• Congratulations are in order…
  Katy Proch and Jessica Thomas—who both successfully defended their thesis recently!

• Neuroscience PhD Program Seminar Series
- April 10, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - 1st year rotation talks: Katelyn Joyal, Louis Balczak, Jenna Kelly, and Adriana Rivera-Dompenciel
- April 17, 2018 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR, CCOM Health Sciences Research Week - topic: The Connected Brain
- April 24, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 101 BBE - 1st year rotation talks: Emily Walsh, Noah Armstrong, Maggie Tish, and Berlin Mendez
- May 1, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - 1st year rotation talks: Parker Abbott, Ben Rangel, Tim Skog, and Thomas Pak
- May 8, 2018 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR, Finals Week

• Computational Psychiatry Symposium
Come learn about the challenges and the promise of this exciting new field! This day-long symposium will feature three distinguished external speakers, as well as the latest research from on-campus investigators presented in oral and poster presentations. Three distinguished external speakers will offer their visions for how computing will advance research in mental health: Michele Ferrante, NIMH Program Officer for Computational Psychiatry; Guillermo Cecchi, Director of Computational Psychiatry at IBM; Michael Hawrylycz, Investigator at the Allen Institute for Brain Science. Other on-campus speakers include Lane Strathearn, Bryce Dietrich, Jake Michaelson, Ted Abel, Kevin Vervier, Gen Shinozaki, and Aaron Boes. Event also includes a poster session; previously presented posters may be included, if they fit well within the theme of the meeting, which is the use of novel computing approaches to improve mental health research and care. To register your intent to present a poster, please submit a title and abstract to jacob-michaelson@uiowa.edu. Online registration closed April 8, but walk-in registrations will be accepted, it may save time for you to fill out the registration form ahead of time and bring it along.
- April 12, 2018 (Thursday) from 10am-7pm in College of Public Health Building (CPHB), 1st floor atrium

• Department of Biology Seminar Series
  Spring seminar schedule can be found here
  ~ Neuroscience Faculty Member, Chun-Fang Wu, PhD, will present “Neuronal, Behavioral and Lifespan Plasticity: Random Walk in the Neurogenetic Landscape of Drosophila” at Biology Seminar this week, see attached flyer
- April 13, 2018 (Friday) at 4pm in 101 BBE

• Open Doors Graduate Career Conference
Registration is open for the 4th annual Open Doors Graduate Career Conference at Iowa. This event draws together alums and career professionals from across sectors to discuss their path from graduate degree to career. Careers highlighted include industry, non-profit management, libraries and archives, government, academic administration, college teaching, and others. Registration is free and includes lunch. The half day conference will include: pitching your research, panels, workshop mini-sessions, and networking practice. For more information, visit: grad.uiowa.edu/opendoors.
- April 14, 2018 (Saturday) from 8:30am-1:00pm in University Library

• 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.

• University Lecture Committee—opportunity to hear a high profile speaker and strong role model for women in the sciences
  “Climate Change: Keeping the Earth Green, Clean, and Habitable” by Ellen Stofan. Ms. Stofan was recently named as the first female head of the National Air and Space Museum. While the Chief Scientist for NASA, Ellen Stofan helped demolish barriers for women in science while working at the very frontiers of tech. In talks, she argues for greater diversity in the STEM fields, demonstrates why space exploration is crucial for innovation, and shows why studying our nearby planets is key to combating climate change here on Earth. More information and event link. No tickets are required and the event is open to the public.
- April 17, 2018 (Tuesday) at 7:30pm at the Englert Theatre, downtown Iowa City

• 2018 Uiowa Brainhack
Meet other brain enthusiasts and collaboration on projects related to the brain in an interactive three-day workshop/hackathon. (No prior programing experience necessary.) More information. Questions—please contact james-kent@uiowa.edu
- May 3-5, 2018 (Thursday to Saturday) 9am to 5pm
**Neuroscience Program Awards Committee Announcements**

~ Students: The Neuroscience Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the Publication Award. This award is given to a neuroscience graduate student for the best primary research article within the past year. The graduate student must be the 1st author (or joint 1st author) on the publication, and the article must be published or accepted for publication at the time of nomination. Articles submitted for this award should come from the graduate student, and the nominated articles will be evaluated by a committee of three faculty members in the Neuroscience Program. In addition, the student should write a brief paragraph (less than 150 words) explaining the overall general importance of the findings. The Publication Award carries a financial prize of $500. Please send nominations to Kumar Narayanan by April 13th, 2017. The winner will be announced before May 10th, 2017.

~ Faculty: We are seeking judges for the two upcoming Neuroscience program awards: The Publication award and the Service award. For each award, we need three judges. In each case, the nominations are due by April 13 and we expect to complete the judging within three weeks of that so that we can announce the winners during the first week in May. If you can serve as a judge for either of these awards, please email Ryan LaLumiere.

~ Faculty: The Neuroscience Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the Service Award. This award is given to the neuroscience graduate student who has displayed exemplary efforts in service to the Neuroscience Program in the previous year. “Service” is broadly defined, and includes contributions to the Program per se (e.g., serving on core Program committees) and contributions to the broader community (e.g., Brain Bee, Brain Awareness, outreach). Nominations for this award are made by individual faculty, and the award may be given to a graduate student of any year in the program. The awardee is selected from the nominees by a committee of three faculty members. The Service Award carries a financial prize of $200. Please send a nomination letter highlighting the nominee’s qualifications to Jan Wessel by April 13th, 2017. The winner will be announced before May 10, 2017.

**Iowa Neuroscience Institute (INI) Updates**

~ Check the INI website for dates and details on their seminar series and journal club

**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**

~ Faculty: Spring Faculty Meeting in 2141-2 RCP (Neurology Conference Room) on Wednesday, May 9 from 4:00-5:00pm

~ Students & Faculty: Neuroscience Program Spring Picnic at Picayune Creek Farms on Thursday, May 17 from 4:30-7:30pm