY HONORED TO RECEIVE THE 2023 AMERICAN PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY SOCIETY (APOS) OUTSTANDING CLINICAL CARE AWARD. SHE IS A FELLOW IN THANATOLOGY AND WAS ELECTED TO THE ADEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2023. HER FEDERALLY-FUNDED RESEARCH HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH, NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION, AND MSK'S CYCLE FOR SURVIVAL AND HAS FOCUSED ON GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT, CANCER SURVIVORSHIP, INTERVENTION DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION, AND FINDING MEANING IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.



KELLY MCCONNELL, PHD

DR. KELLY MCCONNELL IS AN ASSOCIATE ATTENDING PSYCHOLOGIST AND CO-DIRECTOR OF THE PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY OF AGING AND CANCER RESEARCH LABORATORY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AT MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER. SHE HAS A PHD IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND COMPLETED FELLOWSHIP TRAINING IN GERIATRIC PSYCHOLOGY AT THE VA BOSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY AT THE DANA-FARBER CANCER INSTITUTE. HER RESEARCH EXAMINES THE NATURE AND PREDICTORS OF DISTRESS IN OLDER ADULT PATIENTS WITH CANCER AND THEIR CAREGIVERS AND CARE RECEIVED AT THE END-OF-LIFE. SHE ALSO EXAMINES THE EFFICACY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERVENTIONS TO REDUCE DISTRESS AND INCREASE RATES OF ADVANCE CARE PLANNING IN PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS. SHE HAS RECEIVED NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR THIS RESEARCH. SHE IS AN ASSOCIATE EDITOR FOR THE JOURNAL PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY.

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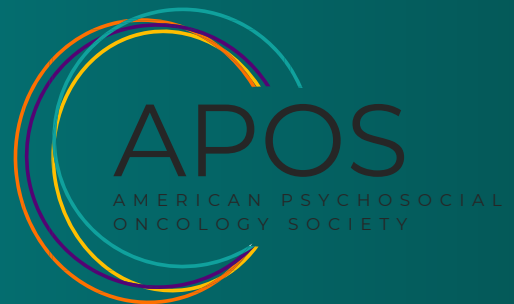
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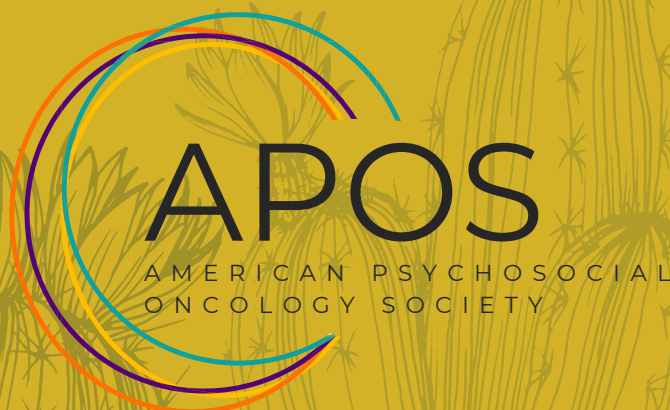
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