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

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***Note: this edition serves as the May/June YCSC Connections newsletter, with several events coming up over the next month as the current academic year draws to a close. Look for the next edition in mid-July, as we welcome new community members and gear up for the 2023-2024 academic year ahead.***

## Chair's Message



With springtime and National Mental Health Awareness Month well underway as well as the close of the academic year in sight, there are so very many events and celebrations in our calendars this time of year. Some of our departmental happenings are outlined below as usual, along with several announcements related to honors and awards within our exceptional community. Planning is underway for our annual associates meeting in the fall, with additional information and a “save the date” coming this summer.

Along with the usual activities this time of year, we are also marking a significant transition in our lives more broadly with the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency at both the federal and state levels as of May 11, 2023. While we are learning to live with the virus along with the last effects of a global pandemic, this is certainly something to acknowledge as we move forward in our ever-changing, hybrid world.

May you all stay healthy and enjoy the gatherings and celebrations related to graduations and other milestones, as well as the start to summer, now merely a month away.

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*Chair, Yale Child Study Center*

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## Departmental News & Updates

Integrated Business Operations & Administration

Staff Spotlight Series

Yale Department of Psychiatry & Child Study Center



In the fourth of a spotlight series launched in February to feature integrated business operations (IBO) and administration staff at the YCSC and Department of Psychiatry, **meet Mary Kate DeMarco**, director of research and finance administration. [Read more.](#)

## Welcoming new community members



A warm welcome goes out to two of the newest additions to the YCSC community, **Katherine Babb**, who joined as associate director of the In-Home Clinical Services Intensive Family Preservation (IFP) program, and **Suha Khan**, a new postgraduate associate in the Hoffman Lab.

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## Family-Based Recovery model developers get social



The YCSC Family-Based Recovery (FBR) Model Development and Operations (MDO) team has a brand-new social media presence. Visit and follow FBR MDO on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates on the model, adaptations, and FBR work with families impacted by substance use.

[Learn More](#)

## Kudos and Honors



Maurice Falk Professor James Comer, MD, MPH was selected as one of five scholars to receive an honorary degree from the University of Chicago in June. The honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, will be awarded during the University of Chicago's 537<sup>th</sup> Convocation on June 3, 2023.

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Faculty Development Fund  
Awardees Announced

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Lustman, Detre Award  
Recipients Announced

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Spencer Foundation grant for  
pilot project looking at notions of  
quality in preschool programs

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Elm City COMPASS honored at  
Yale-NAMI Conference on  
Neuroscience & Mental Health

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## News You Can Use

### On Service Leadership: Q&A with Tara Davila



Launched in September 2022, the YCSC blog *On Leadership* is led by Daryn H. David, PhD and this month's column features the first in a two-part Q&A interview on Service Leadership with YCSC Vice Chair for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Tara Davila, LCSW.

[Read the Q&A](#)

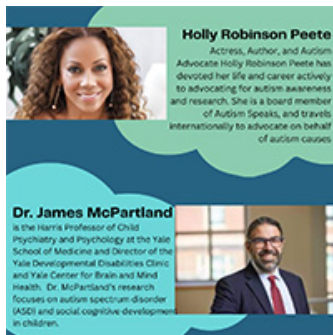
## Video released to combat racism



Watch the Video

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month, and the Yale Compassionate Home, Action Together (CHATogether) team created an educational video titled “Building a Stronger Future Together: Understanding the Bio-Psycho-Social-Cultural Impact of Racism to the AAPI Community” to help combat racism. [Learn more.](#)

## Touching Lives Affected by Autism



On May 8, 2023, the YCSC-Scholastic Collaborative for Child and Family Resilience hosted a special event at the center, ***Touching Lives Affected by Autism: A Conversation with Holly Robinson Peete and Dr. James McPartland***. Moderated by award-winning children’s book author Andrea Davis Pinkney, the session recording is now available.

Watch the Recording



Raising Children of Peace: New ECPC lecture series launched

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Yale Gender Program hosts “Gender Joy Community Day”

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## Upcoming Events

YCSC [Grand Rounds](#)

Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m



**May 23, 2023**

***A Minor Revolution: How Prioritizing Kids Benefits Us All***

Adam Benforado, JD

*Professor of Law, Drexel University*

**May 30, 2023 (VIRTUAL)**

Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD

*President, American Psychological Association*

**June 6, 2023**

***YCSC Postdoctoral Fellowship in Childhood Neuropsychiatric Disorders (T32)***

***Trainee Talks***

Speakers TBA

Moderated by Mike Crowley, PhD

*Associate Professor, Yale Child Study Center*

Register in Zoom

## Hybrid Event: “At the mind’s limit” with Beatrice Patsalides Hofmann, PhD

MAY 23, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Cohen Auditorium  
and [Zoom](#)

Hosted by the Yale Center for Traumatic Stress and Recovery, the presentation titled “*At the mind’s limit*”: *Can psychoanalysis treat the effects of political violence, torture, and dehumanization? Reflections on the analyst’s dream*” will outline some specific aspects of state-sponsored torture and the traumatic effects it can engender in the prisoner. [View flier](#) for details and [register in advance to join by Zoom](#).

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## In the Media



UConn Collaboratory on  
School & Child Health:  
*Why Social and Emotional  
Learning Matters*



National Science  
Foundation: *School  
Climate Walkthrough  
selected for Discovery*



Spectrum News:  
*Autism-related genes  
converge on microglia and  
dopamine in zebrafish*

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Round of VITAL Prize  
Challenge

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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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## Recent Publication Reports



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