

SCPS Election 2025-2026 Candidate CVs

Emily Wood M.D.

President-elect

Education: University of Washington, Seattle, WA: B.S. Magna Cum Laude in Psychology; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD: M.D. & Ph.D. in Neuroscience; UCLA – Semel Neuropsychiatric Institute, Los Angeles, CA: Adult Psychiatry Residency, Child/Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship, Post-Doctoral Research

Certification: MBC License, ABPN Certificates for Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychiatry

Professional Activities: Medical Director at Spectrum Psych LA specializing in neurodevelopmental disorders; Medical Director at MBI Health Services, Inc on Skid Row; PREVIOUSLY: LAC Correctional Health Services, LAC Juvenile Justice Mental Health, Community West PHP/IOP

Academic Appointment: Assistant Clinical Professor, Charles R. Drew University, Department of Psychiatry

Professional Associations: APA, SCPS, AACAP, SCSCAP, CMA, APSARD

Professional Income: 60% Spectrum Psych LA (private practice); 20% MBI Health Services, Inc.; 20% Traditions Behavioral Health

Gillian Friedman, M.D.

Treasurer-elect

Education: B.A. Economics, Drake University, 1990; M.D., University of Illinois at Chicago, 1998; Psychiatry Residency, University of Illinois at Chicago 1998-2002; Women's Mental Health Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago 2001-2002.

In progress: Certified Physician Executive (CPE), American Association for Physician Leadership.

Certification: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology: General Psychiatry (since 2005). American Board of Addiction Medicine 2012; American Board of Preventive Medicine – Addiction (since 2018).

Professional Activity: Medical Director, Patton State Hospital

Professional Association Activities: American Psychiatric Association, American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Association for Physician Leadership, International Society of Reproductive Psychiatry (board member)

Professional Income: 96% Department of State Hospitals - (State of California); 4% Private Practice

Roderick Shaner, M.D.

Secretary

Training: UCLA School of Medicine, post-graduate training at USC, current board certification in general, child and adolescent, geriatric psychiatry, and addiction medicine.

Work: Clinical work in emergency, child, and general psychiatry, past director of LAC+USC Psychiatric Emergency Services, medical director of LAC DMH, medical director of a behavioral health managed care company, and private practice.

Past and Current Service: Past president of SCPS, current co-chair of the SCPS Government Affairs Committee and chair of the CSAP Board.

Focus: Mental health advocacy, crafting legislative bills and policy statements.

Personal: Living in Los Angeles with a tolerant fellow psychiatrist.

Professional Income: None

Yelena Koldobskaya, M.D.

San Fernando Valley Region Councillor

No CV Submitted

Professional Income: 100% L.A. County Department of Mental Health

Ruqayyah Malik, M.D.

Early Career Psychiatrist Representative

Education: University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Cum Laude, May 2015; Rush Medical College, Chicago IL, Doctor of Medicine, May 2020

Residency: University of California, Riverside School of Medicine, Psychiatry Internship June 2020 - June 2021; University of California, Riverside School of Medicine, Psychiatry Residency June 2021 - June 2024

Certifications: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Diplomate in Psychiatry, September 2024 - Present

Professional Affiliations: American Psychiatric Association, Member, 2019-Present; Southern California Psychiatric Society, Leadership Member, 2022-Present; New Center for Psychoanalysis, Member 2022- Present

Leadership: Minority and Underrepresented Groups Representative, Southern California Psychiatric Society, 2023-Present

Professional Income: 100% Department of State Hospitals-Patton

Christopher Chamanadjian, M.D.

Resident-Fellow Member Representative

Education: University of California, Los Angeles, B.S; St. George's University School of Medicine, M.D.; Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Psychiatry Residency; Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship

Professional Activities: Clinical Lead, Sr. Medical Science Liaison & Medical Affairs: Cognoa; Member-In-Training Representative: SCSCAP; Trainee/Resident Committee Member: AACAP Media and AACAP Health Promotion and Prevention Committee

Awards: Resident of the Month Award, Inaugural Recipient, 2023; Best Laboratory Commendation Award, 2015; Excellent Facilitator Teaching Award, 2015

Professional Associations: AMA, AAP, AAN, APA, SCPS, SCSCAP

Professional Income: 100% Fellow Physician - Charles R. Drew University of Science and Medicine

Alexis Smith, M.D.

Resident-Fellow Member Representative

Education: Vanderbilt University, B.A. in neuroscience; Harvard Medical School, M.D.; UCLA, Psychiatry Residency

Professional Activities: UCLA Department of Psychiatry Residents' Council, Secretary; UCLA Psychiatry Recruitment Committee, Resident Co-Chair; UCLA Restraint Reduction QI Initiative, Resident Lead; UCLA Bluebook, Co-Editor

Awards: Harvard Medical School DEANS Reach Scholarship Recipient

Professional Associations: AMA, APA, SCPS, ACLM

Professional Income: 100% UCLA Psychiatry Residency Training Program

Austin Nguy, M.D.

DMURR

Education: University of California, Berkeley B.A. in molecular cell biology with an emphasis in biochemistry and music with an emphasis in piano performance; University of California, Riverside School of Medicine (UCRSOM) M.D.; current UCRSOM Psychiatry residency.

Professional Activities: Psychiatry Diversity Advisory Committee Co- Leader, UCR, 2024-; Asylum Clinic Co- Founder, UCR 2020-; Riverside Free Clinic Psychiatry Leader 2021-; Psychiatry Residency Selection Committee Leader, UCR, 2024-.

Professional Associations: AACAP, SCSCAP, PHR, ASAM

Professional Income: 100% UCRiverside SOM

C Freeman, M.D.

APA Assembly Representative

Education: B.S., Howard; M.D., Howard; Residency, Internal Medicine/Psychiatry, University of Virginia; MBA, Pepperdine; Fellowships, Climate Health Organizing - Cambridge Health Alliance & Climate Health & Equity - Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health.

Certification: ABPN.

Professional Activity: Part-time private practice, adult & geriatric psychiatry; Part-time contract, Contra Costa County Older Adult Mental Health, supervising clinicians, providing telepsychiatry & facility/home-based care.

Past Professional Activities: Advisor, CA Future Health Workforce Commission. Founding Program Director, Psychiatry Residency, CDU; Associate Director, Psychiatry Residency, Meharry; Clinical Faculty, USC/California Hospital Family Medicine; Medical Director, Geropsychiatry, California Hospital; Psychiatrist, LAC DMH, Step Up On Second, River Community Residential; Trainer, LA County APS.

Professional Associations: APA, Fellow, BOT Audit Committee, Past Parliamentarian & Finance Committee, Past Presidential Taskforce Subcommittee Chair; Assembly, SCPS Area 6 Rep, Reference & Rules Committees, Past Work Groups Metrics & Advocacy; CMA Past Trustee; LACMA Past President; NMA, Past Treasurer; AMA, Member.

Professional Income: 100% Private Practice

Matthew Goldenberg, D.O.

APA Assembly Representative

Education: UCLA, Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship (2015-2016); Banner University Medical Center, Psychiatry Residency (2011 to 2015); Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, D.O. (2007 to 2011); Santa Clara University, B.S. (2002 to 2006).

Academic Appointment: UCLA, Volunteer Clinical Instructor (Prev.); Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry (Prev.).

Certification: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN): General Psychiatry (2015); ABPN: Addiction Psychiatry (2016). Medical Review Officer (2017 to Present).

Professional Activity: Full Time, Private Practice, Santa Monica, CA; Consultant Addiction Psychiatrist to Addiction Treatment Programs, Psychiatrist Consultant to the Federal Air Surgeon (FAA), OMBC Expert Consultant Diversion Evaluation Committee and Expert Reviewer .

Professional Association Activities: APA: Fellow; SCPS: Past-President, Chair Private Practice Committee and Awards Committee; CSAP: Member of GAC, Past Board Member; California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM): Board Member; California Public Protection and Physician Health (CPPPH): Past Chair and Current Board Member; ASAM: Fellow; AAAP: Member; AOAAM: Member.

Professional Income: 90% Private Practice; 10% Consulting Psychiatrist to Addiction Treatment Programs