Student Updates:

- **Congrats are in order…..**
  - Victoria Muller Ewald, recipient of a Spring 2017 Post-Comprehensive Research Award from the Graduate College!
  - Katrina Okerstrom, recipient of a Spring 2017 Post-Comprehensive Research Award from the Graduate College!
  - Arianna Rigon, recipient of a Spring 2017 Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Fellowship from the Graduate College!
  - Kayleen Schreiber, recipient of a Spring 2017 Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Fellowship from the Graduate College!
  - Brittany Williams, winner of the 2016 Neuroscience Research Day Poster Session!

- **Neuroscience Seminar**
  - December 6, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm in 2117 MERF: Faculty Lecture - Jan Wessel, PhD *Notice, room change due to AV issues in 1459 PBDB
  - December 13, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm in 2117 MERF: Max Liu & Katrina Okerstrom *Notice, room change due to AV issues in 1459 PBDB
  - December 20, 2016 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR DUE TO HOLIDAY WEEK

- **Do you have a spring 2017 TA opportunity lined up?**
  Make sure to inform the program office of which class it is for so we can track into our database so that you get credit for it—remember there is a program requirement for the number of TAs you need in order to graduate….see the handbook for more info.

- **Updates from Graduate College**
  - Upcoming Photo Booth - Graduate students/postdocs can sign up to have a professional photo taken.
    - 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

- **Public Speaking for Academics (RHET:7940)**
  Graduate students in Genetics—especially those who have already taken Science Communication in the Digital Age—may be interested in honing their public speaking and presentational skills. In the spring semester, Rhetoric will offer the skills-focused public speaking course for graduate students RHET:7940, Public Speaking for Academics. The course is interdisciplinary, and offers all graduate students the opportunity to hone presentational skills relevant to their careers, whether in academia, nonprofit, industry, or entrepreneurism. Grad students in Public Speaking for Academics will develop the speaking skills and confidence they need to communicate their ideas across a range of public speaking occasions, including formal presentations, speeches, pitches, informal conversations, interviews, and video-recorded speeches. The course is practical and allows students to speak about projects, research, coursework, or thesis work that they are already doing. This approach helps the students better understand the ideas they are grappling with in their studies. The course meets 2:30-5:00 on Wednesdays. We are glad to answer any questions you or grad students might have. Just write to matthew-gilchrist@uiowa.edu and benjamin-hassman@uiowa.edu.

- **Iowa Neuroscience Institute Announcement**

  The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

  Carver Trust giving $45M to support new Iowa Neuroscience Institute

  research to find the causes of and preventions, treatments, and cures for the many, diseases that affect the brain and nervous system
Student and/or Faculty Updates:

- **Nontenure-Track Assistant Professor Position at Saint Louis University**
  Saint Louis University is seeking applicants for a nontenure-track Assistant Professor in Neuroscience in the Department of Biology to begin in August 2017. This position will support the interdisciplinary undergraduate major in Neuroscience that is jointly administered by the Departments of Biology and Psychology. Applicants should have a Ph.D., teaching experience, and a commitment to undergraduate student mentoring. Post-doctoral research experience is strongly preferred. The successful candidate is expected to teach Introductory Cellular, Molecular, and Systemic Neuroscience and an advanced senior seminar in neuroscience. In addition, the successful candidate will serve as lab coordinator and instructor for a Neuroscience Laboratory course. In future years, the successful candidate will be expected to develop and teach an upper level neurobiology elective course such as neurophysiology, neuropharmacology, neuroethology, computational neuroscience, or a topic in the candidate’s area of expertise. Applicants must have a strong background in neuroscience, a commitment to teaching excellence, and a desire to advise and teach a diverse student body. All applications must be made online and include a cover letter, CV, a statement of teaching experience and philosophy, and statement of research background. In addition, please have three letters of reference sent to Dr. John Kennell, Department of Biology, Saint Louis University, 3507 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63103-2010. Review of applications will begin on December 20, 2016 and continue until suitable candidates are identified.

- **Post-doctoral Position at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston**
  Post-doctoral position in a cutting edge laboratory at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston available for a candidate with PhD and 0-2 years of post-doctoral experience. Ideal candidate would have experience in neuroscience, particularly in working on neuronal isolation and culture systems and/or in working with sympathetic nervous model systems. The work will entail examining the biological roles of nerves in cancer growth and metastasis. Please contact Dr. Anil Sood. Research Program Website Cancer Center Website