



American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training

2017 NNCI BRAIN Scholars

Erica Baller, MD

Erica is a PGY-2 at the University of Pennsylvania with a background in computer science, neuroimaging, and women's mental health. Erica started teaching computer science as a college summer camp counselor and tutored extensively through medical school. She is excited to be working as a Neuroscience teaching assistant for the PGY-2 residents and looks forward to bringing her passion about the brain to her co-residents. Her application included a teaching sample that taught functional neuroanatomy through an adaptation of the common party game "Celebrity."



Elizabeth Burch, MD

Elizabeth is a third year psychiatry resident at the Institute of Living/Hartford Hospital General (Adult) Program. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and completed her medical degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Elizabeth has a long held interest in the topics of brain and behavior. As an undergraduate she conducted research in attention utilizing fMRI. As a medical student she was awarded an American Federation for Aging Research, Medical Student Training in Aging Research Fellowship during which she conducted research on memory loss in Frontotemporal dementia. As a resident she enjoys integrating psychodynamic therapy into her treatment of patients. She is currently working with her residency program to help develop a neuroscience curriculum for the adult psychiatry trainees.



Susan Conroy, MD

Susan is a PGY3 Resident at Indiana University School of Medicine. She also earned her MD and PhD in Medical Neuroscience at Indiana University. She hopes that the NNCI fellowship will help prepare her to be effective in passing on her enthusiasm about basic and clinical neuroscience research to psychiatrists and psychiatrists-in-training. She plans an academic career of research, teaching, and clinical work in mood disorders.



Matt Hirschtritt, MD

Matt Hirschtritt is a third-year resident in the adult psychiatry training program at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Prior to residency, he received his undergraduate degree in psychology at Cornell University, followed by a research fellowship at the National Institute of Mental Health, where he was involved in clinical research regarding obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and Tourette syndrome (TS). During his medical school training at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, he continued his involvement in clinical research, focusing on the psychopharmacology of mood disorders among children and adolescents, and completed a masters in public health. Through a Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship, he continued work in OCD and TS cohorts, and matriculated into the adult psychiatry program. His current interest areas include the phenomenology and treatment of OCD and TS, mental-health services and implementation research, criminal justice, and psychiatric education. Outside of work, he enjoys road biking, cooking, and traveling.

