

ATLANTA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Keynote Panel Discussion



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Pharmaceutical
Sciences, Mercer
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Hollis Phelps, PhD,
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Peter Hendricks, PhD,
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Chair of Psychiatry,
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Brittany Prioleau PhD, MEd,
Assistant Professor of
Counseling, College of
Professional Advancement,
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Gary Laderman, PhD,
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Religious History and
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John Tumeah, MD,
Founder, Foundation
Psychiatry

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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2930 FLOWERS ROAD S, ATLANTA GA 30341

Clinton Canal, PhD, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mercer University

Dr. Canal's training and work in neuroscience, pharmacology, and medicinal chemistry has led to the development of new serotonin receptor-targeting medication candidates to treat autism spectrum disorder, fragile X syndrome, and other neuropsychiatric disorders. Dr. Canal teaches molecular pharmacology, nervous system anatomy and physiology, neurobiology, and medications for nervous system disorders in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences courses. He is a founding member of the international Society for Research on Psychedelics, a member of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET), co-founder of Channel Therapeutics, and an advisor for Seropeutics and Cybin.

Peter Hendricks, PhD, Heersink Endowed Chair of Psychiatry, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Dr. Hendricks' research centers on the development of novel and potentially more effective treatments for substance use disorders and comorbid conditions, with specific areas of focus in vulnerable populations, including individuals in the criminal justice system. He has been an active researcher in the psychedelic field since 2014, publishing population studies suggesting psychedelics may be effective in preventing and treating substance use, criminal recidivism, and psychological distress, among other outcomes, as well as a number of systemic reviews and theoretical pieces. He is currently Principal Investigator of a pilot trial of psilocybin-facilitated psychotherapy in the treatment cocaine dependence, psilocybin-facilitated psychotherapy in the treatment of fibromyalgia, and low doses or "microdoses" of psilocybin in the treatment of demoralization. Dr. Hendricks is also PI of a NIDA-funded study of psilocybin for smoking cessation.

Gary Laderman, PhD, Goodrich C. White Professor of American Religious History and Cultures, Emory University

Dr. Laderman is the author of seven books including his most recent, *Don't Think About Death: A Memoir on Mortality*. A widely published author, podcaster, and blogger, he has been interviewed on topics in American religious cultures ranging from death and funerals to horror films and psychedelics by a variety of media including the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, the *Joe Rogan Experience*, *On Point*, and *Odyssey*, and has also appeared on the *NBC Evening News*, *The Today Show*, and on other television documentaries.

Hollis Phelps, PhD, Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Mercer University

Dr. Phelps is a teacher and scholar whose current research focuses on the relationship between drugs, especially psychedelics, altered states of consciousness, and religion. His most recent book is *Jesus and the Politics of Mammon*.

Brittany Prioleau PhD, MEd, Assistant Professor of Counseling, College of Professional Advancement, Mercer University

Dr. Prioleau is a licensed clinical mental health counselor, a national certified counselor and a certified integrative mental health professional. Dr. Prioleau specializes in trauma-informed care practice, particularly in historically underserved populations and urban school settings and in multicultural approaches to wellness. She also has specialized interest in Psychedelic Assisted therapy as a part of her integrative mental health research agenda. She was selected as a health equity leader in the MAPS PBC MDMA-Assisted Therapy Education Program and is the founder and director of the Multicultural Wellness Enhancement Research Lab at Mercer University.

John Tumeh, MD, Founder, Foundation Psychiatry

Dr. Tumeh is a board-certified psychiatrist who is the Founder of Foundation Psychiatry, a private psychiatric practice here in Metro-Atlanta. He is a member of the American Medical Association (AMA) and American Psychiatric Association (APA) and also serves on the APA's Advisory Council of the Center for Workplace Mental Health. Dr. Tumeh treats a full spectrum of psychiatric disorders including Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Addiction and Substance Use Disorders, Personality Disorders, Eating Disorders, Psychotic Disorders, and Geriatric Psychiatric conditions including Dementia. In addition to psychotherapy and psychopharmacological approaches to treating mental health disorders, his practice also offers Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and SPRAVATO (esketamine) therapy for patients diagnosed with Treatment Resistant Depression.