April marked the end of another wonderful and successful VPIL year! Thank you to all the preceptors who were able to join us during our Capstone event to celebrate the VPIL 2 students, learn about their QI projects, and hear from a few on their journey through VPIL. Visit our Facebook page to see pictures from that night!

As one year comes to a close, we look forward to a new year. We are currently in student recruitment season. As each of our professional schools are admitting their newest cohorts of students, those students are also applying to be a part of the VPIL program. For many, VPIL will be the reason they decide to come to any one of our participating schools. This level of interest shows the strength of the VPIL reputation that we have built over the last 10 years!

Along with student recruitment, we are also in our final stages of confirming our 2019/2020 clinic sites and preceptors. As part of that process, we require each preceptor, whether new or returning, to complete the Annual Preceptor Agreement. For new preceptors, this agreement is the confirmation of your willingness to participate as a clinical preceptor for VPIL. For returning or continuing preceptors, this is used to confirm your continued participation as a VPIL preceptor. In addition, there is pertinent information on this agreement that is necessary for us to provide you with your preceptor stipend at the end of the academic year. Please click the button below to be taken to the agreement. The Preceptor Agreement can also be found on the Preceptor Portal on the VPIL website.

Preceptor Agreement

Preceptor Payments

Speaking of preceptor payments...

In the past couple of weeks, the VPIL office has reached out to your Administrative Officers
(AO)/Financial Managers (FM). You should have provided that information on last year’s Preceptor Agreement. We are currently processing all preceptor payments for the academic year 2018/2019. All preceptors should receive their stipends before the end of this fiscal year (June 30). Your stipend will not expire and should roll over to the next fiscal year. The stipend is given as professional development funds to be used at your discretion however you best see fit. The funds will be transferred to a specific cost center provided by your AO/FM. As soon as your AO/FM provides the VPIL office with the appropriate cost center, the payment can then be processed and transferred. For further information, questions, or concerns please reach out to the VPIL office at vpil@vanderbilt.edu.

New website coming soon!

Our website is being renovated!
In the coming months, the VPIL website will undergo a massive transformation. This transformation is intended to make the website more intuitive, and useful. The website will not be taken down and put “under construction,” rather, over the course of the weeks you’ll start to see the changes being implemented. You should not lose any vital information during the transition. Our goal is to make the VPIL preceptor experience as easy and as user-friendly as possible. Stay tuned to see what features will be brought to the website that will hopefully become a useful resource for you in your clinics and with the students.

Continue reading the newsletter for updates!

Have a suggestion for the newsletter? We'd love to hear it!

Suggestions
Jeffery Stovall, MD
Clinic: Psychotic Disorders Clinic, Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital

Jeffery Stovall has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the School of Medicine for 28 years. He has been involved with VPIL since 2017.

**How did you become involved in VPIL?**
I have been interested in interprofessional collaboration through my work in community psychiatry. I have grown concerned that our educational programs don’t adequately prepare our students to work in real world clinical settings where a collaborative approach is essential to providing high quality clinical care. Through conversations with my colleagues Dawn Vanderhoef and Robb Nash from the School of Nursing, and Lindsey Miller from Lipscomb’s College of Pharmacy I became aware of VPIL.

**Why are you drawn to interprofessional collaboration?**
Interprofessional collaboration is essential to providing high quality clinical care for individuals with serious mental illness. I have worked in setting where collaboration went well and greatly benefitted patients and their families, and in settings where professional did not work collaboratively, to the detriment of patients. I saw VPIL as an opportunity to introduce students to a collaborative model of care in a psychiatric setting.

**Any words of wisdom for new VPIL preceptors?**
Find good collaborators on the faculty level. I have benefitted greatly by working together with Dawn Vanderhoef and Lindsey Miller.

**What’s one fun fact people don’t know about you?**
Other than being a physician my most fun job was working in a pet store.

Janell Jayamohan, APRN, FNP, CNM
Clinic: Vanderbilt Walk in Clinics

Janell Jayamohan has been a nurse practitioner for 5 years. She has been involved with VPIL since 2018.

**How did you become involved in VPIL?**
One of my colleagues moved and I “inherited” her group. I’m so glad I did, it has been a wonderful experience.

**Why are you drawn to interprofessional collaboration?**
Interprofessional skills are so important, and it is something that few students have experience with before they graduate and get their first jobs. Navigating working as a team, polite differences in opinion, and drawing on other's strengths makes us all better. Many great things come for interprofessional collaboration!

**Any words of wisdom for new VPIL preceptors?**
Most clinical experiences focus on skills; we are in the unique business of fostering relationships. I was way more open with my VPIL group than other students I’ve precepted about the struggles of the job. In turn, I feel like I also got to know their true selves, not just their work “best foot forward” selves.

**What’s one fun fact people don’t know about you?**
Although I am not adopted, I do not know my real birthday. Hospital records and my parents’ accounts are conflicting. As a middle child, they didn’t investigate too much.

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**Announcements**

**Immersion Week**
(VPIL Orientation)
July 7-11, 2019
The new students will be placed into their teams and will visit your clinics
for the first time.

Our final VPIL 1 clinic sites are still being confirmed!
Stay tuned for that updated list...

Adolescent & Young Adult Health
Adult Emergency Department
Comprehensive Care Clinic
Stem Cell Transplant
Mercury Courts
Children’s Hospital PICU
Otolaryngology
Peds Gastroenterology
Peds Neurogenetics & Metabolism
Eskind Adult Diabetes
Vanderbilt Interventional Radiology Clinic

Visit the Preceptor Portal on our website! The portal includes an overview of the program, what the students are learning throughout their 2 years in the program, what to expect when being a preceptor, helpful hints on what to do during downtime, and much more!

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