

Dominic Grisafe, MD PhD

I am a psychiatry resident at the University of Illinois Chicago pursuing fellowship training in addiction psychiatry. I apply my graduate and postdoctoral training in chronic disease epidemiology to studying the neurobiology of substance use disorders. My clinical interests include mood and anxiety disorders, dual diagnosis, acceptance and commitment therapy, and medical education.

Education & Training

- Psychiatry Residency, University of Illinois Chicago, 2023 Jun – 2027 Jun
 - [Neuroscience Research Track](#), 2025 Jul – 2027 Jun
 - [Psychotherapy Track](#), 2026 Jul – 2027 Jun
- Medical Degree, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, 2015 Aug – 2017 Jul, 2021 Jun – 2023 May
- Postdoctoral Fellowship in Environmental Omics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, 2020 Jun – 2021 Jun
- [Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology](#), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, 2017 Aug – 2020 May
- Bachelors of Science in Biochemistry, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California, 2009 Sep – 2014 Jun

Research Experience

- Research Examining What drives Addiction Risk and comorbid Depression, Crane PhD, Department of Psychiatry, University of Illinois, Chicago, 2025 Jun – 2027 Jun
- Human Early Life Exposome and Child Liver Injury, Chatzi MD PhD, Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 2020 Jun – 2021 May
- Population-Based Cohort Studies of Eye Disease, McKean-Cowdin PhD, Department of Preventive Medicine, Roski Eye Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 2017 Aug – 2021 May

Grants

- Postdoctoral Fellowship in Environmental Omics, NIEHS T32 ES013678, Gauderman WJ, McConnell RS, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 2020 Jun – 2021 May
- [Predoctoral Multidisciplinary Research Training in Gerontology](#), NIA T32 AG000037, Crimmins EM, National Institute on Aging, 2018 Aug – 2020 May

Publications

- **Grisafe DJ**, McKean-Cowdin R, Burkemper BS, et al. Visual Field Loss Impacts Vision-Specific Quality of Life by Race and Ethnicity: The Multiethnic Ophthalmology Cohorts of California Study. *Ophthalmology*. 2022;129(6):668-678. [doi:10.1016/j.ophtha.2022.01.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ophtha.2022.01.001)
- **Grisafe DJ**, Varma R, Burkemper BS, et al. Impact of Visual Field Loss on Vision-Specific Quality of Life in African Americans: The African American Eye Disease Study. *American Journal of Ophthalmology*. 2021;229:52-62. [doi:10.1016/j.ajo.2021.02.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajo.2021.02.008)
- Lee JC, **Grisafe DJ**, Burkemper B, et al. Intrasession repeatability and intersession reproducibility of peripapillary OCTA vessel parameters in non-glaucomatous and glaucomatous eyes. *British Journal of Ophthalmology*. 2021;105(11):1534-1541. [doi:10.1136/bjophthalmol-2020-317181](https://doi.org/10.1136/bjophthalmol-2020-317181)

Medical Education

- [NNCI Ambassadors Fellowship Program](#), 2025 Jul – 2026 Jun
- [Substance Use Disorders I: Alcohol and Cannabis](#) UIC MS3 Students on Psychiatry Clerkship, [Evaluation Summary](#), 2025 Jul 22, 2025 Sep 16, 2025 Oct 28, 2025 Dec 9, 2026 Feb 3, 2026 Mar 24
- [Substance Use Disorders II: Opioids and Stimulants](#) UIC MS3 Students on Psychiatry Clerkship, [Evaluation Summary](#), 2025 Jun 24, 2025 Aug 5, 2025 Nov 18, 2026 Jan 1, 2026 Feb 17, 2026 Apr 7
- [Intern Year the Board Game](#) UIC MS4 Transitions to Residency, 2026 Feb 13, 2026 Feb 27
- [Addiction Jeopardy](#) UIC MS3 Students on Psychiatry Clerkship, 2026 Feb 18
- [Gambling Disorder](#) UIC Mood and Anxiety Clinic, 2025 Oct 21
- Anxiety, OCD, and Trauma and Stress-Related Disorders UIC MS2 Students on Brain and Behavior Block, 2025 Oct 14
- [Case Conference: Fentanyl in North America](#) UIC Psychiatry Department, 2025 Jun 11
- [Welcome to 8E Psychiatry — Medical Student Orientation Guide](#) UIC MS3 Students on Psychiatry Clerkship, 2024 Oct 21
- [Case Conference](#) UIC Psychiatry Department, 2024 Sep 18
- [Neurobiology of Addiction](#) UIC PGY-1 Residents, 2023 Oct 31
- [Mental Status Exam](#) UIC MS2 Students on Brain and Behavior Block, 2023 Oct 2

Quality Improvement

- [Medication Interactions](#) University of Illinois Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, 2024 Jan 1
- [8E Protocols](#) University of Illinois Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, 2023 Dec 1

Conference Presentations

- **Grisafe DJ**, Franklin M, Nousome D, et al. [The Association of Traffic-Related Air Pollution and Perfusion of the Peripapillary Retina in African Americans](#). Poster presented at: 2021 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting; Virtual; 2021 Jun 21
- **Grisafe DJ**, McKean-Cowdin R, Burkemper B, Xu B, Torres M, Varma R. [Variability of Visual Field Loss on Vision-Specific Quality of Life in the Multiethnic Ophthalmology Cohorts of California Study](#). Talk presented at: 2020 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting; Baltimore, Maryland (Virtual); 2020 Jun 10
- Behizad K, **Grisafe DJ**, Lay S, Ramirez T, Anvar A, Baezconde-Garbanati L. [Empowering Minority Youth as Trainers of Peer Health Educators for the Prevention of Childhood Obesity: A Community-Based Intervention in South Los Angeles](#). Talk presented at: American Public Health Association 2019 Annual Meeting and Expo; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 2019 Nov 6
- **Grisafe DJ**, McKean-Cowdin R, Burkemper B, et al. [Vision-Specific Quality of Life and Visual Field Loss in the African American Eye Disease Study](#). Poster presented at: 2019 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting; Vancouver, Canada; 2019 May 1

Awards

- [Ruth Fox Scholarship](#) American Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Conference, 2026
- Travel Grant Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, American Physician Scientists Association, 2022
- Travel Grant Retina Research Foundation / Joseph M. and Eula C. Lawrence, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, 2021
- Travel Grant Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, 2020
- Mackenzie Foundation Scholarship, 2020