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Dr. Mazure is the Norma Weinberg Spungen and Joan Lebson Bildner Professor in Women's Health Research, and Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the Yale School of Medicine. In November 2023, President Joe Biden announced the launch of the first-ever White House Initiative on Women's Health Research, led by First Lady Jill Biden in collaboration with the White House's Gender Policy Council, and Chaired by Dr. Mazure.



After 3 years at NIH and fellowship training at Yale, Dr. Mazure joined the Yale faculty—becoming an active clinician and NIH-funded researcher. She was the director of Psychiatry's Adult Inpatient Program at Yale-New Haven Hospital and has held a variety of other leadership roles, including associate dean for faculty at Yale School of Medicine, scientific director of NIH Specialized Centers of Research Excellence (SCORE) on Sex Differences, and principal investigator of Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's' Health (BIRCWH) faculty training grants.

In 1998, she created Women's Health Research at Yale, the university's interdisciplinary research center on the health of women and the interplay of sex, gender, and health. The center studies a wide breadth of topics from cardiovascular disease to cancers and has been recognized as a national model for launching research. It also focuses on translating findings, sharing health information with the public and policymakers, and providing mentored training in interdisciplinary team science.

Her research contributions have focused on depression, one of the greatest causes of disability for women in the United States and globally, and on the sex- and gender-specific relationship of stress to depression and co-occurring addictive behaviors. Current research targets the intersection of biological and social factors affecting the health of women, gender-specific strategies for promoting resilience, and health policies that serve to advance the lives of women.

Dr. Mazure served on the Advisory Committee for the NIH Office for Research on Women's Health, provided testimony to the U.S. Congress on the health of women, served on the planning committee for the First White House Conference on Mental Health, and was a fellow for the U.S. Congress' Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Her national honors include the Marion Spencer Fay Award from the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, the American Psychological Association Distinguished Leadership Award, the Elizabeth Blackwell Award from the National Organization for Women, and a U.S. Public Health Fellowship.

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