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Neurotransmitter

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Neurotransmitter Schedule

The next *Neurotransmitter* will be published and mailed electronically on **Tuesday, December 12, 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, December 7, 2023**. All times listed under notices are in EDT.

Notices

Tues., 11/28 1:30-2:30 PM *Active circuits for active listening*

Pierre Apostolides, PhD
Assistant Professor
Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
Molecular and Integrative Physiology
Kresge Hearing Research Institute

Room 520
Eye and Ear Institute

(Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Hearing
Research Center and Department of
Otolaryngology)

Fri., 12/1 9 AM PhD Dissertation Defense
*Linking Brain Networks and Gut
Microbiota to Cognitive Impairment and
Depressive Symptoms in Late Life*

Antonija Kolobaric
School of Medicine
Center for Neuroscience

1095 Starzl Biomedical Science Tower

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/2030710192>

(Sponsored by the Center for Neuroscience)

Mon., 12/4 11:30 AM Role of neurovascular frataxin in white matter injury of sickle cell disease

Rimi Hazra, PhD
Research Assistant Professor
Department of Medicine
University of Pittsburgh

1495 Starzl Biomedical Science Tower

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/96014906350>
Passcode: NVC

(Sponsored by the Neurovascular Coupling
Collaborative Cluster)

Mon., 12/4 2 PM PhD Dissertation Defense
*The Role of Neurogranin in Synaptic
Dysfunction after Experimental
Traumatic Brain Injury*

Sarah Eugenia Svirsky
School of Medicine
Center for Neuroscience

6014 Biomedical Science Tower 3

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94257117121>

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Mon., 12/4
3-4:15 PM

***Maladaptive Antiviral Innate Immunity
in Neurodegenerative Disease***

Sadaf Amin, PhD
Postdoctoral Associate
Neuroscience
Weill Cornell Medicine

100A Biomedical Science Tower

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/96710916720>

*(Sponsored by the Department of
Neurobiology)*

Wed., 12/6
10 AM

***PhD Dissertation Defense
Activity-dependent development of
intrinsic networks in the central nucleus
of the inferior colliculus***

Shang Ma
School of Medicine
Center for Neuroscience

1104 Scaife Hall

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99120628465>
Passcode: 803865

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Wed., 12/6
12 PM

***Targeting age-dependent metabolic
reprogramming to extend healthspan***

Andrey A. Parkhitko, PhD
Assistant Professor
Medicine
Division of Endocrinology & Metabolism
University of Pittsburgh

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

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

Mon., 12/11
10 AM

Neuroimmune transcriptional
mechanisms in alcohol use disorder

Amy W. Lasek, PhD
Pharmacology & Toxicology
Virginia Commonwealth University

S100A Biomedical Science Tower

*(Sponsored by the Department of
Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine)*

Mon., 12/11
1 PM

***PhD Dissertation Defense
Neuroimmune Gene Expression in
Alcohol Use Disorder***

Annalisa Mae Baratta
School of Medicine
Center for Neuroscience

S100A
Biomedical Science Tower South

Virtual link:
<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99780203001>

(Sponsored by the Center for Neuroscience)

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)*

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

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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

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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

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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.