General Psychiatry Residency Training Program  
2019-2020 Residents  
Class of 2023

Nikita Bodoukhin, MD  
Medical School: Florida International University HWCOM  
Undergraduate School: University of Florida  
Clinical Interests: Neuromodulation, Inpatient Psychiatry  
Research Interests: Sleep, ECT, TMS, Pathophysiology, Quality Improvement  
Other Interests/Hobbies: Consumer electronics, video games, kayaking  
Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?  
I loved the fact that there would be many excellent opportunities to hone my skills and prepare me to care for diverse populations. This academic center in a busy metropolitan area allows me to enjoy city life and kayaking in my free time.

Stephanie Bonafoux, DO  
Medical School: Nova Southeastern University  
Undergraduate School: Cornell University  
Clinical Interests: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, Integrative Medicine, Public Health  
Research Interests: Neuroimaging, Integrative Psychiatry  
Other Interests/Hobbies: Video Games, Painting, Travel, Nature  
Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?  
I was and am still convinced that Jackson would provide the best education/preparation in Psychiatry through exposure to every possible domain of the field and diverse patient populations. The faculty and other residents are also very down to earth and friendly!

Keneil Brown, MD  
Medical School: Florida International University HWCOM  
Undergraduate School: Grinnell College  
Clinical Interests: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Eating disorders  
Research Interests: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
Other Interests/Hobbies: Biking, Fútbol, Billiards, Table tennis, AR-Technology  
Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?  
I did my first psychiatry rotation with residents in this program and it was then that I first became interested in the field of psychiatry. I chose Jackson because this is where I learned the difference between clinical psychiatry and what we learned in the classroom and it was here that I decided I would become a psychiatrist.
Adam Goldenberg, MD

**Medical School:** Medical College of Wisconsin  
**Graduate School:** Loyola University Chicago- Stritch School of Medicine  
**Undergraduate School:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**Clinical Interests:** Inpatient/Emergency Psychiatry, ECT, Psychosis, Mania  
**Research Interests:** Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Sports, Ice Hockey, Nutrition, Fitness, Board Games  

Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?
Jackson/UM Psychiatry is an exceptional, well-respected training program that provides its residents the opportunity to diagnose and manage the entire spectrum of psychopathology in three very different hospital settings (Jackson, UMH, VA) which are conveniently located on one large campus. The residents are happy, the faculty are wonderful, and the benefits are excellent (such as free health insurance, meal stipends, STEP 3 reimbursement). Our administration is down to earth, and we are fortunate to live in the beautiful city of Miami.

Moayad Kabli, MD

**Medical School:** King Abdulaziz University College of Medicine and Allied Sciences

Alexander Katz, MD

**Medical School:** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
**Undergraduate School:** The University of Texas at Austin  
**Clinical Interests:** Geriatrics, Addictions, Eating Disorders, Psychopharmacology  
**Research Interests:** Nutritional Psychiatry  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Fitness, Nutrition, Video Games, Russian Literature  

Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?
The Psychiatry Residency Training Program at Jackson Memorial / University of Miami offers a chance to work with a diverse patient population in a major metropolitan area, which ensures exposure to a wide variety of pathology. Jackson/UM integrates rotations at three hospitals which each provide a unique learning environment and are located on a single campus. The faculty, administration and residents are truly special and I couldn't think of a better place to train!
Sung Min Ma, MD

**Medical School:** Tufts University School of Medicine  
**Undergraduate School:** Swarthmore College  
**Clinical Interests:** Psychotherapy, Psychopharmacology, Forensic, Addiction  
**Research Interests:** Cultural psychiatry, Systems/delivery of mental health care  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Biking, Painting, Visiting art museums/galleries  
**Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?**  
I have found Jackson/UM Psychiatry to be a standout program given its devotion to robust clinical training, research, and tremendously diverse patient population. I was impressed by enriching experience of working in public, private, and VA hospitals with unique patient demographics. Also, I was drawn to the beautiful city of Miami which welcomes and embraces all cultures. Jackson/UM is a great place to learn and immerse in a culture-focused approach in psychiatry practice.

Omar Muñoz, MD

**Medical School:** Universidad Anáhuac México Norte  
**Undergraduate School:** Universidad Anáhuac México Norte  
**Clinical Interests:** Psychotherapy, Psychopharmacology, Mood disorders, Neuropsychiatry.  
**Research Interests:** Genetics, Psychopharmacology, Neuroimaging.  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Travel, Music, Hiking, Video Games, Art, Movies.  
**Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?**  
Picture this: You go to the hospital in the morning and you get to diagnose and treat patients from all types of cultural backgrounds, from the most psychotic to the ones that only need psychotherapy. Then you get lectures and feedback from the top psychiatrists in the world. At the end of the day, you leave the hospital and instantly remember that you’re in the amazing vacation-city of Miami, enjoying your professional and personal life.

Ghaith Shukri, MD

**Medical School:** King Abdulaziz University College of Medicine and Allied Sciences
Connie Spelius Perez, MD

**Medical School:** University of Nevada, Reno  
**Undergraduate School:** University of Nevada, Reno  
**Clinical Interests:** Mood disorders, Psychosis, Psychotherapy  
**Research Interests:** Psychotherapy, Neuroimaging, Psychotic and Mood disorders  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Lifting, Running, Dancing, Traveling, Music shows, Being outdoors

Ahmed Valdes, MD

**Medical School:** University of Miami Miller School of Medicine  
**Undergraduate School:** Florida State University  
**Clinical Interests:** Psychosis, Delirium, Mania  
**Research Interests:** Psychopharmacology  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** South Korean movies, North Korean documentaries

**Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?**

Close to home. Feels like home. Why else?

Dennis Valerstain, MD

**Medical School:** Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
**Undergraduate School:** Emory University  
**Clinical Interests:** Child and Adolescent  
**Research Interests:** Child and Adolescent  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Sports, Movies, TV shows, Music, Guitar, Ukulele, Piano.

**Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?**

The residents were friendly, happy, willing to help/answer questions, and acted like a family. The program provided a great diversity of patients given that we rotate through a public hospital, private hospital, and the VA. The faculty seemed to value and consider the resident’s opinion and they truly seemed to be invested in their residents’ futures. Finally, I love Miami, a city with great diversity of culture, warm weather (!!!), amazing food, and my hometown where I have friends and family.
Michelle Zaydlin, MD

Medical School: San Juan Bautista School of Medicine
Undergraduate School: University of Michigan
Clinical Interests: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Psychotherapy
Research Interests: Child trauma, Eating disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disorders, Wellness and Lifestyle Medicine
Other Interests/Hobbies: Art, biking, running, animals, outdoors

Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry? The moment I began my interview at Jackson/UM I knew this program was my dream place to train. The combination of opportunities for clinical psychiatry, research and psychotherapy was unlike that of any other program. The faculty and residents made me feel at home and were caring and welcome from day one. The patient population also was so unique allowing me to see a diversity of individuals culturally as well as a huge spectrum of psychopathologies. This program truly is one of a kind. Plus, you can’t go wrong living in Miami!