Student Updates:

- **Neuroscience Seminar**
  - August 30, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm, in 101 BBE: Jessica Thomas
  - September 6, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm, in 1459 PBDB: Frank Jareczek
  - September 13, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm, in 1459 PBDB: Brittany Williams

- **AcademyHealth University of Iowa Student Chapter**
  A chapter of AcademyHealth has been founded on the University of Iowa campus and is the leading national organization serving the fields of health services research and health policy, and the professionals who produce this important work. The AcademyHealth University of Iowa Student Chapter aims to enhance the collaboration, learning and professional development experience for all its members. You’re invited to attend the chapter’s first event, on August 30, to introduce the chapter, its aims and activities, as well as the opportunities for the College of Public Health community members. We welcome students, faculty, and staff from all disciplines, colleges, and departments at the University to join us. The event will include free dinner catered by Chick-fil-A, in addition to other vegetarian and vegan options, as needed. Please RSVP and indicate any dietary needs or restrictions you have.
  - August 30, 2016 (Tuesday) at 5:30pm, in C217 CPHB (College of Public Health Building)

- **American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Communicating Science Workshop**
  A workshop tailored for UI grad students will be offered to address the needs of scientists and engineers to communicate scientific or technical information in a variety of public and professional interactions. Register here.
  - September 23, 2016 (Friday) 1:30pm to 4:30pm, W401 Pappajohn

- **Department of Neurology 4th Annual Fall Symposium: Neurogenetics**
  University Department of Neurology and Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine is pleased to announce that registration is open for the Neurogenetics Symposium on Friday, September 30, 2016. Neurogenetic disorders affect thousands of Americans and are difficult to treat. Translational scientists forming the faculty of this meeting are in the forefront of developing therapies to help treat these disorders; these therapies will eventually become worldwide standards for neurogenetics. Please visit the conference website for more info or to download the brochure.
  - September 30, 2016 (Friday)

- **Volunteers Needed - Neuroscience at Iowa, You@UI Recruiting Event**
  Mike Dailey, Neuroscience Program Associate Director, is recruiting 3-4 volunteers (in their Neuroscience Program t-shirts) to assist with demonstrations, hand out Program information, and answer any questions at an undergraduate recruiting event on campus the morning of Saturday, October 15. You would be needed for approximately one hour to help host ~40 people (students and family).
  Please contact Mike with interest to volunteer.
  - October 15, 2016 (Saturday) at 11am-12pm, in 154 BB

- **Updates from Graduate College**
  Incentive Program - Are you considering applying for a nationally competitive fellowship? The Graduate College’s Fellowship Incentive Program can support your application with initial consultations, review of your materials, and $500 of financial support, just for applying. Click here for full details and a list of eligible fellowships.

  Upcoming Photo Booth - Graduate students/postdocs can sign up to have a professional photo taken.
  - September 7, 2016 (Wednesday) at 1-5pm, in 423 Gilmore Hall
  - October 5, 2016 (Wednesday) at 9am-1pm, in 283 EMRB

  Do You Want a Career in Academia? - Learn when to apply, what materials to prepare, how to prep for an interview, and get advice for negotiations. These workshops will be flipped sessions, requiring students to prepare from home using the provided materials (<20 minutes prep time). Students will leave each session with tailored drafts to use in their search. Learn more & register here ~ Sept. 22, Understanding the Job Search ~ Sept. 29, Preparing Your Materials ~ Oct. 6, Interview & Negotiation Strategies
Student Updates (con’t):

- **Updates from Graduate College (con’t)**
  
  Three Minute Thesis—Registration Deadline, October 1st - The University of Iowa’s Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition helps graduate students learn to clearly and concisely articulate complex research to non-specialist audiences. More information & registration form can be found [here](#).

Career Exploration for Grad Students - Are you exploring your career options? Join us for tips on exploring the expanded job market for PhDs. Topics will include: An overview of the wide variety of fields where PhDs are employed, searching for and interpreting job announcements, introduction to the Versatile PhD web resource, and identifying and marketing your transferrable skills.

~ October 21, 2016 (Friday) at University Capitol Centre, 2520D  [Register here](#).

StrengthsFinder for Grad Students - When people identify their talents and develop them into strengths they are more productive, perform better, and are more engaged. Gallup’s StrengthsFinder assessment is a tool to help people identify their strengths. StrengthsFinder results gives people a way to discuss and develop their unique combination of skills, talents, and knowledge. During this workshop graduate students will have the opportunity to: increase self-awareness, recognize the strengths of others, and begin to think about using their strengths to enhance their research and career.

~ November 3, 2016 (Thursday), University Capitol Center, 1117  [Register here](#).

- **Graduate Student Support Group**

  Please join us, University Counseling Service (UCS) for this informal time to meet new graduate students, share the stresses and strains of life as a graduate student, gain support, and celebrate successes. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, contact [Kathleen Staley](#), PhD, Assistant Director for Outreach—UCS at 335-7294.

~ Wednesdays at 12noon, S3223 Westlawn

Faculty AND Student Updates:

- **Neuroscience PhD Program Welcome Back Picnic!**
  
  Neuroscience PhD Program Welcome Back Picnic! Students, please plan to wear your Neuroscience program t-shirt!
  
  - September 1, 2016 (Thursday) in the evening at Picayune Creek Farms (Old Homestead)

- **Neuroscience Program Student Handbook has been updated!**
  
  As always, you can find the most up-to-date version of the [student handbook on our website](#). Significant changes in this version include updated information on Scholarly Integrity / Responsible Conduct of Research replacing Principles of Scholarly Integrity and Principles of Molecular and Cellular Biology replacing Fundamentals of Gene Expression and Fundamentals of Dynamic Cell Processes.

- **Society for Neuroscience (SfN) Annual Meeting - San Diego** - November 12, 2016 (Sat.) through November 16, 2016 (Wed.)

  The Neuroscience Program will provide some travel allowances for students who plan to attend the annual SfN meeting (or other annual meeting of your choice), with the following guidelines:

  1. **First year students**
     a. Can utilize up to $800 of Program funds for travel and hotel expenses, must submit request to [grad-neuroscience@uiowa.edu](mailto:grad-neuroscience@uiowa.edu) so we can help make travel arrangements.
     b. SfN membership and meeting registration is also covered and not included within the $800 travel expenses.
     c. Must use travel funds within fiscal year (by June 30), as they do not carry over.

  2. **Second year students and beyond**
     a. Can apply for a travel allowance of up to $800 for cost of travel and hotel expenses. Must use within fiscal year (by June 30), as they do not carry over.
     b. Must provide a brief paragraph of justification of request to [grad-neuroscience@uiowa.edu](mailto:grad-neuroscience@uiowa.edu) by September 15th. Preference will be given to those students presenting posters at SfN and those students in earlier years of their studies.