



# APPA 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE

## Elevating Psychiatry in Alabama

The Lodge at Gulf State Park – April 26-28, 2024

### Tentative Agenda

#### Friday, April 26

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Conference Registration  
(Lunch is on your own)

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Elevating Psychiatry in Alabama:  
Navigating Challenges and Seizing  
Opportunities  
*Amanda Williams, MD, Psychiatrist,  
Gardenia Cove Mental Health*

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

An Overview of Dance/Movement  
Therapy and the Power of Movement  
*Rita Brown, LPC, BC-DTR, Therapist/  
Team Leader, AltaPointe Health*

**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Break with Exhibitors

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Vagus Nerve Stimulation for  
Treatment of Resistant Major  
Depression  
*Matthew Macaluso, DO, Professor,  
UAB Heersink School of Medicine*

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Is Retirement Good for Us?  
*W. Bogan Brooks, MD, Retired  
Psychiatrist, Cheshire, CT*

**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Reception with Exhibitors

#### Saturday, April 27

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast with Exhibitors,  
Poster Viewing

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Management of Mood Disorders in  
the Perinatal Patient  
*Jessica Coker, MD, Associate  
Professor, University of Arkansas for  
Medical Sciences*

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Benzodiazepines in Outpatient  
Practice  
*Bradley Sadler, MD, Owner,  
Southern Psychiatry*

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Morning Break with Exhibitors,  
Poster Viewing

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Autism from a Pediatric Primary Care  
Provider's Perspective  
*Nina Ford-Johnson, MD, FAAP,  
Physician, Infirmiry Pediatrics*

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Potential Benefits, Risks and the  
Mental Health Impact of Social  
Media use on Children and  
Adolescents  
*Tanuja Gandhi, MD, Child  
Psychiatrist, Lifespan and The  
Warren Alpert Medical School of  
Brown University*

**12:30 p.m.**

Legislative Update (No CME)  
*Evans Brown, Manager,  
Government Relations and Public  
Affairs, Medical Association of the  
State of Alabama*

**12:45 p.m.**

Business Meeting and Poster Awards

#### Sunday, April 23

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Self-medication Historical Practices  
and Perspectives  
*Rahul Malhotra, MD, Psychiatrist,  
Partners in Psychiatry*

**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

Break

**9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

The Importance of Empathy: Using  
Motivational Interviewing to Build  
Healthy Patient Relationships  
*Robert Layzod, LPC,  
Psychotherapist, New South  
Psychiatry*

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

Policy Updates, Procedures and  
Proficiencies for Collaborative  
Practice and Supervisory Agreements  
*Kimie Buley, BS, Director of  
Advanced Practice Providers,  
Alabama Board of Medical  
Examiners*

**11:15 a.m.**

Evaluation/Adjourn

#### Registration

Register online at [www.tinyurl.com/APPA2024SpringConference](http://www.tinyurl.com/APPA2024SpringConference) or  
print a registration form at [www.alabamapsych.com/physicians](http://www.alabamapsych.com/physicians).

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#### Accommodations

Room rates at The Lodge at Gulf State Park begin at \$219 per night. Call (800) 618-4350 and mention the Alabama Psychiatric Physicians Association room block or find the link to book online at [www.alabamapsych.com/physicians](http://www.alabamapsych.com/physicians). The deadline to reserve a room is March 26, 2024.