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Stephanie Maddox, Ph.D. Named ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow

Washington, D.C. - [Americans for Medical Progress](#), a nonprofit biomedical research advocacy group supporting responsible animal research, is pleased to announce that Stephanie Maddox, Ph.D., has been named the ACNP-AMP BRAD Fellow. The fellowship is a partnership between the [American College of Neuropsychopharmacology](#) and AMP. The position was established to provide national coordination for [Biomedical Research Awareness Day](#) (BRAD.) BRAD was created through the [Michael D. Hayre Fellowship in Public Outreach program](#), established by AMP, to promote peer education about animal research. The ACNP/AMP Fellowship offers individuals the opportunity to raise awareness about the essential role of animals in clinical and basic research for brain-behavior-drug interactions, advancements in psychopharmacology, and careers in the field.

Maddox is a research fellow in the Neurobiology of Fear Laboratory at McLean Hospital, and the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. She is currently working under the mentorship of Kerry J. Ressler, M.D. Ph.D. Stephanie earned her Ph.D. in psychology with an emphasis in behavioral neuroscience from Yale University in 2013. Her research is founded on her expertise in animal behavioral models and aims to identify the neuroanatomical and neurobiological mechanisms that underlie stress, trauma and mood-related disorders. Outside of the lab, Stephanie is passionate about public science advocacy and education. She helped establish and currently directs McLean Hospital's "Brains Matter" program, a science education and outreach program focused on neuroscience research.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to expand BRAD even further and help encourage and empower my peers to become advocates for their own research efforts," Stephanie explained. "My biggest hope is that by encouraging public science education and advocacy within the neuroscience and neuropharmacology domain, we can help restore faith in science, help ensure the future of scientific progress and make gains towards reducing the stigma surrounding mental illness."

"I am thrilled to welcome Stephanie, with ACNP's support," said Paula Clifford, executive director for AMP. "Stephanie will join AMP's present and past BRAD fellows and the many BRAD coordinators at their institutions who are making a positive difference in raising awareness about essential animal research for medical progress."

A photo of Stephanie can be [downloaded from this link](#).

About Americans for Medical Progress

Americans for Medical Progress provides accurate and incisive information to foster a balanced public debate on the animal research issue, ensuring that among the voices heard are those whose lives have been touched by research and those who work in the field. AMP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity supported by the nation's top universities, private research facilities, research-related businesses, scientific and professional societies, as well as by foundation grants and contributions by individuals. AMP's Board of Directors is composed of physicians, researchers, veterinarians, and university officials.

About American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP), founded in 1961, is a professional, international organization of leading brain scientists. Selected primarily on the basis of their original research contributions, the membership of the College is drawn from scientists in diverse subfields of neuroscience, including behavioral pharmacology, clinical psychopharmacology, epidemiology, genetics, molecular biology, neurochemistry, neuroendocrinology, neuroimaging, neuroimmunology, neurophysiology, neurology, psychiatry, and psychology.

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