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Bio

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Sai Folmsbee is a clinical assistant professor in the neuropsychiatry section and leads the Neuroimmunology Disorders Neuropsychiatry Clinic, the Neuropsychiatry Consult Service, and the psychiatric service at the Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence and Ataxia Clinic. He is also a member of the Stanford Autoimmune Encephalitis Clinic (AEC), focusing on the treatment of the psychiatric symptoms of immune-mediated epilepsy/encephalitis. Currently, he is the Neuropsychiatry Fellowship Associate Program Director.

His clinical and research interests include the psychiatric manifestations and treatment of immune-mediated illness. He graduated from the Medical Scientist Training Program at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine, where he received his Ph.D. investigating the role of cell adhesion in immunologic and neurologic processes. He completed his general psychiatry residency training in the Psychiatry Research Pathway at the University of Pittsburgh. Afterwards, he completed the Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Neurology Fellowship at Stanford University and joined the faculty in 2023.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Psychiatry
- Neuropsychiatry
- Neuroimmunology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Innovator Grant, Stanford University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (2023)
- Trailblazing Trainee Award, Stanford University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (2023)
- Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh Medical School (2019)

- Professionalism Accolade, University of Pittsburgh Medical School (2018, 2019)
- Stephen M. Stahl Award for Excellence in Psychiatry, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (2018)
- F30 National Research Service Award Individual Fellowship, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine (2015-2017)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Diplomate, United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties , Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry (2025)
- Fellowship: Stanford University Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (2023) CA
- Board Certification: Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry (2022)
- Residency: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Psychiatry Program (2022) PA
- Medical Education: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (2018) IL

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My current research interest is the intersection of psychiatry and neuroimmunology. I am currently collaborating with Stanford Neuroimmunology in a retrospective analysis of patient data to determine the relationship between psychaitric medications and clinical outcomes in hospitalized patients with mutliple sclerosis, autoimmune encephalitis, and neuromyelitis optica.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **The cardiac protein αT-catenin contributes to chemical-induced asthma.** *American journal of physiology. Lung cellular and molecular physiology*
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- **Ewing sarcoma EWS protein regulates midzone formation by recruiting Aurora B kinase to the midzone.** *Cell cycle (Georgetown, Tex.)*
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