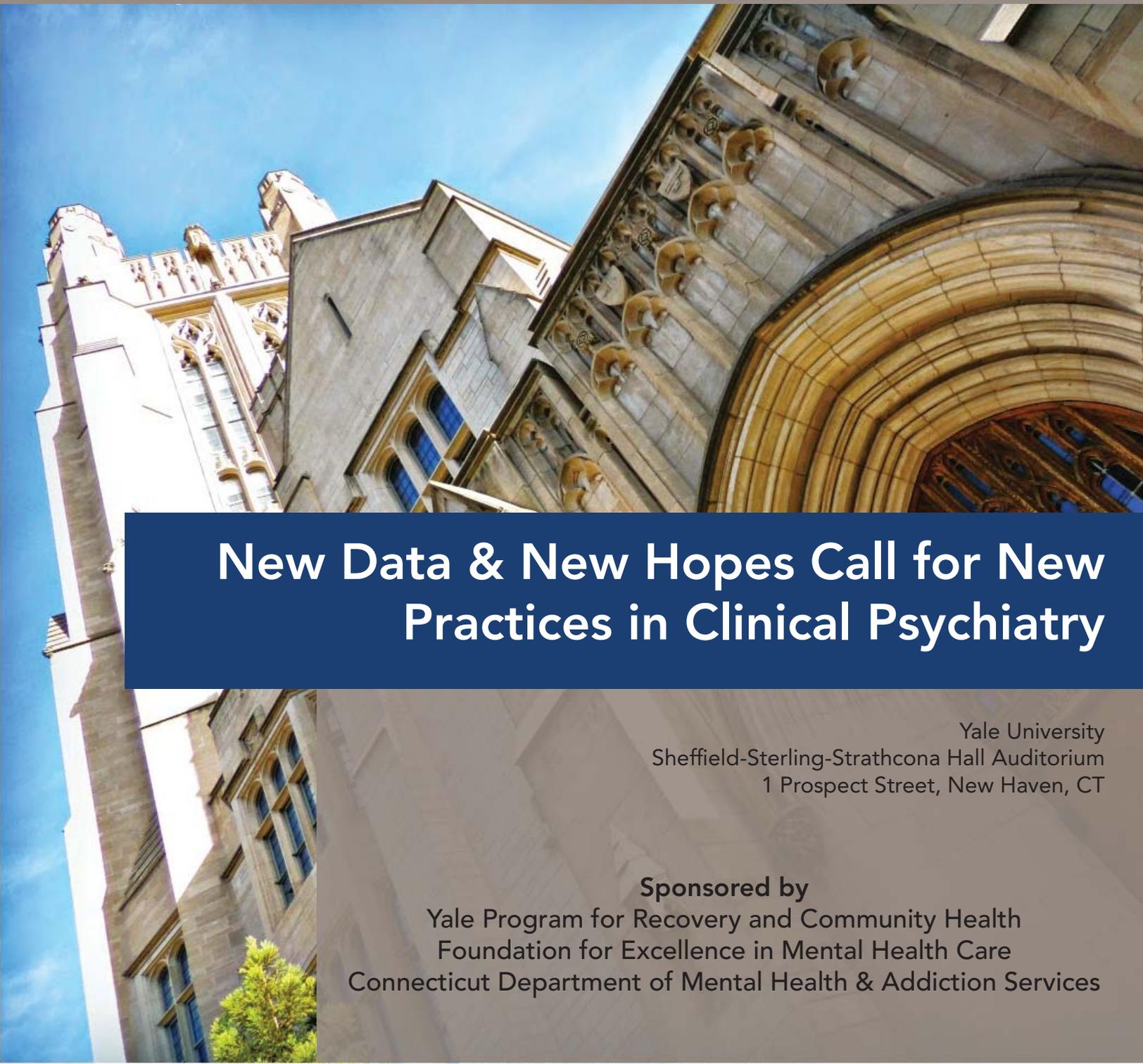


# Yale Symposium

Friday, April 24, 2015



## New Data & New Hopes Call for New Practices in Clinical Psychiatry

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## SYNOPSIS

The symposium will review new data generated over the last decade related to the treatment, course, and outcome of serious mental illnesses and discuss the implications of these data for changing clinical practice in psychiatry.

## SCHEDULE

### Friday, April 24th

- 9:00-9:30 **Welcome, introductions and brief overview of the challenges presented by recent research** (*Michael Sernyak, MD, Connecticut Mental Health Center and Yale University; Commissioner Patricia Rehmer, MSN, CT DMHAS; Gina Nikkel, PhD & Fran Silvestri, MBA, Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health Care*)
- 9:30-10:15 **Role of antipsychotic medications in the long-term treatment of psychosis I**, *Martin Harrow, PhD, University of Illinois, Chicago Medical School*
- 10:15-11:00 **Role of antipsychotic medications in the long-term treatment of psychosis II**, *Lex Wunderink, MD, PhD, University of Groningen, Department of Psychiatry, Netherlands*
- 11:00-11:15 **Break**
- 11:15-12:00 **What the antidepressant story tells us about recovery**, *David Healy, MD FRC Psyc, University of Wales College of Medicine, Bangor, UK*
- 12:00-12:30 **Panel discussions with presenters and audience**
- 12:30-1:30 **Lunch - on your own**

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- 1:30-2:00 **Commentary and what I have learned from my own life experiences about what promotes recovery**, *Keris Myrick, MBA, PhD, Director of Consumer Affairs, SAMHSA*
- 2:00-2:30 **Lessons we have learned from longitudinal research about what promotes recovery from psychosis**, *Courtenay Harding, PhD, Columbia and Boston Universities (retired)*
- 2:30-3:00 **Preventing long-term disability in psychosis: lessons from early intervention programs**, *Vinod Shrihari, MD, Yale University*
- 3:00-4:00 **Open Dialogue: lessons from the Finnish experience**, *Mary Olson, PhD, University of Massachusetts Medical School and Smith College; Christopher Gordon, MD, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, and University of Massachusetts School of Medicine*
- 4:00-4:15 **Break**
- 4:15-4:45 **The role of psychosocial interventions in promoting recovery**, *Larry Davidson, PhD, Yale University*
- 4:45-5:15 **Panel discussions with presenters and audience**

**Adjourn Symposium**

# Speakers & Panel Members

## **Larry Davidson, PhD**

Larry Davidson, Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychology and Director of the Program for Recovery and Community Health at the School of Medicine and Institution for Social and Policy Studies of Yale University. His research has focused on processes of recovery in serious mental illnesses and addictions, the development and evaluation of innovative recovery-oriented practices, including peer-delivered supports, and designing and evaluating policies to promote the transformation of behavioral health systems to the provision of recovery-oriented, person-centered, and culturally-responsive care. In addition to being a recipient of psychiatric care, Dr. Davidson has produced over 300 publications, including *A Practical Guide to Recovery-Oriented Practice: Tools for Transforming Mental Health Care* and *The Roots of the Recovery Movement in Psychiatry: Lessons Learned*. His work has been influential internationally in shaping the recovery agenda and in operationalizing its implications for transforming behavioral health practice.

## **Christopher Gordon, MD**

Christopher Gordon, MD is Medical Director and Senior Vice President for Clinical Services of Advocates, Inc., a full-service, not-for-profit provider of residential, outpatient and emergency crisis intervention services for people with psychiatric and developmental disabilities, and other life challenges, headquartered in Framingham, Massachusetts. Dr. Gordon is also Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Part-time at Harvard Medical School, and Assistant Psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he teaches principles of collaborative formulation, about which he has published and lectured extensively. Dr. Gordon is also Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine. In 2011 – 2013, Dr. Gordon completed two years of study in Open Dialogue at the Institute for Dialogic Practice, in Haydenville, Massachusetts, with Dr. Mary Olson. With support from the Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health Care he and colleagues at Advocates have developed a team following Open Dialogue principles which serves both young people at the start of their psychiatric experience as well as people with longstanding mental health conditions. He has presented his work on Open Dialogue in various venues in the US, as well as internationally.

## **Courtenay M. Harding, PhD**

Courtenay M. Harding, PhD, was trained at the University of Vermont and Yale as a research and clinical psychologist. She spent 30+ years as a professor of psychiatry focused on people with schizophrenia before retiring mid-2012. Among her research endeavors, Prof. Harding was a lead investigator in two three-decade NIMH studies of schizophrenia and other serious illnesses and found that many once profoundly disabled persons could and did significantly improve or even fully recover. She received 52 federal, state, and foundation grants and contracts for schizophrenia research and studies of mental health services. She has been the recipient of over 46 awards and honors including the Alexander Galnick Research Investigator Award from the American Psychological Association's foundation for "exceptional contributions to the study of schizophrenia and other serious

mental illness and for mentoring a new generation of researchers.” Dr. Harding has published extensively about schizophrenia, rehabilitation, and recovery and has presented findings from her studies and clinical work in over 500 state, national, and international meetings. She has worked with 30 states, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, 11 European, and 9 Asian countries including China to redesign their systems of care to promote more recovery.

### **Martin Harrow, PhD**

Martin Harrow is a psychologist who is a widely-cited expert on schizophrenia and bipolar disorders. He has published over 250 scientific papers and four books on these and related areas. As Director of the Chicago Followup Study, he has received several national awards for his research on thought disorder, psychosis, long-term adjustment, suicide, and recovery in schizophrenia. Recently his research has focused on longitudinal studies of the long-term effects of antipsychotic medications. He has been on the faculty at Yale University and the University of Chicago, and in 1990, moved to the Medical College of the University of Illinois as Professor and Director of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry. He is now Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

### **David Healy, MD, FRCPsych**

Healy is a professor of Psychiatry at Bangor University in Wales and a former secretary of the British Psychopharmacology Association. He is considered one of the premier scholars of the psychopharmacology era and is considered to have written more about “medical optimization,” an important focus of Excellence, than any other psychiatrist in the world. Healy is the founder of RxISK.org, a data-gathering and sharing website that integrates research data with clinical expertise and the reports of those with lived experience.

### **Keris Myrick, MBA, MS, PhDc**

Keris Jän Myrick is Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs at the Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA. She is a national mental health leader and former non-profit executive, known for her innovative and inclusive approach to mental health reform and the public disclosure of her personal story of lived experience with serious mental illness. Keris is past President and CEO of Project Return Peer Support Network, a Los Angeles-based, peer-run nonprofit, and past President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and advisor to the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Office of Minority and National Affairs (OMNA) providing assistance with the psychiatry component of the SAMHSA/CMHS Recovery to Practice project.

### **Mary Olson, PhD**

Mary Olson, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Associate Adjunct Professor at the Smith College School of Social Work. She is the US expert on Open Dialogue, a network-based approach to severe psychiatric crises developed and evaluated at Keropudas Hospital in Tornio, Finland. Since 2001, she has collaborated with Jaakko Seikkula, Ph.D., one of the main developers of Open Dialogue, on developing training and research programs that will help

bring this approach to the US. She is Co-Principal Investigator (Douglas Ziedonis, M.D.: PI) of the Open Dialogue adaptation study at UMMS. Her other research and scholarship examine dialogical transformation in psychotherapy, the effects of managed care on relational therapies, anorexia as communication, and the use of writing in therapy. Mary was a Senior Fulbright Scholar (2001-2002) to Finland in the Department of Psychology at the University of Jyväskylä. From 1990-1995, she was Director of the Clinical Externship in Systemic Family Therapy at Berkshire Medical Center during the chairmanship of Carlos Sluzki, M.D., one of the founders of the family therapy field.

**Vinod Shrihari, MD**

Dr. Srihari's clinical and research interests are focused on the evaluation and treatment of individuals with psychotic disorders. He directs a clinic that provides a specialized model of care to individuals who are early in the course of a psychotic disorder. The clinic for Specialized Treatment Early in Psychosis (STEP) is based at the Connecticut Mental Health Center where Dr. Srihari is a staff psychiatrist. Dr. Srihari's teaching efforts are focused on the use of the Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) approach as a tool for making clinical decisions and keeping up with the scientific literature.

**Lex Wunderink, MD, PhD**

Lex Wunderink, PhD, is head of the Department of Education and Research at Friesland Mental Health Services and a lead researcher at Groningen University Medical Center, Groningen, The Netherlands. Dr. Wunderink is published in peer-reviewed journals in Europe and the U.S.

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