Announcements & Updates

- **Upcoming Thesis Seminars**
  - Catherine Yeates (Frank Lab, Anatomy and Cell Biology) “The reversibility and limits of homeostatic synaptic plasticity”
    - February 20, 2018 (Tuesday) at 12:1-0pm in 2117 MERF
  - Rachel Clark (Voss Lab, Psychological and Brain Sciences) “Beneficial Contribution of Health Behaviors to Learning and Related Brain Mechanisms in Older Adults”
    - March 29, 2018 (Thursday) at 1-2pm in 1459 PBDB

- **Neuroscience PhD Program Seminar Series**
  - February 20, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - Grant Walters & Alex Petrucci
  - February 27, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 101 BBE - Kelle Nett
  - March 6, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - “CHANGING FEAR” with Guest Speaker Elizabeth “Liz” Phelps, PhD, Julius Silver Professor of Psychology and Neural Science, Department of Psychology, New York University
  - March 13, 2018 (Tuesday) - NO SEMINAR, Spring Break
  - March 20, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - Guest Speaker Elizabeth “Beth” Buffalo, PhD, Professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Washington School of Medicine; Chief, Neuroscience Division, Washington National Primate Research Center
  - March 27, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 101 BBE - Lex Gomez & Kelsey Heslin
  - April 3, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - DATA BLITZ
  - April 10, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - 1st year rotation talks
  - April 17, 2018 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR, CCOM Health Sciences Research Week
  - April 24, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 101 BBE - 1st year rotation talks
  - May 1, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - 1st year rotation talks
  - May 8, 2018 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR, Finals Week

- **Iowa Neuroscience Institute (INI) Updates**
  - Check the [INI website](http://www.ini.uiowa.edu) for dates and details on their seminar series and journal club
  - INI First Year Celebration - It is INI first birthday, and time to celebrate success and a bright future. Please join INI, meet fellow colleagues, and enjoy drinks, music and hors d’oeuvres.
    - February 27, 2018 (Tuesday) from 5-7pm (remarks by INI Director, Ted Abel, PhD, at 5:30pm) at Stanley Café, Hancher Auditorium

- **Science Fair Judges Needed**
  The Eastern Iowa Science & Engineering Fair (EISEF) is seeking SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES to evaluate projects at this regional event. The EISEF hosts around 250 projects and we will need around 250 judges. Each judge will evaluate 6 projects. We need MANY judges in life sciences categories. Please join us by contacting jo-mahoney@uiowa.edu with interest (faculty and graduate students welcome)!
  - March 17, 2018 (Saturday) from 8am to 12:30pm at Lindale Mall in Cedar Rapids

- **Jakobsen Memorial Graduate Conference**
  [James F. Jakobsen Memorial Graduate Conference](http://www.ini.uiowa.edu/events/jakobsen-conference) provides Graduate and Professional Students at the University of Iowa the opportunity to give poster or oral presentations on campus in a well-attended, interdisciplinary venue. Cash prizes are awarded to those who submit the best work as judged by faculty volunteers. Please note that presentation at this conference is required for some of you—if you have been awarded a Graduate College fellowship (Ballard/Seashore, Post-comps, Pre-comps URM, etc) please check the terms of the award for this requirement. Submission deadline has been extended to Tuesday, Feb. 20th.
  - March 24, 2018 at the Iowa Memorial Union See attached email for more information

- **66th Annual Nebraska Symposium on Motivation**
  We are pleased to accept submissions for poster presentations for the 66th Annual Nebraska Symposium on Motivation. This year’s topic is Emotion in the Mind and Body, and we have a fantastic line-up of speakers. Posters should present research focused on emotion, emotion regulation, emotion development, individual differences, interdisciplinary applications (clinical, political, societal, communications), or motivation, broadly defined. To submit an abstract for consideration, please visit our web form. You must include the title, authors, author affiliations, and abstract/summary (no more than 1500 characters, not including spaces). All submissions are due by March 1, 2018. Posters will not be part of the subsequent published volume. If you have any questions, please email. To attend, please register (at no cost) for the symposium.
  - April 16-17, 2018 at University of Nebraska—Lincoln
**Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion**
The theme this year is “Order and Disorder in the Emotional Brain.” As always, we have an outstanding line-up of leading scientists presenting their research, as well as in-depth discussions led by our graduate students. We hope you can join us as we deliver lively discussions on the origins of psychiatric illnesses and provide creative insights into potential new treatments. Tickets for the 2018 Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion are available now: register online to reserve your seat. See attachment for more information.
- April 19-20, 2018 at University of Wisconsin-Madison

**International Behavioral and Neural Genetics Society: Genes, Brain, and Behavior Meeting 2018**
Given the proximity of Rochester to the University of Iowa, the 20th Annual Genes, Brain, and Behavior meeting of the International Behavioral and Neural Genetics Society could be a great opportunity to attend. Registration is open. General registration and abstract submissions are due March 16th. For more information or to download printable flyers, please see the meeting website [https://www.ibangs.org/meetings](https://www.ibangs.org/meetings)
- May 17-21, 2018 in Rochester, MN

**Department of Biology Seminar Series**
~Spring seminar schedule can be found [here](#)

**Molecular Psychiatry Seminar Series**
More details can be found [here](#) of seminar series dates spanning through June 2018

**Cerebellar Interest Group**
Monthly meetings, [dates listed here](#) at 1pm in 1385 PBDB, with lunch from the INI! Please RSVP for lunch to Krystal Parker, PhD.

**SAVE THE DATE: Health Sciences Research Week—The Connected Brain**
Health Sciences Research Week will be held Monday, April 16 through Thursday, April 19, 2018. Please visit the Research Week [website](#) for updates and specific details.