

## DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY 2020 SPRING SEMINAR

**Thursday, March 26**

**12:00 — 1:00 pm, <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/217158448>**

# **Clinical Variability and Neurobiological Predictors for Suicidal Behavior in Youth**

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Dr. Melhem, a GSPH alumna, has a background in psychiatric epidemiology and statistical genetics. Her research is focused on the neurobiology of stress response and suicidal behavior, and on studying the familial, genetic, environmental, and biological mechanisms implicated in depression and suicidal behavior in children, adolescents, and young adults. She is the PI of three NIMH R01 studies, as well as a Standard-Linked Grant from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to study the role of neuroinflammation in suicidal behavior. Among other accolades, she has received a Young Investigator Award from AFSP and a postdoctoral fellowship from the Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation.