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Neurotransmitter

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Neurotransmitter Schedule

The next *Neurotransmitter* will be published and mailed electronically on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**. All seminar announcements and notices must be submitted to Lucas Grasha via email (CNUP@pitt.edu) **no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 4, 2024**. All times listed under notices are in EDT.

Notices

Tues., 12/12 3 PM ***Pain Perception in Autism: From Assumptions to Evidence***

Michelle Failla, PhD
Research Assistant Professor
The Ohio State University

Room S120
Biomedical Science Tower South

(Sponsored by DAPM Research Rounds and Center for Innovation in Pain Care)

12/14 12 PM ***Development of Synthetic Opioid Rescue Agents***

Thomas Prinszano, PhD
Chair and Professor
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of Kentucky

1395 Conference Room
Biomedical Science Tower

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/92818639602>
Passcode: 993779

(Sponsored by the Department of Pharmacology & Chemical Biology)

12/20 12 PM ***Functional interaction of astrocyte syncytium with neuronal circuits***

Min Zhou, MD, PhD
Professor
Department of Neuroscience
Ohio State University

Via Zoom Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98096420356>

(Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases)

Fri., 1/5 12-1:15 PM ***Meet the PI Lecture Series Early Neural Reward Function and Risk for Affective Disorders: The Role of Maternal Positive Affect Socialization***

Judith Morgan, PhD
Associate Professor
Psychiatry & Psychology
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/96094745694>
Passcode: 729673

(Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)

Fri., 1/19
12-1:15 PM
Meet the PI Lecture Series
Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Depression and Stress Susceptibility: Sex Matters

Marianne Seney, PhD
Associate Professor
Psychiatry
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/95896831745>
Passcode: 522108

(Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)

Fri., 2/5
12-1:15 PM
Distinguished Scientist Lecture Series
What Can Psychiatry Learn from Precision Medicine?

Jordan Smoller, MD
Professor
Psychiatry & Epidemiology
Harvard University

Via Zoom
Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99887641556>
Passcode: 874622

(Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)

Fri., 2/9
12-1:15 PM
Meet the PI Lecture Series
How Can We Replicate Findings in Psychiatry?

Meredith Wallace, PhD
Associate Professor
Psychiatry & Biostatistics
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99213560251>
Passcode: 327050

(Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)

Fri., 2/23
12-1:15 PM
Researchers on the Rise Lecture Series
Neural Circuitry Underlying Emotional Abuse and Depression in Sexual Minority Youth

Kristen Eckstrand, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
Psychiatry
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

Sensory-Perceptual Disruptions and their Impact on Clinical Outcomes in First-Episode Psychosis

Alfredo Sklar, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
Psychiatry
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/92284660997>
Passcode: 999892

(Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)

Fri., 3/15
12-1:15 PM
Meet the PI Lecture Series
Neural Mechanisms Underlying Resisting Emotional Interference

Neil Jones, PhD
Assistant Professor
Psychiatry & Psychology
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine

Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/93462347098>
Passcode: 655706

(Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)

- Fri., 3/22
12-1:15 PM
- Distinguished Scientist Lecture Series
Neuroimaging Studies of Brain Bioenergetics in Psychotic Disorders
- Dost Öngür, MD, PhD
William P. & Henry B. Test Professor
of Psychiatry
Harvard Medical School
- Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium
- Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99092432707>
Passcode: 885597
- (Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)
- Fri. 4/19
12-1:15 PM
- Meet the PI Lecture Series
Neuroimaging Markers of Antipsychotic Treatment & Functional Outcomes
- Deepak Sarpal, MD
Assistant Professor
Psychiatry
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine
- Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium
- Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99690039327>
Passcode: 925721
(Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)
- Fri., 4/26
12-1:15 PM
- Distinguished Scientist Lecture Series
Neural Dynamics, Adolescent Synaptic Pruning, and Cognition
- Bruno Averbeck, PhD
Chief, Section on Learning
& Decision Making
National Institute of Mental Health
- Western Psychiatric Hospital Auditorium
- Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98709890853>
Passcode: 412367
- (Sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry)

Communicating Science outreach group

Led by Drs. Zak Wills and Ross Williamson, this group will give you an opportunity to share your passion for neuroscience with middle and high school students by participating in a CNUP outreach program.

Students will visit schools for approximately 2 hours in the morning, set up 4 stations where groups present neuroscience topics ranging from “The NMJ synapse”, “Optical Illusions”, “Gliolymphatics”, “Critical Periods in Development”, “How We Hear” and many more. These topics are intended to excite and inspire students and are as hands on as possible. Presentations last around 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions and are repeated for 4 groups of students that cycle through to ensure the class size is small. CNUP Student presenters in the class workshop presentations over the fall semester during a 1-hour weekly class and we usually start school visits in early November and continue throughout the winter and spring.

Please email Zak Wills (zpwills@pitt.edu) if are interested.

Please note about job postings:

Previously, the Neurotransmitter listed jobs and professional opportunities in this section of the newsletter. We will instead move these postings to a page on our website (<https://www.cnup.pitt.edu/job-postings>). Please check there for any existing or upcoming postings! We will host them on the website for 3 months, after which we will take them off the site. If you send us a posting and wish for it to remain up longer than that, please let us know at the end of each 3-month interval and it will remain live.