Welcome to the fall DPRG seminar series.

Welcome to the new DPRG academic year. We have an exciting line up of speakers for this coming fall seminar series and will start the year with a focus on the postdoctoral fellow's research interests. We are currently working on additional seminars after those and if any member has an interest in presenting, please contact myself or Susan Hepburn, our incoming director. On an administrative note, last spring the Gary pavilion experienced an outbreak of an extremely contagious gastrointestinal virus, forcing us to cancel our seminars as the building had to be sanitized. This event was extremely disruptive to the clinical operations at the Gary pavilion and many of our members and their patients were affected. I made the decision to cancel the seminars in consultation with the executive committee as finding alternative space arrangements at a short notice proved to be very challenging. As a general rule, although I do not anticipate a recurrence of such an event in the future, please check the website as we will send out announcements and update the website if unforeseen events occur. I anticipate that this year we will have a full schedule of seminars and look forward to seeing everyone for a new academic year.

Best
Christian Hopfer
All seminars are on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:45 AM at The Children's Hospital, Gary Pavilion, in the Denver Room. Prior to each seminar there is a "coffee hour" from 9:30 - 10:00 AM.

**September 10**
DPRG KickOff Speaker:
Christian Hopfer, M.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, UCD
*Rocky Mountain High: Research Challenges and Opportunities*
Presented by Marijuana Legalization

**September 24**
Kat Belendiuk, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD
*Postdoctoral Trainees and their Interest*

Korey Wylie, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD
*Networks and Regional Communication during Development*

(DPRG Executive Committee meeting immediately following the presentation)

**October 8**
DPRG Annual Business Meeting

**October 22**
Heather Caballes, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD
*Investigation of the Acute Effects of Early Life Seizures in Hippocampus: Precursor for an Autistic Phenotype?*

Lindsey Weiler, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD
*Postdoctoral Trainees and their Interest*

**November 12**
Laxmi Kondapalli, MD MSCE Assistant Professor, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, UCD
*TBD*

**November 26**
Doug Novins, M.D., Professor, Dept of Psychiatry/School of Public Health, UCD
*Dissemination and Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices – Results from a Systematic Review and form Native Substance Abuse Treatment Programs*

**December 10**
TBD

(DPRG Executive Committee meeting immediately following the presentation)
Undergraduate Students

The DPRG is the home of a new NIMH-supported summer undergraduate research training program, Scholarly Trainees Acquiring Research Skills (STARS). This program brings 7 students from rural community colleges to the medical school campus to participate in research programs each summer. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact Sharon Hunter, sharon.hunter@ucdenver.edu, 303-724-6201

NIMH Postdoctoral Trainees

We welcome four new postdoctoral trainees to our NIMH T32 program since the last newsletter: Kat Belendiuk, PhD, who will work with Paula Riggs, Heather Caballes, PhD, working with Tim Benke, Lindsey Weiler, PhD, sponsored by Heather Taussig, and Korey Wylie, MD, who will work with Jason Tregellas. We look forward to the seminar presentations of these trainees this fall. Continuing postdocs are Lisa Wilson, PhD, sponsored by Don Rojas and Anita Quintana, PhD, who is working with Tamim Shaikh and Bruce Appel. Fellows who have completed training since the last newsletter include Anthony Cordaro (M. Wamboldt), Nick Hazel (B. Hankin), Jacob Hines (B. Appel) and Hannah Snyder (B. Hankin).

Request to Advertise the NIMH Postdoctoral Research Training Program

Members of DPRG - if you are giving a talk and want to inform the audience that we have training programs available, there is a PowerPoint slide offered that you can include at the end of your presentation. The slide is located on the ANNOUNCEMENTS tab of the DPRG website. If you have further questions you can email Linda Greco-Sanders.

We are accepting applications for 2014 positions in the Postdoc Training Program. The deadline is December 1, 2013 and application information can be found on our web page, www.dprgpostdoc.org.
AFFILIATED SEMINARS

Affect Seminar
September-May, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 1:00-2:30pm, Ben Nighthorse Campbell Building, 2nd Floor North East Conference Room 241. BNC: Bob Emde

Perinatal Vulnerability to Psychosis Research Group
4th Tuesday of the month 8:15-9:45 (9:00-10:30 May –August), Ben Nighthorse Campbell Building, Room 304: Randy Ross

Child Grand Rounds
Please visit the DPRG website for an updated schedule.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, contact the leader. If there is an area not covered that you think there would be interest in, please contact the DPRG office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th and December 10th immediately following the seminars.

OTHER NEWS
We are currently working on our Spring 2014 DPRG Seminar schedule. Please contact Dr. Hepburn if you are interested in presenting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Seventh Bi-Annual Pediatric Sleep Medicine Conference: Advances in Research, Patient Care, Policy, and Education will be held at the Omni-Amelia Island Plantation Resort in Amelia Island, Florida on November 7-10, 2013. The event is sponsored by Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Updates can be found at: http://brown.edu/academics/medical/education/other-programs/continuing-medical-education/pedsleepmedconference

The 8th International Conference on Brain Monitoring and Neuroprotection in the Newborn is scheduled for January 16-18, 2014 in Clearwater Beach, Florida. For more information, please visit: https://cmetracker.net/USF/Files/Brochures/225099.pdf


SLEEP 2014 28th Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies, LLC (APSS) scheduled for May 31-June 4, 2014 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For information please visit: http://www.sleepmeeting.org
PAPERS/POSTERS PRESENTED


Gabriels, R. CME presentation as part of an all day workshop for CHCO staff: Introduction to understanding issues underlying the tip of the iceberg crisis behaviors in ASDs; 2013 May 6; Aurora, CO.

Gabriels, R. Autism diagnostic observation schedule-2nd ed. assessment training for clinical administration. Trained Child Find school assessment teams from Boulder Valley Schools, Cherry Creek Schools, Morgan County Schools, and Adams 14 Schools; Workshop sponsored by Colorado Dept of Education; 2012 Dec 4 & 13, 2013 Jan 8 & 17; CO.


Gabriels, R. Overview of the Neuropsychiatric Special Care program and outcome data for 1st Meeting of the Autism and Developmental Disorders Inpatient Research Collaborative; 2012 Sep 29; Portland, ME.

Gabriels, R. Presentation at the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine Summer CME Conference; by invitation from the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine; 2012 Aug 9; Breckenridge, CO.

Gabriels, R. Provided ADOS-2 clinical and research training to providers at the University of Oklahoma Early Foundations Center; 2013 Feb 13-15; Oklahoma City, OK.

Gabriels, R. Understanding and working with children on the autism spectrum in hospital and community-based research settings. Presented to faculty and graduate students at the University of Denver School of Professional Psychology at University of Denver; 2013 Apr 23; Denver, CO.

Gabriels, R. Understanding individuals with autism spectrum disorders: from research to clinical practice in the THR setting. Presented at the PATH International Region 3 Conference; 2013 Mar 2-3; Bluffton, SC.


Gabriels, R.L., Agnew, J.A., Pan, Z. Changes in aberrant behaviors and attitudes toward household pets following 10-week involvements in therapeutic horseback riding in children and adolescents with ASDs. Presented as a poster at the International Association of Human Animal Interaction Organizations’ conference; 2013 Jul; Chicago, IL.

Hunter, S. April, P50 auditory sensory gating from infancy to 4 years of age during sleep. International Congress for Schizophrenia Research; 2013; Orlando, FL.


PAPERS/BOOKS PUBLISHED


**RECENT CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

1st Meeting of the Autism and Developmental Disorders Inpatient Research Collaborative (ADDIRC), Portland, ME, September 2012.


American Psychological Association conference, Honolulu, HI, August 2013.


International Association of Human Animal Interaction Organizations’ conference, Chicago, IL, July 2013.

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International Region 3 Conference, Bluffton, SC, March 2013.

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, International Conference on Death, Grief, and Bereavement, La Crosse, Wisconsin, June 2013.

**FUNDING**

Robin Gabriels received:

- The Simons Foundation and The Lurie Foundation (Subcontract site CO-PI: Robin Gabriels)
  Project Aim: 2 year, 6 site collaborative research project to phenotype at least 500 children with ASD in ASD-ID specialty psychiatric inpatient units.
  Awarded Aug 2013

Jane Gralla received:

- Pediatric heart transplant AHA 13CRP16970024 (PI: Auerbach, S)
  NCRP Winter 2013 Clinical Research Program

Circulating miRNAs as a Biomarker to Predict Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy in Pediatric Heart Transplant Recipients
7/1/2013-6/30/2015

Sharon Hunter received:

- NOHR Research Award (Co PI, Kristin Uhler, PhD)
  Relationship between acoustic change complex and mismatched negativity in normal and heart-of-hearing infants.
  $20000, 9/2013-9/2014

Ken Maclean received:

- April 2013 William Hummel HCU research fund
  Pathogenic mechanisms in HCU
  $30,000

- May 2013 Haley's Heroes
  Novel treatment strategies for HCU
  $20,000

Benjamin Mullin received:

- Research Scholar Award from the Children’s Hospital Colorado Research Institute
  Insomnia and Neural Processing of Threat among Adolescents with Generalized Anxiety Disorder
  $100,000/year for 2 years. Aug, 2013-July 2015

**AWARDS RECEIVED**

Joy Browne recognition as Board of Directors for Parent Organized Partnerships Supporting Infants and Children Learning to Eat. Phoenix, Arizona, 2011-2013

Robin Gabriels received the 2013 Alumni Master Scholar Award for the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Professional Psychology, awarded by the University of Denver (April 2013)

Mark Laudenslager received The Norman Cousins Award presented by the PsychoNeuroImmunoInmunology Research Society (PNIR$) for contributions to the field of psychoneuroimmunology which includes a keynote presentation at the 2013 annual meeting in Stockholm, Sweden and a topical paper in Brain Behavior and Immunity.
DPRG NEWSLETTER UPDATE FORM

In order to keep information in our newsletter and our records current, it is important to hear of the activities of our DPRG community members. To make that task easier, please use this form (attach additional sheets if necessary). We will include this information in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Name:                                                 Phone #(s):

Title/Affiliation:

Address:

E-mail:

1. Since the last issue of the newsletter was published, have you:

   a. Presented posters/papers at any meetings, conferences, etc.? (Please give date, location, name of conference, presentation title.)

   b. Published any papers? (NOTE: Please list full citation. "In press" citations will not be printed in the Newsletter. Please include ONLY published material.)

   c. Attended any conferences of interest to DPRG members? (Please give date, location, and name of meeting.)

   d. Received any awards, honors, recognition for your work? (Please give title of award, awarding agency and date that the award was given.)

2. Have you received funding for any research? (Please list sources, amount, dates and title of project.)

3. Do you know of any upcoming meetings that would be of interest to DPRG members and should be listed in the Newsletter? (Please provide name, date, locations, and who to contact.)

Return form to: dprg@ucdenver.edu
THANKS!