Student Updates:

- **Congrats to Ryan Kelley who passed his Comprehensive Exam Recently!**

- **Neuroscience Seminar**
  - September 13, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm, in 1459 PBDB: Brittany Williams
  - September 20, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm, in 2117 MERF: Special Guest - Scott Sternson, PhD “The Neurobiology of Need”
  - September 27, 2016 (Tuesday) at 4pm, in 101BBE: Faculty Lecture, Hanna Stevens, MD, PhD

- **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

- **Iowa Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship**
  The Iowa Space Grant Consortium (ISGC) will award fellowships to support outstanding graduate students pursuing research opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) disciplines that support NASA’s mission. A total of sixteen $2,500 fellowships for the 2016-2017 academic year will be awarded. Award winners will be chosen based on student qualifications from the application. Women, under-represented minorities, persons with disabilities, and U.S. military veterans are strongly encouraged to apply. Requirements include: U.S. citizen, full time enrollment at Iowa State or University of Iowa as of August 2016, graduation date no earlier than May 2017, must be accepted into an MS or PhD program in a STEM field, must be fully funded as a teaching or research assistant in home department, and good academic standing (minimum of 3.0/4.0 GPA). Submission deadline is September 23 for application and recommendations. Your faculty advisor must submit a recommendation letter that describes student research. A second recommendation letter is optional that address broader qualifications. Questions: isgc@iastate.edu

- **Society for Neuroscience (SfN)**
  The Neuroscience Program will provide some travel allowances for students who plan to attend the annual SfN meeting, November 12-16, in San Diego (or other annual meeting of your choice), with the following guidelines:
  1. **All 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 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 by September 15th. Preference will be given to those students presenting posters at SfN and those students in earlier years of their studies.
Student Updates:

- **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.
  - October 5, 2016 (Wednesday) at 9am-1pm, in 283 EMRB

  Demystifying Thesis and Dissertation Requirements - Looking for guidance as you complete your thesis or dissertation? Attend this free workshop! You will learn about: key policies and deadlines, thesis submission process, formatting requirements and tips, copyright issues, and writing an effective public abstract. Register here
  - September 21, 2016 (Wednesday) at 3-4:30pm, in Iowa Theater - IMU 166

  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

  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

  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

Faculty & Student Updates:

- **Neuroscience Program Research Day**
  - SAVE THE DATE! - November 1, 2016 (Tuesday)
  - Judges Needed! The Neuroscience Awards Committee is seeking out Neuroscience faculty members willing to serve as judges for the poster sessions. We need as many judges as possible for this. The Neuroscience Research Day Poster Sessions will be from 2:00-4:05 PM, with the time split between two sessions (2-3 PM and 3:05-4:05 PM). Each judge will be asked to judge ~3 posters within a session. We are looking for faculty willing to serve as judges for either the 1st session, the 2nd session, or (best of all!) both sessions. If you have any availability for this, we ask you to PLEASE volunteer. We struggle to find enough volunteers for this and the students appreciate the feedback from as many faculty judges as possible. Please send Ryan LaLumiere an email if you can help.

- **Tenure Track Position open—starting Fall 2017, Grinnell College, Department of Psychology**
  Assistant Professor (Ph.D.) preferred; Instructor (ABD) or Associate Professor possible. Grinnell College is a highly selective undergraduate liberal arts college with a strong tradition of social responsibility. In letters of application, candidates should discuss their potential to contribute to a college community that maintains a diversity of people and perspectives as one of its core values. To be assured of full consideration, all application materials should be received by October 17, 2016. Please visit our application website to find more details about the job and submit applications online. Candidates will need to upload a letter of application, CV, transcripts, statements of teaching and research interests, a statement about how the candidate would serve Grinnell’s commitment to diversity, and provide email addresses for three references. Questions about this search should be directed to the search chair, Professor Laura Sinnett, or by calling 641-269-3167.