Psychiatry Interest Group Board Members 2017-2018

Emily Royer (M2) President

Emily Royer graduated from University of Nebraska at Omaha with a major in Sociology and a minor in Medical Humanities and Chemistry. Emily became interested in psychiatry when she attended several events sponsored by the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN.) Emily is passionate about wellness and medical education.

Emily has been married to her husband, Nick, for 5 years. In her spare time, Emily enjoys spending time with Nick and their two miniature daschunds, decorating her house, baking desserts, and inviting friends over.

Emily is from Elkhorn and graduated from Elkhorn South.

Other UNMC Groups:
Family Medicine Interest Group, and is the Curriculum Chair for the Class of 2020

Ashley Hein (M2) Vice President

Ashley Hein graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She joined the psychiatry student interest group to learn more about the reality of mental illness and to help combat mental health stigma.

In her spare time, Ashley enjoys baking, hiking, reading fictional novels and spending time with her dogs (a pug and an Australian Shepherd).

Ashley is from Omaha and graduated from Millard South.

Other UNMC Groups:
Infectious Disease Interest Group

Brianna Harder (M4) Secretary/Treasurer

Brianna Harder graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) with a major in Biological Sciences and Psychology and a minor in Humanities in Medicine. Brianna says she has always been very interested in mental health and PsIG seemed like a great way to get involved and learn more.

In her spare time, Brianna enjoys cooking, baking, hiking, camping, and fishing. She makes amazing banana chocolate chip muffins. Brianna is from Lincoln, NE and graduated from Lincoln East High School.

Other UNMC Groups:
Aging Interest Group, and the American Medical Women's Association

Jessica Thai (M2) Vice President External

Jessica Thai graduated from University of Southern California with a major in Biological Sciences. Jessica became interested in psychiatry while conducting research on residential treatment of eating disorders. In her spare time, Jessica enjoys running, working out, playing tennis, making ice cream, baking, and crafting.

Jessica is from Omaha and graduated from Millard North High School.

Other UNMC Groups:
UNMC Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group, UNMC American Medical Association (AMA), UNMC Pediatrics Interest Group, and Bridge to Care
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<td><img src="image1" alt="Constance Mietus" /></td>
<td>Constance Mietus graduated from University of Pennsylvania with majors in Biology and Psychology and a minor in Chemistry. Constance believes that the mind is the most critical component to a patient's health. Regardless of the specialty a physician pursues, it is important to understand and respect the health of the mind in order to offer patients the best outcomes possible. Constance is a student in the UNMC MD/PhD program and is currently working on her PhD.</td>
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<td>Constance Mietus (MD/PhD G-3)</td>
<td>In her spare time, Constance enjoys traveling, experiencing contemporary art, bicycling, running, dance, and yoga.</td>
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<td>Constance graduated from Kimball County High School in Kimball, NE.</td>
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<td><img src="image2" alt="Joseph “Joey” Aloi" /></td>
<td>Joseph “Joey” Aloi graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a major in Psychology and minors in Chemistry and Music. Joey became interested in psychiatry while studying the biological basis of emotions and motivation during his undergraduate research in autism. Joey is a student in the UNMC MD/PhD program and is currently working on his PhD under Dr. James Blair at the Boys Town Center for Neurobehavioral Research. His research interests include cognitive/affective neuroscience, computational neuroimaging, social cognition, and imaging genetics.</td>
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<td>Joey Aloi (MD/PhD G-3)</td>
<td>In his spare time, Joey enjoys computer programming, basketball, Yoga, and jazz music.</td>
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<td>Joey graduated from Reagan High School in Pfafftown, NC.</td>
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<td><img src="image3" alt="Benjamin “Ben” Johnson" /></td>
<td>Benjamin “Ben” Johnson graduated from Doane University with a major in English Literature. Ben also has a Master of Arts in Linguistics form Michigan State University. Ben became interested in psychiatry when he studied psychology as an undergraduate, and realized he had an interest in psychiatric diseases and disorders. Ben’s psychiatry rotation during his M3 year solidified that these were the patients he wanted to work with in the future.</td>
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<td>Ben Johnson (M4)</td>
<td>In his spare time, Benjamin enjoys reading, watching films (anything from blockbusters to indie), and going to a lot of concerts.</td>
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<td>Programming Co-Chair</td>
<td>Ben is from Crofton, NE and graduated from Crofton Community School.</td>
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<td>Program Co-Chair</td>
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<td>Leah Svingen</td>
<td>BHECN Co-Chair</td>
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<td>Valery Tran</td>
<td>BHECN Co-Chair</td>
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<td>Ian Parsley</td>
<td>Mentorship Chair</td>
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Priya Maillacheruvu graduated from Truman State University with a major in Biology. Priya became interested in psychiatry during high school and college, when friends with mental illnesses began sharing their experiences. Priya is engaged. In her spare time, Priya enjoys running and participating in local races, road tripping to see family and friends, and hiking and birdwatching with her fiancé.

Priya is from Dunlap, IL and graduated from Dunlap High School.

Leah Svingen graduated from St. Olaf College with a major in Biology. Leah became interested in psychiatry because she felt drawn to the social history portion of the interview and feeling like she had a chance to really connect with patients during her psychiatry clerkship. Leah is also interested in working with underserved populations and being involved in political advocacy during her career. In her spare time, Leah enjoys swimming, biking, practicing yoga, and spending time with friends and family.

Leah is from Omaha and graduated from Duchesne Academy.

Val Tran graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a major in Biomedical Engineering. Val became interested in psychiatry when he spent two years at the National Institute of Mental Health (Bethesda, MD) and it lit the sparks.

In his spare time, Val enjoys calligraphy, table tennis, and badminton.

Valery is from Omaha and graduated from Creighton Prep.

Ian Parsley graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in Biological Systems Engineering.

In his spare time, Ian enjoys hiking in the backcountry, running long-distance, reading fiction and nonfiction, playing board games (Settlers of Catan, Betrayal at the House on the Hill, etc.) studying Spanish, and tinkering with Arduino.

Ian is from Scottsbluff, NE and graduated from Scottsbluff High School.

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**Derek Hutchins (M3)**
Community Service Chair

Derek Hutchins graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a major in English.

Derek is married with no children but one kitten named Ritz (Biarritz). In his spare time, Derek enjoys playing soccer, reading novels, and taking part in creative writing groups and workshops.

Derek enjoys community service and working with kids.

**Risë Mitchell**
Nursing Representative
(Doctor of Nursing Practice)

Risë (pronounced ree-sa) Mitchell is currently a graduate student in the College of Nursing’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. She received her BSN from UNMC in 2013. Risë has been a psychiatric nurse for over 2 years and has a passion for it. She’s working on her DNP because she wants to be a well-rounded provider.

Risë has been married for 9 years. They have an 6 year old son and a 3 year old daughter. In her spare time, Risë enjoys reading, spending time with her family, watching movies, going to the park and the zoo, and cooking together.

Risë is from San Antonio, TX and graduated from Madison High School.

**Anthony Donovan**
Pharmacy Rep

Anthony Donovan graduated from University of Nebraska at Kearney with a major in Chemistry. Anthony is a second year pharmacy student. Anthony enjoys training his Australian Shepard, lifting weights, reading, and journaling.

Anthony is from Kearney and graduated from Kearney Catholic High School.

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