



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

-  Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month
-  National Eating Disorder Awareness month

TALKED ABOUT ARTICLES IN 2024

"Peer Social Genetic Effects and the Etiology of Substance Use Disorders, Major Depression, and Anxiety Disorder in a Swedish National Sample"

Jessica E. Salvatore, Ph.D., Henrik Ohlsson, Ph.D., Jan Sundquist, M.D., Ph.D., Kristina Sundquist, M.D., Ph.D., **Kenneth S. Kendler, M.D.**

Article attached.

WELCOME DR. BEYER, M.D.

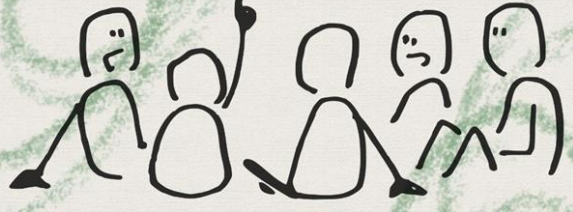


PSYCHIATRY DEPARTMENT VICE CHAIR



Be there for each other.

Grief Support Group



Start: February 25, 2025 (8 weeks)
 Time: Tuesdays 1:00pm – 2:00pm
 Where: Virtual (Link provided after registration)
 Schedule: Call 804-828-2000
 Led By: Tammy Taylor-Musoke, LCSW

This general grief support group is for ages 18 & older. Finding meaning and hope during time of grief. Place to discuss stages of grief and share stories of your loss and memories of your loved one.

NICE WORK, DR. LEFFLER!



ARTICLE

Expert Rater Agreement for Symptoms and Diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder in Youth

Leffler, Jarrod M ; Azzopardi, Daniel ; Jensen, Peter S ; Croarkin, Paul E ; Cullen, Kathryn R ; Duffy, Anne ; Klimes-Dougan, Bonnie ; Post, Robert M ; Vande Voort, Jennifer L ; Wagner, Karen Dineen ; Wolf, Dwight V ; Galanter, Cathryn A
 United States

Child psychiatry and human development, 2025-01

ANNOUNCED TO LEADERSHIP ROLES WITHIN VCU'S RESEARCH CORES

VCU Genomics Shared Resource

[Dr. Brien P. Riley, Ph.D.](#), has agreed to serve as co-director of the VCU Genomics Shared Resource. Dr. Riley will serve alongside Dr. Gregory A. Buck as co-directors, working collaboratively to provide scientific and managerial guidance for this core laboratory. In his new role, Dr. Riley will assist in providing high-quality, high throughput sequencing and genomics services to VCU faculty on both campuses and oversee the day-to-day operations of the core, including staff management, equipment maintenance and budget oversight.



Dr. Riley is a professor in the departments of Psychiatry and Human & Molecular Genetics and currently serves as the director of the Molecular Genetics Lab at the [Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics](#). He brings extensive experience in genomics research, with a particular focus on psychiatric and neurological disorders. His research program has been continuously funded by the NIH and other organizations for over two decades.

We would also like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank Dr. Karolina A. Aberg for her role as director of the core for over four years. Under her guidance and leadership, she has greatly improved this resource by growing its user base and cementing its reputation as a true customer-focused core widely regarded by VCU faculty as a provider of highest quality sequence and genomic data. We look forward to seeing her strong work continued at the core.

High Performance Research Computing core

[Dr. Preetam Ghosh, Ph.D.](#), has agreed to serve as interim director of the High Performance Research Computing core. In this role, Dr. Ghosh will continue to build upon the rapid growth of the core and further expand its services.



Dr. Ghosh is a professor and currently serves as the interim chair of the [Department of Computer Science](#) at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is also an affiliate professor at the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics. Previously he served as the secretary/treasurer of ACM Special Interest Group on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Biomedical Informatics (SIGBio) (2015-21), chaired and organized several international conferences, such as ACM BCB, and serves on the editorial board of journals, including Scientific Reports.