



Department of Mental Health Holiday Poem 2019



Well, another Holiday season is here
A time to reflect on our amazing year
For many, it has been a time of great change,
With the climate, and the news, all becoming more
strange
Yet you all have remained steadfast believers in public
mental health
I continue to marvel at your many kinds of wealth

We are rich in passion, in wisdom, and in creativity
We are rich in traditions beyond the nativity
Each of you continues to show respect and
enthusiasm
For the rights and promotion of all people's dignity
Embracing the causes of the severely mentally ill
And of those addicted to what's in a pill
Is noble, and important, and urgently needed
A pursuit you have all shown you won't be impeded

This season I am grateful to work with so many of you
Despite the time it will take, I shall name more than a
few

Our current doctoral students are simply amazing
The bar for excellence you are continuously raising
Shoshanna Fine, Geoff Kahn and Marian Tzuang are
running their NRSAs with zest
And Kate Perepezco's NRSA is coming up next
We're hoping that Kira Riehm get similar good news in
the new year
She just submitted this month, so let's all give a cheer!
She also joined Kayla Tormohlen and alum Kenny
Feder the mighty
Reporting on teen anxiety and social media in JAMA
Psychiatry

Lindsey Webb is continuing her work with intention

And John Thorne is working towards child sexual
abuse prevention

Kyle Moored and Breanna Crane are training with
Bandit the dolphin

While psychiatric genetics is the passion of Angela Lin

Questions of aging mental health drive Alison Huang

And Courtney Nordeck considers substance use and
beyond

I owe Emily Smail great thanks for her work as my
PMH TA

Her talents and dedication were greatly on display

Darlynn Rojo-Wissar and Maggie Ingram also helped
out

So I think it is appropriate to give them a shout!

Luke Aldridge, Christine Bourey and Oheema Poku are
addressing mental health from a global
perspective

And we have hopefully convinced Lex Curhan that
studying autism and psychosis is her objective

And then there are our fantastic first years

Their inevitable success is already clear

Nicole McConico brings her legal wisdom to bare

While Katrina has years of psych epi knowledge to
share

Luke Grovsnor is applying big data to ASD

While Ian Schmid is pursuing biostatistics and mental
health with glee

Savannah Brenneke and Kechna Cadet will also surely
make us proud

As they join the rigorous and translational work of the
substance use crowd

I also want to mention our fantastic post-docs

Who work so hard and provide many thoughts

Alfonso Alfini, Masi Aminesmaeili, and Denali Boon
are swell

As are Kevon Jackman, Dan Lakin, Molly Lasater and
Erin Goodell

Kristin Mignoga, Stephanie Moore and PT Le

Are joined by Saba Rouhani, and Dave Sosnowski

I want to express particular and heart-felt gratitude

To Calliope Hologue and Wendy Ingram for changing
the whole school's attitude

Their work starting the Student Mental Health Grad
Network is profound

Their antistigma campaign with faculty alone broke
new ground

And while this poem is already too long

I cannot end without including our MHS students in
this happy song

Demi and Genevive and Ritu and Suiyini

Your presence in the program has just been dreamy

Same goes for you Angel, Chas, Samantha and Jolie,

And Garrett and George and Amanda and Chloe

I enjoyed having Rhea, Priya, Ife and Aditya in my class

As well as Gianella, Michael, Joy, and Abby who all
earned a "pass"

To Nao, Francesca, Dan, John, and Connor

Having you in the program is also an honor.

On Jonathan, Ashley, and Paula I'm keen

And also Nika, Juju, Maya and Colleen!

Our MHS students have created such a great scene

And I must mention how fortunate we are to all have
Jeanine!

The accomplishments of this department could not
exist

Without the truly amazing staff on our list

What is best for students, Patty will always consider

And she keeps us active on facebook and twitter

Michelle keeps things running day in and day out

We would not function without her, there is no doubt!

Scott gets creative to get the job done

And Carlina's leadership is second to none

Ryan, Candice and Sam calculate numbers quite fast

While Sherrie makes sure we take care of our staff

Their dedication and competence are beyond
compare

Our fortune with admin is truly so rare

In the fall I won't mention each faculty by name

But stay tuned for the spring party when I will tout
their fame

We act as a family in meetings, in courses and at talks,

Through aims boot camps, reviews, or cross-campus
walks

I feel grateful to work with every single person in this
place

You each show intellect, creativity, and grace

So here's to 2020, may the world lean towards
intellectual and social wealth

As we strive to improve the public's mental health