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A monthly newsletter featuring updates, news you can use, community spotlights, events, and more from the Yale Child Study Center.

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Chair's Message



I hope you are enjoying the sights and sounds of Spring, as warmer weather is upon us in Connecticut, and our flowers and trees are blooming again at last. I also hope those of you who celebrate recent holidays including Easter, Passover, and Ramadan have enjoyed time together with family and friends – something we all missed and craved two and three years ago.

With just two months left in our academic year, the center is quite busy with activities, events, and more, some of which are highlighted below. Also around the corner is Administrative Professional's Day, on Wednesday, April 26 – and while I'm grateful to the many wonderful administrative professionals in our department year-round, it is a lovely time to shine a light on their important work.

I'm also delighted to welcome Una Casey to this group, as she just joined the center as senior administrative assistant in the chair's office, following Rosemary Serra's retirement in January. You can learn a bit about Una below, along with several other new members of our community who joined us from the former Haskins Laboratories – indeed, it has been a busy month!

Linda Mayes, MD

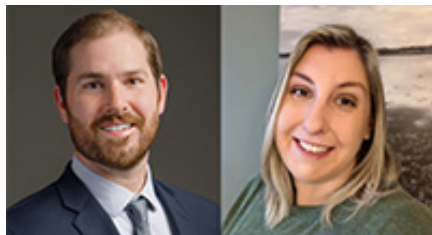
Arnold Gesell Professor of Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Psychology;

Chair, Yale Child Study Center

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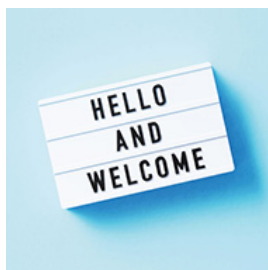
Departmental News & Updates

New Staff Spotlight Series & IBO Insight



In the third of a new series launched in February to feature integrated business operations (IBO) and administration staff at the YCSC and Department of Psychiatry, **meet Meet Stephen Healy and Lisa Grivalsky.** [Read more.](#)

Welcoming new community members



A warm welcome goes out to several new community members who have joined the YCSC recently including **Una Casey** in the Office of the Chair, **Julian Hinz** in the Chawarska Lab, and several [former Haskins Laboratories faculty and trainees.](#)

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Announcing 2023 trainee pilot research awardees



Made possible by a generous gift from the Obstler Family Fund, the second YCSC Trainee Pilot Research Awards were announced on March 29, 2022. [Learn more.](#)

Marking Women's History Month 2023: Stories of being a woman academia



On April 5, 2023, 50 YCSC community members came together by Zoom to extend and honor [Women's History Month](#) with a special community meeting to lift the voices of five faculty members who volunteered to share their experiences as women in academia. [Learn more.](#)

Kudos and Honors



Chawarska selected as 2023
INSAR Fellow

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Aslin receives prestigious
Dickson Prize in Science

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Infant Mental Health Journal honors Suchman in memorium

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Cipriano appointed to Global Center for Inclusion in Education Research Collaborative

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News You Can Use

On Service Leadership: Q&A with Linda Mayes



Launched in September 2022, the YCSC blog *On Leadership* is led by Daryn H. David, PhD and this month's column features the second in a two-part Q&A series on Service Leadership with YCSC Chair Linda Mayes, MD.

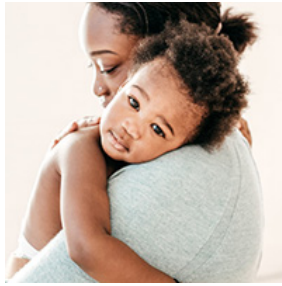
[Read the Q&A](#)

WTNH-8 Health Headlines: Interview with James McPartland



April is Autism Awareness Month, and a new CDC report shows a rise in the number of children diagnosed with autism. WTNH channel 8 interviewed YCSC Professor James McPartland about the report and important autism research.

[Watch the Video](#)



Adoption study highlights impact of young children's genetic makeup on their parents

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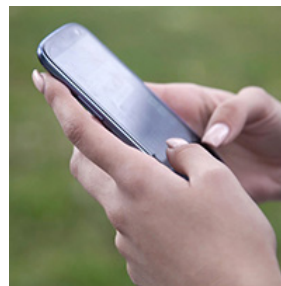
New partnership announced to expand access to trauma-focused therapy across U.S.

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Commentary: The Black Youth Mental Health Epidemic: A Crisis in Its Own Right

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Study Probes Connection Between Excessive Screen Media Activity and Mental Health Problems in Youth

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Upcoming Events

YCSC [Grand Rounds](#)

Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 25, 2023

Viola Bernard Special Lecture

Imperative Resilience: What Latina Migrant Mothers Can Teach Clinicians about Trauma and Recovery*

Jessica Cerdena, PhD

MD Candidate and Medical Anthropologist at Yale

May 2, 2023

Max Ritvo '13 and Alan B. Slifka '51 Program for the Medical Humanities Special Lecture

Transformation Through Art: A Personal and Professional Perspective

Eva Ritvo, MD

[View session flyer](#) for additional information

May 9, 2023 (VIRTUAL)

Just Breathe

Priya Narayanan, MD

Psychiatrist, Sky Recovery Program

May 16, 2023

Translating developmental social neuroscience advances into solutions for the early diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder

Ami Klin, PhD

Director, Marcus Autism Center

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory University School of Medicine

Register in Zoom

PBS Documentary: Terror and Hope - The Science of Resilience

April 19, 2023 7 p.m. & April 20, 2023 12 & 8 a.m.

This documentary follows scientists and humanitarians as they join forces to combine cutting-edge research with informed care to heal Syrian refugee children traumatized by the devastating stress of war. [Learn more](#) and tune in live on PBS World Channel [on April 19 at 7 p.m. EST](#) or [on April 20 at 12 a.m. or 8 a.m.](#)

Webinar: Putting Mental Health Back in Infant Mental Health

April 25, 2023 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Led by YCSC faculty members Arietta Slade and Heather Bonitz Moore, this session is part of a series offered by the *Minding the Baby*TM (MTB) National Office. [On-line registration](#) is available for one session at a time at \$60 per person per training, or at \$600 to access all 12 sessions in the series. Discounted rates are available for students. [Learn more](#), and send an e-mail to mindingthebaby@yale.edu for additional information.

Hybrid Mini Symposium: Somatic mosaicism and neurodevelopmental disorders

May 3, 2023 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This event is co-organized by the Vaccarino lab, the Bordey lab, and the Paris Brain Institute or Institut du Cerveau – ICM (Institut du Cerveau et de la Moelle épinière). [View the event flyer](#) for additional information and to register.

Touching Lives Affected by Autism: Literacy, Learning, and Representation

May 8, 2023 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

The Collaborative for Child and Family Resilience is hosting this discussion with a groundbreaking clinical researcher and one of the nation's foremost autism awareness advocates — both of whom are dedicated to improving the lives of those living with ASD. Moderated by award-winning children's book author Andrea Davis Pinkney, this in-person event will include a Q&A with the panelists. [View the event flyer](#) for additional information.

Webinar: Grief in families with children experiencing complex medical needs

May 11, 2023 12-1 p.m.

When a child has complex medical needs or a life-limiting condition, families often experience grief. Join Dr. Amanda Chiapa for a webinar in which she will offer a grief framework that should help healthcare professionals understand and meet the emotional needs of families who have children experiencing medical complexities or life-limiting conditions. [Learn more](#) and [register](#).

Postponed: Yale Autism Center of Excellence Summer Institute

April 2024 - date and details TBA

This event has been cancelled for July 2024 and will be rescheduled in April 2024 as a one-day forum for pediatricians and providers. Additional details will be announced soon, and posted to the [YCSC website](#).

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In the Media



APA Monitor:
Preventing intimate partner violence by focusing on abusers



BioSpace:
SciSparc Receives Final Approval to Commence its Phase IIb Clinical Trial for



MQ Mental Health
Research:

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SCI-110 to treat Tourette Syndrome

[Learn More](#)

Inspiring Careers: Dr Hilary Blumberg

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Yale Insights:
Why Accountability Needs an Upgrade

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Knoxville News Sentinel:
'It's about racism': Trauma experts weigh in on McAlister's conflict that cost teen her job

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Everyday Health:
Gaslighting: What It Is and How to Know It's Happening to You

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Job Opportunities



A variety of opportunities for talented individuals seeking to improve the lives of children and families through research, service, and training are currently open at the YCSC, including [four pediatric psychology positions](#). Several excellent [benefits and rewards packages](#) are offered for faculty and staff.

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