Welcome back to the fall DPRG seminar series. I hope everyone’s summer was restful and productive. Our first fall speaker, Sarah Watamura from DU, is a great follow up to the 2010 biennial retreat at which we had wonderful presentations from Michael Meany, Tom O’Connor, and Zach Stowe. They indicated how impressed they were with our program and its participants. Feedback on the retreat was overall supportive of the new format in nearby Golden, Colorado. This is a tribute to the hard work of Marianne Wamboldt and her organizing committee. I hope this will serve as a new design for retreats of the future. It met the requests for shorter, nearer, and cheaper. My thanks to everyone involved in attempting this risky shift from a long standing tradition. I think it was innovative and a great success. Please note on the back wall of the Denver room the two plaques for the Martin Reite (trainee) and Charles Kaufman (junior faculty) awards for outstanding research presented at the biennial DPRG retreat. Out thanks to Linda Greco Sanders for getting these prepared to honor our outstanding early career scientists.

As my tenure as Executive Director winds down to the annual meeting, I have witnessed a number of milestones for the DPRG over the past 40 months, including transition to the AMC campus, establishing a new location for meeting, the renewal of the endowment, and most of all weathering tough economic times. We have tightened our purse strings a bit but overall the DPEF continues to support the careers of new investigators, particularly the postdoctoral trainees in our NIMH funded T32 training program. Randy Ross and Linda Greco-Sanders successfully shepherded the new submission of the T32 training grant last May for review this fall.

I will be turning over the reins to the capable hands of Christian Hopfer at the end of October. I want to thank the folks who provided substantial support in this responsibility, including Africa Armandariz, Crystal Natvig, Maribel Perea, and Melissa Sinclair. Africa and Maribel have been invaluable in making sure the behind the scene activities were effectively accomplished. Crystal has been responsible for updating and creating the DPRG website we enjoy today for transmission of information regarding the DPRG activities and documenting the history of our group. Melissa has also been equally helpful in managing the financial affairs of the DPRG in the midst of a hard to understand University management structure. Kudos to all and my best to Christian as he takes over in October!

Mark L. Laudenslager, PhD
Executive Director
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 14**  
Sara Watamura, PhD., Assistant Professor, DU  
*Hypocortisolemia in Young Children Experiencing High Stress: Calling for an Alternative to the Glucocorticoid Cascade Hypothesis*

**September 28**  
Kimberly D’Anna, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD  
*Prenatal Stress, Cortisol and Maternal Depression in Mothers*

Detre Godinez, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD  
*The Effect of Stress during Sensitive Development Periods on Brain Regions Underlying Executive Function*

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

**October 12**  
Mark Laudenslager, PhD., Professor, UCD  
The Executive Director's Presentation  
*Twenty Years of Developmental Psychoneuroimmunology: On to Targeted Interventions*

**October 26**  
*Annual Meeting*

**November 9**  
*Analice Hoffenberg, MD., MPH., Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical Instructor, UCD*  
*TBA*

Kristina McFadden, PhD., Postdoctoral Fellow, UCD  
*Potential Cognitive Biomarkers in Autism*

**December 14**  
Martha Wadsworth, PhD., Associate Professor, DU  
*Stress and Coping in Families Facing Economic Hardship*

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

**Affect Seminar**
September-May, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 1:00-2:30pm, Ben Nighthorse Campbell Building, Room 304/305. BNC: Bob Emde

**Developmental Disabilities Research Group**
2nd Tuesday of the month 8:30-10:00 a.m. For more information please go to: http://www.jfkpartners.org/default.asp?page=84: 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.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

The University of Colorado medical students have a scholarly activity requirement. Over the 4 years of medical school, students develop, complete, and present a scholarly project. In response to this opportunity, the DPRG postdoctoral faculty applied for and received NIH funding to support medical student research training. The DPRG medical student program coordinates with an already present Department of Psychiatry program to provide faculty mentors for students to complete their scholarly project. The Department of Psychiatry program is presented on the web at www.psychiatryscholars.org. The website also includes the DPRG program. 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), Mark Laudenslager (Mark.laudenslager@ucdenver.edu), or Sharon Hunter (Sharon.hunter@ucdenver.edu).

**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. If you have any further questions you can email Linda Greco-Sanders.

**NIMH Postdoctoral Trainees**
We welcome two new postdoctoral trainees to our NIMH T32 program: Analice Hoffenberg, MD, MSPH and Kristina McFadden, PhD. Analice is working with Christian Hopfer and Kristina will be working with Don Rojas. Returning NIMH trainees include Joseph Dagher, PhD (Banich), Angela Friend, PhD (Pennington), Detre Godinez, PhD (Banich), Lisa Badanes, PHD (Hankin), and Christie Petrenko, PhD (Taussig). Finally, Kimberly D'Anna, PhD (Laudenslager) who formerly had an individual NSF fellowship will join as one our T32 trainees. Kalynn Schultz, PhD completed her training this August. We look forward to seminar presentations of our trainees later this year.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisory Board
Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The 24th Annual Gravens Conference on the Physical and Developmental Environment of the High Risk Infant, scheduled for January 26 –29, 2011 in Clearwater Beach, FL focuses on developmental care and the impact of the physical environment on premature and high risk babies. For more information, please visit the website, http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/

The 6th International Conference on Brain Monitoring and Neuroprotection in the Newborn is scheduled for February 10‐12, 2011 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. It will focus on new strategies in the assessment of early brain function, while connecting research and clinical applications. For more information, please visit the website, https://cmetracker.net/USF/Files/Brochures/217895.pdf

18th Annual Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society Meeting will be held in Chicago, Illinois June 8‐11, 2011. Early registration by April 1st. For further information please visit https://www.pnirs.org/meetings/index.cfm

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William Gavin, PhD., Investigator

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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.

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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.)

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