Welcome to the spring DPRG seminar series. We will begin our seminar series with a talk from Sherry Leonard, who has been a long-time DPRG member. This will be followed by two talks from new DPRG training faculty, Dr. Tamim Shaikh and Dr. Bruce Appel. Dr. Leonard has a long-standing interest in the molecular genetics of schizophrenia, Dr. Shaikh in the molecular genetics of autism and other developmental disabilities, and Dr. Appel in neuronal development. All three of these researchers are basic scientists and I’m hoping that lectures about their programs of research will facilitate more collaboration between members of our group engaged in human behavioral research and basic scientists.

Talks later in the spring will transition more into human behavioral research and will include talks about pubertal timing and the development of externalizing behaviors, an update from Dr. Mark Laudenslager about developments in his lab, a talk from the new director of the Kempe Center (Dr. Des Runyan), and a report from Dr. Judy Reaven about development in her research program focused on the treatment of anxiety in children with autism.

The retreat this year promises to be outstanding thanks to the hard work of Dr. Guido Frank who has brought together an international groups of researchers and policy makers to examine a range of issues tied together by the theme of feeding and its role in development. I think this retreat will offer talks from the world’s leading researchers and promises to stimulate new thinking and collaborations.

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 10**
Sherry Leonard, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, UCD
*Where are the Genes for Schizophrenia: the Complexity of Gene Expression in a Mental Disorder*

**January 24**
Bruce Appel, PhD., Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, UCD
*Investigating Brain Development Using Zebrafish Imaging and Genetics as Tools*

**February 14**
Tamim Shaikh, PhD., Associate Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, UCD
*Structural Variation in Neurodevelopmental Disorders*

**February 28**
Desmond K. Runyan, MD, DrPH., Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, UCD
*International Perspectives on Harsh Child Discipline*
*(DPRG Executive Committee meeting immediately following the presentation)*

**March 13**
Josh Bricker, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD
*TBA*

**March 27**
Mark Laudenslager, PhD., Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, UCD
Marianne Wamboldt, MD., Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, UCD
Sita Kedia, MD., Instructor, Dept. of Pediatrics, UCD
Katrina Maluf, PhD., Associate Professor, UCD
*Yoga for Chronic Headache in Adolescents: a Modest Proposal*

**April 10**
Judy Reaven, PhD., Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, UCD
*Group Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Youth With High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders and Anxiety*

**April 24**
Sona Dimidjian, PhD., Dept. of Psychology, UCB
*TBA*
*(DPRG Executive Committee meeting immediately following the presentation)*

**May**
17th Biennial Retreat
*TBD*
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. BNC: Bob Emde

**Developmental Disabilities Research Group**
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 8:30-10:00 a.m. Education South Rm 2206. October 4th North, Rm 1304. For more information please go to: [http://www.jfkpartners.org/default.asp?page=84](http://www.jfkpartners.org/default.asp?page=84). For reminder sign up email: dina.johnson@ucdenver.edu ; Susan Hepburn

**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 202: 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, contact the DPRG office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Published Work**


**Executive Committee**
Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th and April 24th immediately following the seminars.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

**The 25th Annual Gravens Conference on the Physical and Developmental Environment of the High Risk Infant**
scheduled for January 25-28, 2012 in Clearwater Beach, FL at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. The conference focuses on fetal and infant development, caregivers, and healthcare related to neurodevelopment. For more information, please visit: [https://cmetracker.net/USF/Files/Brochures/219976.pdf](https://cmetracker.net/USF/Files/Brochures/219976.pdf)

**The 7th International Conference on Brain Monitoring and Neuroprotection in the Newborn** is scheduled for September 13-15, 2012 in Tampa, Florida. For more information, please visit the website, [http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/](http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/)

**19th Annual Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society Meeting** will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt June 7-9, 2012, San Diego, California. For further information please visit [https://www.pnirs.org/meetings/index.cfm](https://www.pnirs.org/meetings/index.cfm)
TRAINING PROGRAMS

MEDICAL STUDENTS – Psychiatry Scholars: The University of Colorado medical student curriculum has a mentored scholarly activity (MSA) requirement. All DPRG members are encouraged to mentor and support medical students as they develop and complete their scholarly project. DPRG supports this goal and coordinates its efforts with the Department of Psychiatry. Details are available under Research Training on the www.ucdenver.edu Department of Psychiatry homepage. Any DPRG faculty that would like to be considered as a faculty mentor for medical student scholarly activities, please contact Sharon Hunter (Sharon.hunter@ucdenver.edu).

MEDICAL STUDENTS – Research Track: Those students who wish to include research as a major component of their medical career may participate in the School of Medicine’s Research track which has structured research training components spanning all 4 years of medical school, plus requires students to complete a first-author manuscript for submission to a national research journal. Through an NIMH funded grant, the DPRG supports 5-8 students per medical school class to prepare, complete, and publish a research project. Details on this program can be found at www.coloradoreserachtrack.org. Any DPRG faculty that would like to be considered as a faculty mentor for medical student scholarly activities, please contact Randy Ross (Randy.ross@ucdenver.edu) or Mark Laudenslager (Mark.laudenslager@ucdenver.edu).

Undergraduate Students: The DPRG is applying to the NIMH for support for a new summer undergraduate research training program, Kindling Interest in Translational Developmental Neuroscience (KIDS). If funded, this program will bring 7 students from rural community colleges to the medical school campus to participate in research programs each summer.

Request to Advertise the NIMH Postdoc 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.

NIMH Postdoctoral Trainees

We welcome three new postdoctoral trainees to our NIMH T32 program: Anthony Cordaro, MD, who is working with Marianne Wamboldt, Nick Hazel, who is sponsored by Ben Hankin, and Jake Hines, working with Bruce Appel. We look forward to the seminar presentations of these trainees this fall. Lisa Wilson will join the program in the spring, sponsored by Don Rojas. Returning NIMH trainees include Detre Godinez, PhD (Banich), Analice Hoffenberg, MD, MSPH (Hopfer), and Kristina McFadden, PhD (Rojas). Trainees who recently completed their training include Lisa Badanes, PHD (Hankin), Joseph Dagher (Banich), Kimberly D’Anna, PhD (Laudenslager/Ross), and Christie Petrenko, PhD (Taussig).
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.)

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THANKS!