



ADAA Welcomes New Board President Luana Marques, PhD

January 1, 2020

ADAA is pleased to announce that Luana Marques, PhD has assumed the role of President of the ADAA Board of Directors (BOD) effective January 1, 2020. Dr. Marques will serve a two-year term.

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Dr. Marques succeeds Beth Salcedo, MD, who served as ADAA BOD President from 2017-2019. Dr. Salcedo will now serve as Immediate Past Board Chair.

Dr. Marques has been an active member of ADAA since 2008 and has served on the Board since 2016. Dr. Marques is an ADAA Clinical Fellow, serves as the Board Liaison to the ADAA Annual Conference Committee, the Professional Education Committee, the PTSD Special Interest Group and the Multicultural Advances Special Interest Group.

Dr. Marques is Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; the Director of Community Psychiatry Program for Research in the Implementation and Dissemination of Evidence Based Treatment (PRIDE) at Massachusetts General Hospital. and is the Associate Director and Director of Research, at the Center for Anxiety and Traumatic Stress Disorders Program (CATSD), Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Marques' major clinical and research interests include the treatment of anxiety disorders, with a particular focus on the implementation of empirically supported treatments for patients suffering from the various anxiety disorders in community health clinics. Her research goal is to decrease disparities in care for psychiatric patients, especially among low-income and ethnic minority patients.

"I am both honored and humbled to have been chosen to serve as Board President of such a wonderful organization. I appreciate ADAA's confidence in me and will work hard to serve the board and the membership. It has been a pleasure working with Beth over the last few years and I very much appreciate the time she spent in her role as President to ensure that I was kept apprised of all the happenings at ADAA. I am also extremely grateful to have such an impressive and strong staff at ADAA who work tirelessly to support our mission, and I will work hard alongside them and the Board of Directors to further the causes of our great organization," says Dr. Marques.

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“Luana is a proven leader who shares ADAA’s mission to improve the quality of life for those with anxiety, depression and co-occurring disorders by promoting implementation of evidence-based treatments and best practices across disciplines through continuing education and trainings and accelerating dissemination of research into practice. Luana is dedicated to ADAA’s promise to find new treatments and one day prevent and cure these disorders. We are excited to welcome Luana as ADAA’s BOD President,” says Susan Gurley, JD, ADAA Executive Director.

ADAA is also pleased to announce that Charles B. Nemeroff, MD, PhD, ADAA’s Chief Medical Officer, has been appointed Board President-Elect effective January 1, 2020. Dr. Nemeroff is currently the Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Director, Institute for Early Life Adversity Research at the Dell Medical School, the University of Texas at Austin. Previously, Dr. Nemeroff was the Leonard M. Miller Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and Clinical Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He is past president of the American College of Psychiatrists and the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (USA). Dr. Nemeroff’s research has focused on the neurobiology of mood and anxiety disorders with a focus on the long-term consequences of child abuse and neglect and how these changes increase vulnerability for psychiatric disorders in adulthood. He has published more than 1000 research reports and reviews, and 15 books.

The ADAA Board and staff would like to take this opportunity to also extend their sincere appreciation to Beth Salcedo, MD for her 2017-2019 tenure as ADAA Board President. Under Beth’s leadership ADAA has seen significant revenue, membership and engagement growth and embarked upon a number of innovative initiatives including ADAA’s new strategic plan. ADAA looks forward to continuing our collaborative partnership with Beth as she assumes her new role as the BOD Immediate Past President.

ADAA also recognizes Karen Cassiday, PhD for her many years of collaboration as a longtime ADAA member and past Board President (2015-2017). Karen’s board tenure ended December 31, 2019 and we thank her for her many years of dedication and support.

“Our Board of Directors oversee the long-term strategic plan for ADAA, enabling us to advance our mission, vision and strategic objectives.” Ms. Gurley said. “They are distinguished individuals who contribute a broad range of experience in patient care, academics and research. ADAA could not serve the public and mental health professional community without the dedication and commitment of these volunteers, many of whom have demanding full-time careers outside of the work they do for us. Their hard work, dedicated time and commitment are greatly appreciated and valued by ADAA, our staff and the greater community.”

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