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Neurotransmitter

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Neurotransmitter Schedule

The next *Neurotransmitter* will be published and mailed electronically on **Monday, July 10, 2023**. All seminar announcements and notices must be submitted to Lucas Grasha via email (CNUP@pitt.edu) **no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 6, 2023**. All times listed under notices are in EST.

Notices

Mon., 6/26 1 PM
PhD Dissertation Defense
Insights into the mechanism of copper-Ionophore mediated toxicity in glial cells

Jenna Gale
Center for Neuroscience/Neurobiology
School of Medicine

1495 BSTWR

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Mon., 6/26 1:30 PM
Neuron-astrocyte pathways for quality control in physiology and disease

Sandra Maday, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Neuroscience
University of Pennsylvania

BST3 6014

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Thurs., 7/6
10 AM

PhD Dissertation Defense
Midbrain Kappa Opioid Receptor-Expressing Neurons Modulate Multiple Dimensions of Opioid Withdrawal

Ruby Andrea Holland
Center for Neuroscience/Neurobiology
School of Medicine

BST S100A

Virtual link:

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/93945543206>

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Wed., 7/12
12-1 PM

Special Guest Lecture
Using Flies to Study SSRIs

David E. Krants, MD, PhD
Professor-in-Residence
Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences
David Geffen School of Medicine
University of California Los Angeles

1695 BST

Virtual link:

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98340460913>

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Thurs., 7/13 PhD Dissertation Defense
9:30 AM *Mechanisms of Vesicular Glutamate
Transporter Mediated Dopamine Neuron
Resilience to Parkinson's Disease Models*

Silas Alexander Buck
Center for Neuroscience
School of Medicine

BST3 6014
Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98974641495>
Passcode: 905284

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Upcoming Fall course

NROSCI 1014/2014 - MSNBIO 2014: Speaking of Science
Fall Semester, 2023
MW 11:00-12:15 p.m.
Crawford Hall room 241

During the Fall Semester, Dr. Judy Cameron (jcameron@pitt.edu) will teach NROSCI 2014/MSNBIO 2014, Speaking of Science. This course teaches strategies for giving presentations about science to both a scientific audience and a public audience. Topics covered include (1) how to engage your audience, (2) the art of breaking down your message, (3) tips for how to make clear, interesting slides, and (4) pointers on presentation style. Communication skills, including knowing your audience and why they are interested in the information you are speaking about, how to translate scientific jargon into understandable concepts for the public, and how to keep the audience engaged will be discussed. Students give a total of 4 presentations and receive individualized feedback on all presentations. The course is offered to both graduate and undergraduate students. It is particularly useful to students who will present a formal scientific presentation at a meeting, a public talk, or defend their thesis/dissertation in the coming year.

Questions about the course and requests to view the course syllabus can be directed to Dr. Judy Cameron (email: jcameron@pitt.edu).

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.