Empirical Classification of Psychopathology

There is substantial recent interest in working to understand the empirical structure of psychopathology, as a way of remedying the limitations inherent in authoritative approaches to understanding psychopathology, such as those embodied in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). The empirical approach to psychopathology classification (embodied in efforts such as those undertaken by the Hierarchical Taxonomy of Psychopathology Consortium; HiTOP) reveals structures that are consistent and replicable. In this presentation, I will review our program of research in this area, and prospects for continued evolution and communication between both scientific and authoritative approaches to classifying psychopathology.