

“ACROSS BORDERS: navigating the intersections of psychiatry and immigration”

ADVOCACY DAY 2016

1:15-4:30pm, Wed June 1

Mount Sinai 18th floor auditorium

- 1:15-1:30 AWARD: The *Zofia Pakula Social Justice Award* presented to a psychiatry resident.
- 1:30-2:30 KEYNOTES - **IMMIGRATION DETENTION**
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Rachel Kronick presents research on children and families in immigration detention in Canada.
 - Immigration lawyer, Aviva Basman outlines legal advocacy efforts to protect children and mentally ill persons.
 - Psychiatrist Michaela Beder highlights the interdisciplinary advocacy work of health and legal professionals.
 - A family shares their lived experience in immigration detention.
- 2:30-2:45 REFRESHMENTS – COFFEE/COOKIES
- 2:45-3:45 BREAKOUT GROUPS (choose one of the following)
- **HOW TO WRITE REFUGEE REPORTS:** Psychiatrist Parul Agarwal, joined by an immigration lawyer, explains how your written psychiatric assessment can support your patient’s refugee application.
 - **RESOURCES FOR THE UNINSURED:** Inner city health physician Ritika Goel teaches you the ins and outs of resources for your refugee and precarious status patients.
 - **MEDIA 101:** Dan Raza, physician and writer, provides advice on advocating through media outlets, including practical tips on how to write an op-ed.
- 3:45-4:15 RESIDENT PRESENTATION – Drs. Suzie Ettie & Rahaf Alisiri will discuss an innovative advocacy project
- 4:15-4:30 WRAP-UP

We’re really looking forward to seeing you for an engaging afternoon on this timely, salient topic!

Michaela Beder, Dorothy Kuk, Dan Rosenbaum, Lucy Barker,
Mary Yang, Adrienne Batke, Arfeen Malick, Laura Chertkow,
June Lam, Rachel Kronick, Jim Deutsch, Ketan Vegda
(Advocacy Day Planners)

P.S. Immigration detention has had lots written about it this year. For further reading...

- 1) *The Star* published an article a few weeks ago by keynote speaker Rachel Kronick and Michaela Beder on this topic: [“Jailing Immigration Detainees a Gross Injustice”](#)
- 2) 146 healthcare providers signed a letter imploring a Minister of government to end refugee detention ([story reported in the Star](#))
- 3) *The New Yorker* article [“The Refugee Dilemma”](#)
- 4) Paper in *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* “Asylum-Seeking Children’s Experiences of Detention in Canada” (PDF attached)