



Biosketch

James Potash, MD, MPH

AACDP Position: Councilor



Dr. Potash has been the Henry Phipps Professor, Director of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and Psychiatrist-in-Chief, at Johns Hopkins since 2017. Before that he was Chair and Department Executive Officer of the University of Iowa Department of Psychiatry for six years. Dr. Potash graduated from Yale College. Following graduation, he served in the Peace Corps in the West African country of Senegal. He completed his master's degree in public health at Johns Hopkins, and then went on to medical school at Hopkins, medical internship at Hopkins Bayview, and a year working as a general practitioner in another West African country, Benin. He returned to do his psychiatry residency at Hopkins. He became the Mood Disorders Center research director before moving to Iowa. Dr. Potash's work has focused on investigation of the genetic and epigenetic basis of depression and bipolar disorder. These efforts have resulted in over 215 publications and 20 years of consistent NIH funding. Dr. Potash serves as Treasurer for the International Society for Psychiatric Genetics and has been president of the American Psychopathological Association, a member of the Council on Research of the American Psychiatric Association, and of the Executive Committee of the National Network of Depression Centers. In addition to his research endeavors, Dr. Potash is also an active clinician who sees patients with depression and bipolar disorder, in both the inpatient and outpatient setting.