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Welcoming the first class that interviewed online



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Notes from the NGP Director

Dear Students, Faculty, Alumni, Staff, and Friends,

Wow! What a year it has been – one marked with many transitions and tons of uncertainty but also with problem-solving, solidarity, and resilience, as we all learned to navigate the everchanging terrain of the pandemic. It seems almost every decision and action during this time has had to pass through the COVID filter. Practically everything within the last year went virtual, but our students dug in, showed up on Zoom, and persevered. Though constrained, they made their way on to campus to get their laboratory rotations and research done, and slogged their way through in person exams. Many faculty were inspired by our students and we've all



worked hard to accommodate the constantly-evolving landscape. I still look back in awe as I think about how we came together to make the best out of the hand we were dealt. I view the last year as a huge success, that despite the seemingly insurmountable challenges brought on by COVID-19, we prevailed and got things done. I am indebted to all of our amazing students and dedicated faculty and staff for working together, being supportive, and maintaining patience and flexibility during these anxious and trying times. We all should be really proud of what we have accomplished. More importantly, I firmly believe that these hard-earned experiences provide us with a viable roadmap for the months ahead as we welcome our new entering class of 9 outstanding first year students into the program. Kudos to Farran Briggs, in her first year as our Admissions Chair, for overseeing such fantastic recruitment efforts.

Fortunately, Boot Camp for our incoming students took place in person this year – masked, but in person! Most of our fifty-five NGP students also made it out to a Happy Hour Cookout/Picnic in the open spaces of Genesee Park and it was great seeing everyone show up to support our incoming class – just a little slice of normal to make our newest members feel at home. The Boot Camp committee should be recognized for their tireless efforts to make all of this happen. While the road ahead through the Fall and Spring semesters will likely be littered with more uncertainty and challenges, I have the utmost confidence that the NGP will rise to the occasion and continue to shepherd our students to success.

The pandemic has also laid bare the impact of racial and social inequities across our country, and we as educators have had to come to terms with the roles that these inequities also play in the academic setting. Collectively, we must decide how to make things better for our students and program including making admissions more holistic and ensuring that all our students have access to the resources they need to become bona fide neuroscientists. This has required a great deal of introspection, ownership, engagement, and uncomfortable conversations among everyone in the NGP. But from that discomfort and acknowledgement comes growth, purpose, and a sense of direction where we turn words into meaningful actions. Our students and faculty have been working hard to make the NGP and the University of Rochester a more diverse and inclusive environment. You can get a real sense of that commitment over the last year by looking at the accomplishments of the URMC Neuroscience Diversity Committee including their Pipeline, NEUROCITY, and NeURoEast initiatives. Our students continue to lead by example through their roles in the Neuroscience Diversity Commission, the Alliance for Diversity in Science and Engineering, and the Student Solidarity Organization. While many challenges still exist and much work remains to be done, I am inspired by what we can accomplish when we work together with the single goal in mind that diversity makes us stronger.

Continued Notes from the NGP Director

Try as it may, the pandemic failed to hold back our senior students from graduating and moving on to exciting new opportunities. Sadly, we said goodbye to five of our students this year. Dr. Holly Beaulac is off to Jackson Labs in Bar Harbor, Maine to work as a postdoctoral fellow. Dr. Humberto Mestre started his clinical residency in adult neurology at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Colin Lockwood started a postdoctoral fellowship at Penn State, and Kathleen Miller-Rhodes has gone to work as a Scientific Communication Associate for Eli Lilly and Company. Our most recent graduate, Kamy Wakim, is off for a postdoctoral position at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. They will be missed, but we wish them many successes in their new roles. Hopefully, they will reflect fondly upon their time here and inspire emerging neuroscientists everywhere to consider calling NGP home.

I find myself in the Captain's seat now after taking the reins from Ania Majewska in July to become the new NGP Director. What a daunting task and such big shoes to fill. I am not entirely sure how Ania was able to manage it all, but there is no doubt that the NGP has prospered and grown under her leadership. I could not have asked for a better mentor in preparing me for this new opportunity. I appreciate her support and am honored to follow in her footsteps. I know that I speak for all of us when I say I deeply appreciate Ania's many years of service, dedication, and hard work in elevating our program. I am also acutely aware that much of the credit for keeping the NGP engine running belongs to our past and present program coordinators, Tori D'Agostino and Amara DiFrancesco. Their intimate knowledge of all things NGP makes the director's role more manageable and adds to the perception that we really know what we are doing. Big thanks to Tori for all of her help and being an awesome program coordinator, and helping Amara learn the ropes as she steps into her role as our new coordinator. She is off to a great start and we are lucky to have her. Last but not least, the additional buttressing by many in the neuroscience offices and GEPA is also greatly appreciated.

There is no doubt the NGP is growing and thriving. We are in the second year of our T32 which will support the training for four of our students. We also welcomed six new faculty into the program this year (see page 10) with several others in the pipeline. To learn more about all the exciting research here in the NGP and support our amazing students, please join us for the student seminar series held every Monday at 4pm. Special thanks to Allison Murphy, Greg Reilly, Ken Henry, and Andrew Wojtovich for keeping this series running and adapting to all the COVID-related changes. Special thanks to the retreat committee for another successful virtual retreat in May. Last but certainly not least, the true reach of our program is captured in our Alumni Directory at the end of this newsletter. We are proud to call all of you family and enjoy hearing from you, so please continue to help us update this directory. While I have acknowledged a few people in this newsletter, there are so many more whose efforts deserve recognition. So, in closing, I want to thank each and every member of our NGP community for all that you do. I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Warm Regards, Chris Holt, PhD

Notes from the NGP Admissions Committee Chair



The past year plus has presented unprecedented challenges for us all, including hosting a fully virtual 2021 admissions season. In spite of these challenges, we could not be more excited about our incoming class of NGP students. Nor could we be more proud of the outstanding efforts of all those involved in recruitment, especially the NGP student recruitment committee: Kate Andersh, Greg Reilly, Lelo Shamambo, Caitlin Sharp, and Mike DuHain and the NGP admissions committee: Chris Holt, Marissa Sobolewski, Adam Snyder, Gail Johnson, John Olschowka, Ania Majewska, and Liz Romanski. As we transition into a more holistic approach toward NGP admissions, this necessitates more engagement and time on the part of our admissions committee members. We are so grateful for your efforts! Special thanks also goes to Tori D'Agostino for coordinating two successful virtual recruitment weekends including learning how to deal with new media and information sharing platforms – we could not do any of this without you Tori!

The success of our 2021 recruitment season is evident in the exceptional group of incoming first year NGP students. Selection this year was especially competitive: we reviewed 170 applications and interviewed 29 applicants, of which 9 will be joining the NGP this August. Importantly, our incoming first year class is also our most diverse class ever. Our first years come from across the country and the world, with a variety of life experiences prior to joining NGP. We can't wait to welcome our incoming NGP first year class to URMC and to finally meet you in person! We also look forward to having all of our graduate students return to classes and seminars so that we can continue our tradition of student-focused graduate education. Going forward, the NGP admissions committee will continue to hone a holistic approach toward admissions. We will be reaching out to students and faculty in the coming months prior to the start of the 2022 recruitment season in order to operationalize our admissions approach going forward. We welcome your feedback! Please reach out to us with any suggestions you have to continue our track record of successful admissions.

Farran Briggs Chair, NGP Admissions Committee

*We want to again thank Doug Portman for his many years of outstanding service as the former NGP Admissions Chair – those were big shoes to fill!

Notes from the Neuroscience Chair

We are marking a season of progress at the Del Monte Institute for Neuroscience (Institute). Our researchers continue to push the boundaries of neuroscience. Change is never easy, but we have embraced change, students graduated on time, research was published, and grants were awarded. Over the past year we have congratulated 5 newly-minted PhD's from our graduate program. This August we welcomed eight PhD students and one MD/PhD student into the Neuroscience Graduate Program.



The Neuroscience Diversity Commission (NDC) is making great strides in providing access and supporting the research pipeline for Black and Latino students. A group of high school students just completed the first year of the NEUROEAST program. This program was led by the NDC Chair Manuel Gomez-Ramirez, Ph.D. He provided several students from Rochester's East High School with hands-on experience in his Haptics Lab in the Brian and Cognitive Sciences Department. NDC's NEUROCITY program, a partnership between the University of Rochester and The City College of New York (CCNY)welcomed eight CCNY undergraduateswhoare working in neuroscience labs in Rochester this summer. Both programs are examples of our goal to make research accessible and affirm our commitment to diversity, which is essential for excellence in science.

In the spring of 2022, we are looking forward to coming together for the first time in nearly two years for our annual symposium. From June 10th-11th, the Institute will partner with the University of Rochester Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center to host the event titled: Developmental emergence of neural circuit architecture and function. It will feature speakers from more than a dozen institutions and organizations. I am energized by the work being done by our faculty, trainees, students, and staff. It is not lost on me the grind everyone undertakes daily for the reward of meaningful contributions to science. I am proud to be a part of such a team.

In Science,

John Foxe, PhD Kilian J. and Caroline F. Schmitt Chair in Neuroscience Director, The Ernest J. Del Monte Institute for Neuroscience Professor & Chair, Department of Neuroscience

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Estephanie Balbuena - Estephanie Balbuena graduated from Hunter College of The City University of New York with a BA in Psychology, a minor in Biology, and departmental honors. During her undergraduate career, she was an NIH-Blueprint for Enhancing Neuroscience Diversity through Undergraduate Research Education (BP-ENDURE) fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Mariann Weierich, where she researched the relationship between behavioral and neural hypervigilance in trauma-exposed people. Following her undergraduate career, Estephanie was a Baylor College of Medicine Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Huda Zoghbi and focused on Alzheimer's disease research. Throughout her one-year fellowship, she investigated the role of adaptin protein complexes in the intracellular regulation of amyloid-beta precursor protein levels and processing. At URMC, Estephanie plans to continue investigating the underlying biological mechanisms of neurodegeneration to better understand the pathology of neurodegenerative diseases.



Lia Calcines Rodriguez - Lia Calcines-Rodríguez recently graduated from the University of Rochester with a B.S. in Biological Sciences: Neuroscience. She conducted her undergraduate research with both Dr. David Dodell-Feder at The Social Cognition & Psychopathology Lab (SCP Lab) and with Dr. Abdellatif Benraiss at the Center for Translational Neuromedicine (Goldman Lab). At SCP Lab, she mainly focused on obtaining data from more than 200 human subjects on whether reading certain literary genres would enhance cognitive abilities such as the theory of mind ability with the goal of testing this on patients with Schizophrenia Spectrum and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Contrastingly, at the Goldman Lab, she focused more on regenerative medicine and cell-based therapy in the CNS as potential treatments for neurodegenerative diseases such as Huntington's. Her research project was focused on generating hypo-immunogenic cells, both neurons and glia, that could potentially evade the immune system upon transplantation into the brain as well as humanizing a mouse model for this same project. At URMC, Lia plans to explore and expand her knowledge on the immune system in the CNS and study the dynamic states of microglia in health and disease, all with a translational goal in mind.



Thomas Delgado - Thomas Delgado graduated from the University of Florida in 2017 with a B.S. in Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience. While in undergrad, he worked in the lab of Dr. Todd Golde for 3 years- a lab which uses AAV to research gene therapies in Alzheimer's disease. In the latter half of Thomas' time there, he focused on using AAV with unique ligands fused to the VP2 N-terminus of the viral capsid to allow for viral tropism to specific tissues or cell types. After leaving undergrad, Thomas spent a gap year in a post-bac program in Baltimore, Maryland, at the National Institute on Aging under Dr. Mark Mattson. There, he researched how activation of the GLP-1R affects downstream bioenergetics and survival pathways in rat primary neuronal cultures, mostly using the Seahorse assay to assess mitochondrial status. Since then, Thomas has been at URMC for two years as part of of the MD-PhD program and is planning on continuing research in neurodegeneration and basic mechanisms of neuronal cell injury and survival.

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Alexis Feidler - Alexis Feidler graduated from Washington and Lee University with a B.S. in Neuroscience. She spent most of her undergraduate career researching optic nerve regeneration and post-injury recovery in retinal ganglion cells under Dr. Fiona Watson. She also spent a semester at the University of Geneva investigating the mechanistic links between circadian rhythms and neurological disorders under Dr. Emi Nagoshi and a summer working at Mount Desert Island defining and characterizing repeat sequences in intrinsically disordered domains and their association with protein localization under Dr. Dustin Updike. At Rochester, Alexis wishes to pursue research in the field of vision, understanding how the eye functions and communicates with the brain.



Leslie Gonzales - Leslie Gonzales graduated from Lake Forest College with a B.A. in Neuroscience and Psychology. During her time as an undergraduate, she conducted research primarily under Dr. Jean-Marie Maddux, investigating the effects of nicotine on conditioned responding to reward associated cues. Additionally, she conducted research and published a paper with Dr. Matthew Kelley on the influence of the number of part-set cues on order retention. At Rochester, Leslie plans to explore the underlying mechanisms of learning, with a focus on neural circuits and neuroplasticity.



Julia Granato - Julia Granato graduated from Vassar College with a B.A. in Neuroscience in 2019. She conducted her undergraduate research with Dr. Kevin Holloway, examining the effects of opioid receptor antagonism on conditioned behaviors in Japanese quail. After graduation, Julia investigated the mechanisms of multiple sclerosis-associated cerebellar dysfunction with Dr. Anna Iacoangeli at the Tisch Multiple Sclerosis Center of New York. At Rochester, Julia plans to continue studying the molecular mechanisms underlying neurological illnesses, with a particular focus on neurodegenerative disease.

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Catalina Guzman - Catalina Guzman graduated from Rutgers University with a B.S. in Biology with Honors. During her senior year at Rutgers, she joined the lab of Dr. Michael Cole. Working under the guidance of post-doctoral fellow Dr. Katelyn Arnemann, she tested whether the hypothesized general intelligence factor "g" can explain individual differences in connection strength at the network level in the brain using data from the Human Connectome Project (HCP). This project culminated in a senior thesis project. After graduation, she was accepted into the NIH-funded PennPREP Post-baccalaureate program at the University of Pennsylvania. As a PennPREP fellow, Catalina worked in the lab of Dr. Amelia Eisch, investigating the effects of galactic cosmic radiation (GCR) and antioxidant CDDO on hippocampal mediated cognition in adult female mice. Her research contribution at the Eisch lab aimed to lay the groundwork for further studies exploring the therapeutic properties that CDDO may have on cognitive deficits in astronauts produced by space radiation. At URMC, Catalina hopes to explore the neurological bases and environmental factors that constitute deficits in social behaviors, including the development of psychiatric disorders and other psychological deficits.



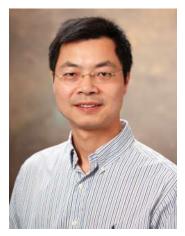
Sean Lydon - Sean Lydon graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a B.S. in Psychology and completed a post-bacc program at the University of Pennsylvania. While at the University of Pennsylvania, he also worked as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Department of Neurology where he managed various research projects including the development of a smartphone-based intervention that targets apathy in patients with Frontotemporal Dementia, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Alzheimer's Disease. At URMC, Sean hopes to study neurodegeneration in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.



Mark Osabutey - Mark Ayor Osabutey received his BSc Human Biology and medical degree from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana in 2015 and 2018 respectively. Whilst working as a physician-intern at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, he was a volunteer research assistant in Professor Fred Stephen Sarfo's group comprehensively investigating the socio-demographic, clinical and genetic characteristics of stroke in sub-Saharan Africa. Witnessing the lack of basic and translational neuroscience research in the country as well as the impact of neurological diseases on the life of patients and the health system, he was convinced to pursue a doctoral degree in neuroscience. He looks forward to exploring the cellular mechanisms underlying stroke and neurodegenerative diseases with potential therapeutic approaches.

2021 Neuroscience Retreat

The 2021 Neuroscience retreat was once again held virtually on Zoom due to COVID-19. Despite being held virtual, there was a fantastic turnout and it was a day filled with enjoyable events. Bo Chen, PhD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, was the keynote speaker. Ania Majewska, PhD was awarded the 2021 Peter Shrager award and Monique Mendes, PhD (2020 NGP Alumn) was awarded the 2021 Doty Award.



Keynote Speaker: Bo Chen, PhD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai "Generating New Neurons and Protecting Old Neurons in Vision Restoration"



Faculty Speaker: Doug Portman, PhD, URMC "Food vs. Sex: State-Dependent Behavioral Flexibility in C. elegans"



Postdoctoral Speaker: Sonal Dalvi, PhD, URMC "Using iPSC-derived model(s) of macular degeneration to identify potential therapeutic targets"



Graduate Student Speaker: Allison Murphy, MS, URMC "Adventures in corticogeniculate feedback"



Graduate Student Speaker: Karl Foley, MS, URMC "PP1 regulation of learning and memory: Plasticity, potentials, and paradox"

Many thanks to the retreat committee for organizing another fantastic event.

Krishnan Padmanabhan, PhD

Ally McHale, Chair

Kate Andersh, Vice Chair

Mark Stoessel

Silei Zhu Jingyi Yang and Mark Diltz for all website edits

New NGP Faculty



Ian Fiebelkorn, PhD Department of Neuroscience

Flexible allocation of the brain's limited processing resources in attention, perception, and working memory



Lauren Hablitz, PhD Department of Neurology

Basic biological mechanisms of circadian synchrony and entrainment in health and disease



Brian Keane, PhD
Departments of Psychiatry and Neuroscience

How the visual system transforms spatiotemporally fragmented retinal images into discrete representations of objects and how this transformation becomes compromised during serious mental illness



Juliette McGregor, PhD Center for Visual Science

Improving restored vision.



Benjamin Suarez-Jimenez, PhD Department of Neuroscience

Use virtual reality (VR), multimodal magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and machine learning to elucidate the psychological and neural signatures of psychopathologies



Samuel V. Norman-Haignere, PhD Department of Neuroscience

The neural computations that enable the perception of natural sounds, such as speech and music.

Student & Alumni Publications

Whitelaw BS, Tanny S, Johnston CJ, Majewska AK, O'Banion MK, Marples B (2021 Jul 24). In vivo imaging of the microglial landscape after whole brain radiation therapy. International journal of radiation oncology, biology, physics.

Fahrenthold BK, Cavanaugh MR, Jang S, Murphy AJ, Ajina S, Bridge H, Huxlin KR (2021 Jul 16). Optic Tract Shrinkage Limits Visual Restoration After Occipital Stroke. Stroke.

<u>Wakim KM</u>, Freedman EG, Molloy CJ, Vieyto N, Cao Z, Foxe JJ (2021 Jun 03). Assessing combinatorial effects of HIV infection and former cocaine dependence on cognitive control processes: A high-density electrical mapping study of response inhibition. Neuropharmacology.

Rasmussen MK, <u>Mestre H</u>, Nedergaard M (2021 May 05). Fluid Transport in the Brain. Physiological reviews. Shah S, Mancarella M, Hembrook-Short JR, Mock VL, Briggs F (2021 May 05). Attention differentially modulates multiunit activity in the LGN and V1 of macaque monkeys. The Journal of comparative neurology.

<u>Stoessel MB</u>, Majewska AK (2021 Apr 28). Little cells of the little brain: microglia in cerebellar development and function. Trends in neurosciences.

Mendes MS, Majewska AK (2021 Apr 09). An overview of microglia ontogeny and maturation in the homeostatic and pathological brain. The European journal of neuroscience.

Raghunandan A, Ladron-de-Guevara A, Tithof J, <u>Mestre H</u>, Du T, Nedergaard M, Thomas JH, Kelley DH (2021 Mar 09). Bulk flow of cerebrospinal fluid observed in periarterial spaces is not an artifact of injection. eLife Vol 10.

Chockanathan U, Crosier EJW, Waddle S, Lyman E, Gerkin RC, Padmanabhan K (2021 Mar 03). Changes in pair-wise correlations during running reshapes global network state in the main olfactory bulb. Journal of neurophysiology.

Lowery RL, Cealie MY, Lamantia CE, Mendes MS, Drew PD, Majewska AK (2021 Feb 19). Microglia and astrocytes show limited, acute alterations in morphology and protein expression following a single developmental alcohol exposure. Journal of neuroscience research.

McConnell SEA, Mooney CJ (2021 Feb 16). A Crocheted Model Activity for Teaching Embryonic Lateral Folding to Medical Students.; Anatomical sciences education.

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Miller-Rhodes P. Gelbard HA (2021). The Cell Culture Environment Regulates the Transcription Factor MafB in BV-2 Microglia. Matters Vol 2021.

Mai N, Knowlden SA, Miller-Rhodes K, Prifti V, Sims M, Grier M, Nelson M, Halterman MW (2020 Dec 29). Effects of 9-t-butyl doxycycline on the innate immune response to CNS ischemia-reperfusion injury. Experimental and molecular pathology.

Liu G, Mestre H, Sweeney AM, Sun Q, Weikop P, Du T, Nedergaard M (2020 Dec 22). Direct Measurement of Cerebrospinal Fluid Production in Mice. Cell reports Vol 33(12).

Lowery RL, Latchney SE, Peer RP, Lamantia CE, Opanashuk L, McCall M, Majewska AK (2020 Nov 20). Acute 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin exposure in adult mice does not alter the morphology or inflammatory response of cortical microglia. Neuroscience letters.

Min Rivas F, Liu J, Martell BC, Du T, Mestre H, Nedergaard M, Tithof J, Thomas JH, Kelley DH (2020 Nov). Surface periarterial spaces of the mouse brain are open, not porous. Journal of the Royal Society, Interface Vol 17(172).

Convocation Awards 2021



Lia Calcines Rodriguez received the Irving L. Spar Fellowship.



Alexis Feidler received the Graduate Alumni Fellowship Award.



Julia Granato received the J. Newell Stannard Graduate Student Scholarship.



Catalina Guzman received the Merritt and Marjorie Cleveland Fellowship.



Keshov Sharma received the Outstanding Student Mentor Award.



Katherine Andersh Graduate Student Award For Excellence in Equity and Inclusion

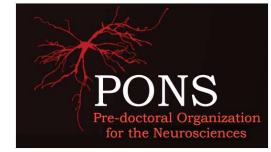


Rianne Stowell, PhD Outstanding Postdoctoral Research Award

Over the last year, PONS has aimed to create luncheon roundtable series' to accommodate a multidisciplinary approach. Unfortunately with the advent of the pandemic, many ideas were put on hold. However, we have been able to host a variety of different LRS's including: "music and the brain", "protecting cognition: excersize and non-pharmacological interventions", "language and the brain", and "reward, motivation, and decision making". We have initiated collaborations with other clubs and Rochester businesses such as "Thinkers and Drinkers" and the Rochester Museum and Science Center, but those events were put

on hold due to the pandemic.

During the pandemic, we began creating a new event, faculty "ask my anything" (AMAs) in order to learn more about different career paths and increase engagement between NGP students and faculty in a laid back casual conversation. Our first AMA included Krystel Huxlin, Liz Romanski, and Farran Briggs.



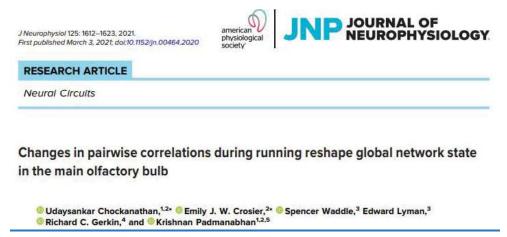
Student Updates



In January, Uday Chockanathan (pictured left) won an award for best lightning talk (2nd place) at the American Physician Scientists Association Northeast Regional Conference

Keshov Sharma got engaged to Caitlin Fallone in March of 2021. (pictured right)





Uday Chockanathan and Emily Crosier co-first authored a paper in the Journal of Neurophysiology showing how population activity in the mouse Main Olfactory Bulb changes with running.

Faculty Updates





Drs. Greg DeAngelis and Ralf Haefner received a \$12.2 million grant award from the National Institutes of Health for a project to better understand how the brain uses causal inference to distinguish self-motion from object motion.

Dr. Brian Keane opened the Keane Vision & Psychosis Lab in May 2021. Dr. Keane welcomed the birth of his second child, Raiya Ariana Keane on 8/13/20 (pictured right).

In addition, recent publications include:

- Hearne, L., Mill, R. D., Keane, B. P., Repovs, G., Anticevic, A., & Cole, M. W. (2021). Activity flow underlying abnormalities in brain activations and cognition in schizophrenia. Science Advances, 7(29), 1-13. doi:10.1126/sciadv.abf2513.
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- Silverstein, S. M., Keane, B. P., & Corlett, P. R. (2021). Oculomics in schizophrenia research. Schizophrenia Bulletin, 47(3), 577–579.
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Dr. David MacLean, mentor for the Neuroscience Ph.D. Program and Assistant Professor in Pharmacology & Physiology, married Neuroscience Graduate Program Coordinator Amara DiFrancesco in June. Their wedding and reception was held at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, where their Jurassic Park-Themed nuptials where witnessed by a Mastodon, friends, and family.

Alumni Updates

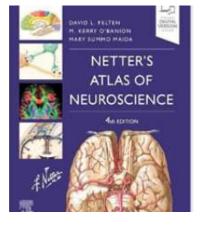


Maria Diehl Faryna, husband Ethan, and son Vincent (age 1) visited the St. Louis zoo. (photo on left) Maria is still at Kansas State University in the Psychological Sciences Department (since 2019).

Jill Weimer is now the president of the Alum council for the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

As of July 1, 2021, Dan Marker joined the staff at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center as an assistant professor of Neuropathology.

Mary Maida recently completed writing the 4th Edition to the Netter Neuroscience Atlas along with mentor and lab PI, Kerry O'Banion. It will be released early Fall 2021. (Photo right)





David Amaral of UC Davis Health elected to the National Academy of Medicine

(SACRAMENTO) — David Amaral, distinguished professor and Beneto Foundation Chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the MIND Institute, has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Medicine.

Aleta Stevens welcomed her 3rd son, William (Willie) Lake Steevens on 6/4/2021 (pictured right). Aleta transitioned out of academics by gaining acceptance to a master's program in the UMN School of Public Health, and accepted a position as a Regulatory Specialist in the Masonic Cancer Center at the UMN. In addition, Aleta was the Primary Investigator and Co-Investigator on successfully funded research grants from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education & published two papers:

- Steevens, A.R., Griesbach, M.W., You, Y. et al. Generation of inner ear sensory neurons using blastocyst complementation in a Neurog1+/—deficient mouse. Stem Cell Res Ther 12, 122 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1186/s13287-021-02184-1)
- Ruiz-Estevez, M., Crane, A.T., Rodriguez-Villamil, P. Ongaratto, F.L., You, Y, Steevens, A.R et al. Liver development is restored by blastocyst complementation of HHEX knockout in mice and pigs. Stem Cell Res Ther 12, 292 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1186/s13287-021-02348-z)



Neuroscience Graduate Program Alumni				
First Name	Last Name	Defense Date	Current Position, Location	
			Post-Doctoral Fellow in Dr. Vidhya Munnamalai lab, Jackson Labs, Bar Harbor, Maine	
Holly	Beaulac	4/26/2021		
Humberto	Mestre	4/12/2021	Clinical residency, Adult Neurology, University of Pennsylvania	
Colin	Lockwood	3/29/2021	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Penn State	
Kathleen	Miller-Rhodes (Gates)	12/8/2020	Scientific Communication Associate, Eli Lilly and Company	
Laura	Owlet (Duclos)	9/3/2020	Medical Student, Medicine, University of Rochester	
Monique	Mendes	7/31/2020	Post-Doctoral Fellow in Dr. Mark Schnitzer's lab, Stanford University, California	
Joshua	Hinkle	7/16/2020	Post-Doctoral Fellow, NIH NIDA, Baltimore	
Patrick	Miller-Rhodes	7/14/2020	Science Marketing Writer, Biofluent Communications	
Alejandra	Rodriguez	7/13/2020	Medical Student, Medicine, University of Rochester	
Samantha	Abbott	6/19/2020	Resident Manager, Lifetime Assistance, Inc.	
John	Wilson	4/2/2020	Medical Student, Medicine, University of Rochester	
Jessica	Hogestyn	12/9/2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, Sanofi, Massachusetts	
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