Student Updates:

- **Program Office is closed November 23-25!**

- **Congrats are in order!**
  To Jessica Thomas and Brittany Williams who both received the Committee on Inclusion and Diversity (CID) travel award to attend the Biophysical Society 61st Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on February 11-15, 2017!

- **Neuroscience Seminar**
  - November 22, 2016 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR DUE TO THANKSGIVING WEEK
  - November 29, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm in 2117 MERF: Guest speaker Geoffrey Schoenbaum, MD, PhD
  - December 6, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm in 1459, PBDB: Faculty Lecture - Jan Wessel, PhD
  - December 13, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm in 1459, PBDB: Max Liu & Katrina Okerstrom
  - December 20, 2016 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR DUE TO HOLIDAY WEEK

- **Spring Registration** - Please log into MyUI and get registered by November 30! The program office will be working with your departments as of December 1 to pay your spring tuition and fees.

- **Updates from Graduate College**
  **Upcoming Photo Booth** - Graduate students/postdocs can sign up to have a professional photo taken.
  - December 1, 2016 (Thursday) at 12:30pm-4:30pm in 423 Gilmore Hall
  - January 19, 2017 (Thursday) at 1pm-4pm in 423 Gilmore Hall

- **Workshops for Researchers - Carver College of Medicine**
  **Social Media in Research** - How can social media benefit your research program? Learn about social media platforms and see how faculty colleagues at Iowa use social media on a daily basis. Presented by Jamie Jones, CCOM IT.
  - December 7, 2016 (Wednesday) at 12pm to 1pm in 1117 MERF  [RSVP here](#)

- **NIH Blueprint Diversity Specialized Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience Award (D-SPAN F99/K00)**
The D-SPAN F99/K00 award is intended for individuals who have demonstrated an interest in a neuroscience research career in NIH Blueprint mission-relevant areas and/or BRAIN Initiative research areas. At the time of award, applicants are expected to require 1-2 years to complete their PhD dissertation research training (F99 phase) before transitioning to mentored postdoctoral research training (K00 phase). The D-SPAN F99/K00 award is meant to provide up to 6 years of support in two phases. The initial (F99) phase will provide support for the final 1-2 years of dissertation research in a neuroscience related field (including experiments, dissertation preparation) and the search for/selection of a postdoctoral mentor. The two award phases are intended to be continuous in time. The second (K00) phase will provide up to 4 years of mentored postdoctoral research career development support and is contingent upon successful completion of the doctoral degree requirements. First submission March 8, 2016, Due by April 8, 2017  [More info](#)

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Portion of the 1st year cohort at Society for Neuroscience last week.
Left to right: Carolina, Lex, Grant, Frida, Nick (top), and Rachel (below).