Welcome to the new year. In addition to a number of seminars covering research topics, three speakers have been invited in order to expand the collaborations of the DPRG community with the broader university research community. I have asked Marc Moss, director of the education and training component of the CCTSI to speak to our group in order to facilitate collaborations with the CCTSI. Tom Blumenthal, the newly appointed director of the Linda Crnic Research Institute will be speaking about the plans and priorities of the Down Syndrome Institute. As many of you know, Linda Crnic was an integral member of the DPRG group and hopefully new collaborations can be built with the Down Syndrome Institute. And finally, Dr. Douglas Novins, the newly appointed director of child psychiatry will be speaking. As many of you who are familiar with the DPRG also know, child psychiatry has been integral to the DPRG and I am hoping that those collaborations will be strengthened. Finally, I am currently making plans for the “spring fling” and would welcome any suggestions/input.

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.

**January 8**
Marc Moss, M.D., Professor, Dept of Pulmonary Sciences, UCD
*Education, Training, and Career Development Opportunities through the CCTSI*

**January 22**
Randy Ross, M.D., Professor, Dept of Psychiatry, UCD
*Developmental Pathways to Mental Illness*

**February 12**
Kalynn Schulz, PhD., Instructor, Dept of Psychiatry, UCD
*TBD*

**February 26**
Ken Maclean, PhD., Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UCD
*TBD*

*(DPRG Executive Committee meeting immediately following the presentation)*

**March 12**
Amanda J. Law MSc. Ph.D., Professor, Dept of Psychiatry/Cell and Developmental Biology, UCD
*Genetics of Complex Brain Disorders: Lessons from the NRG-ErbB Signaling Network in Schizophrenia*

**March 26**
Tom Blumenthal, PhD., Executive Director, Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, UCD
*My perspective on Down syndrome research*

**April 9**
Doug Novins, M.D., Associate Professor, Dept of Psychiatry/School of Public Health, UCD
*TBD*

**April 23**
Michelle Sarche, PhD., Assistant Professor, Dept of Community and Behavioral Health, UCD
Zeynep Biringen, PhD., Professor, Dept of Human Development and Family Studies, CSU
Mark Laudenslager, PhD., Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, UCD
*TBD*

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**May 14**
*Spring Fling*
Undergraduate Students

The DPRG is the home of an NIMH-supported summer undergraduate research training program, Scholarly Trainees Acquiring Research Skills (STARS). This program brings students from rural community colleges to the medical school campus to participate in research programs each summer. Despite a very late notice of funding, last year's inaugural program was a success, matching 5 rural community college students with DPRG faculty. The students worked on projects ranging from genetics to neuroimaging to clinical trials (in both university and community settings). The program coordinates with the neuroscience BRAiN program on an end-of-summer student poster session, which was well received all around. The program is actively recruiting for the summer of 2013, expecting to be able to accommodate up to 7 rural community college students.

NIMH Postdoctoral Trainees

Since the last newsletter, all six of the NIMH T32 program Year 35 DPRG trainees are on board: Anthony Cordaro, MD, sponsored by Marianne Wamboldt, Nick Hazel, PhD and Hannah Snyder, PhD, both working with Ben Hankin at DU, Jake Hines, PhD, sponsored by Bruce Appel, Anita Quintana, PhD, who is working with Tamim Shaikh and co-sponsored by Bruce Appel, and Lisa Wilson, PhD, who is sponsored by Don Rojas. Interviews are under way at this time for positions starting July, 2013.

Changes to the DPRG Postdoc Faculty since the last newsletter include the addition of Drs. Tim Benke, Elysia Poggi Davis from DU, and Amanda Law. Drs. Guido Frank and Paula Riggs have returned to active status on the Postdoc Faculty

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 available 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 please email Linda Greco-Sanders. The next application deadline will be 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, February 26th and April 23rd immediately following the seminars.

OTHER NEWS
We are currently working on our Fall 2013 DPRG Seminar schedule. Please contact Dr. Hopfer if you are interested in presenting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington, April 18-20, 2013. For more information please visit the website, http://www.srcd.org/

SLEEP 2013 27th Annual Meeting of the APSS scheduled for June 1-5, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland. For information please visit: http://www.sleepmeeting.org/datesdeadlines.aspx
PAPERS/POSTERS PRESENTED


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

Gabriels, R.L. - Overview of the Neuropsychiatric Special Care program and outcome data for 1st Meeting of the Autism and Developmental Disorders Inpatient Research Collaborative (ADDIRC); Portland, ME, September 2012.


PAPERS/BOOKS PUBLISHED


Lorraine, F., Kubicek and Robert N., Emde, Emotional Expression and Language: A longitudinal study of typically developing earlier and later talkers from 15 to 30 months, Infant Mental Health Journal, 33(6), 553-584.

Lorraine, F., Kubicek and Robert N. Emde, Emotional Expression and Language: A longitudinal study of typically developing earlier and later talkers from 15 to 30 months, Infant Mental Health Journal, 33(6), 597-598


FUNDING

Robin Gabriels received:

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program through CU Boulder, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Individual Grand
$2400 award to mentored student: Oren Gordon

Study Status: 8/12 – present
Mentor: Robin Gabriels, Psy.D.

Project Aim: Examining the effect of a picture schedule reinforcement system on children with ASDs and diabetes (Type I and II) during routine blood draws.
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 #(#): 

Title/ Affiliation: 

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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.) 

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THANKS!