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# Neurotransmitter

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## Neurotransmitter Schedule

The next *Neurotransmitter* will be published and mailed electronically on **Monday, March 18, 2024**. All seminar announcements and notices must be submitted to Lucas Grasha via email ([CNUP@pitt.edu](mailto:CNUP@pitt.edu)) **no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 14, 2024**. All times listed under notices are in EDT.

### Notices

Wed., 3/6 12 PM *Towards developing disease-modifying treatments for Parkinson's*

Rahul Srinivasan, MBBS, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Neuroscience, Experimental Therapeutics  
Texas A&M University School of Medicine

*(Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases)*

Thurs., 3/7 12:30-1:30 PM *The development of circuits for sensory processing*

Dr. Theofannis Karayannis  
Brain Research Institute  
University of Zürich  
Faculty candidate

*(Sponsored by the Department of Neuroscience)*

Tues., 3/12 12-1 PM *Translational value of non-human primates in opioid research*

Dr Mei-Chuan Ko  
Professor  
Physiology & Pharmacology  
Wake Forest University

Room 1495  
Starzl Biomedical Science Tower

*(Sponsored by the Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine, and the Pittsburgh Center for Pain Research)*

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)*

Mon., 5/6 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ***Sleeping under the Stars: astroglial contributions to Sleep and Wakefulness***

Dr. Ashley Ingiosi  
Department of Neuroscience  
Ohio State University

Room 115  
Mellon Institute

Virtual link:  
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98619302844>  
Passcode: NVC  
*(Sponsored by the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition)*

### **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. School visits will continue throughout the spring term.

Please email Zak Wills ([zpwills@pitt.edu](mailto:zpwills@pitt.edu)) if you are interested in participating.

### **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.