

Collaborative Program in Neuroscience (CPIN)

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Announcements

Congratulations CPIN Graduates Congratulations to the 3 students who completed the CPIN program over the past month. See page 3 for details.

CPIN Welcomes New Faculty Member Lynda Mainwaring (Department of Exercise Science).

Thank You Workshop Speakers CPIN would like to acknowledge Dr. Joseph A. Fisher and Dr. Blake Richards for their engaging talks during the workshops held on February 5, 2014.

Thank You CPIN Students for your participation in the survey regarding the conversion of some CPIN program requirements into a credit course. The survey has now closed, and we are pleased to report that the majority of responses that we have received are positive. Please contact p.neuroscience@utoronto.ca if you have any further questions.

Neuroscience Opportunities The CPIN website now includes postings for available positions in the Toronto neuroscience community. Please see the website for details:

http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/communications/Positions_Available.htm

2014 CPIN Research Day & International Symposium on Synaptic Plasticity and Brain Disorders

Held in honour of the lifetime achievements of Dr. John C. Roder

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/CPIN_Research_Day.htm

This symposium is held in honour of **Dr. John C. Roder** and is the featured event for the 2014 Research Day of the University of Toronto Collaborative Program in Neuroscience. The **2014 Raymond and Beverly Sackler Distinguished Lecture** will be delivered by **Professor Graham Collingridge** (Centre for Synaptic Plasticity, University of Bristol, UK). Poster sessions will be held at the University of Toronto Medical Science Building in the Stone Lobby. The International Symposium will be held at Mount Sinai Hospital, 18th Floor Auditorium. The **Preliminary Schedule** can be found on the website:

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Call for 2014 CPIN Research Day & International Symposium Registration and Poster Abstract Submission (closes on March 14, 2014)

On April 8, 2014, CPIN students will have the opportunity to report their research updates through poster presentations in the Stone Lobby. **Registration:**

http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/CPIN_Research_Day/researchday14reg.htm

Call for Poster Presentation Judges for 2014 CPIN Research Day

All CPIN faculty and postdoctoral members are invited to attend the CPIN Research Day and provide feedback to our students' research work through this annual event. Please contact p.neuroscience@utoronto.ca if you are available to serve as a poster judge.

Dr. John Roder Biography



Dr. John Roder is a neurobiologist and Senior Investigator at the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital. He is a Professor in the Department of Molecular and Medical Genetics at the University of Toronto since 1987 and is cross-appointed to the Department of Physiology. He is the holder of the Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Learning and Memory. Dr. Roder was elected into the Royal Society of Canada in 2010. John Roder has published 320 research articles and 75 reviews and book chapters. Dr. Roder is an accomplished mentor and has trained over 128 students and fellows, many of whom are also exceptional researchers and educators. Dr. Roder continues to identify pharmacogenetic methods for reversing the symptoms and effects of several devastating disorders including schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disease, ataxia, neurodegenerative disease, and epilepsy.

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Toronto Brain Bee

<http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/2014brainbee.htm>

The Brain Bee is a knowledge-based competition for high school students. It tests the knowledge of the students in neuroscience. The original contest format was derived from the traditional Spelling Bee. The 16th Annual Toronto Brain Bee 2014 will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014. Registration Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2014.

Open Call for Volunteers at the Toronto Brain Bee event: Please contact the CPIN office at p.neuroscience@utoronto.ca

Upcoming Events

Twelfth Annual Raymond & Beverly Sackler Distinguished Lecture

<http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/sackler.htm>



Date | Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Time | 5:00-6:00 pm

Location | 18th Floor Auditorium, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Ave.

Speaker | **Dr. Graham Collingridge**, School of Physiology and Pharmacology, The University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

Title | *Memory Mechanisms in Health & Disease*

Host | Zhengping Jia, PhD; Senior Scientist, Neurosciences and Mental Health, The Hospital For Sick Children; Professor, Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

Please note the date and time of the Sackler Distinguished Lecture have been updated from what was posted last month.

2014 CPIN Distinguished Lectureship Series

<http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/lectureship.htm>



Speaker | **Dr. Akira Sawa**, MD, PhD; Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioural Sciences, Johns Hopkins Medicine; Director, Johns Hopkins Schizophrenia Center; Director, Silvio O. Conte Center for Schizophrenia Research at Johns Hopkins; Director, Molecular Psychiatry Program

Title | *TBA*

Date | **Thursday, March 27, 2014**

Time | 4:00-5:00 pm

Location | Room 610, Health Sciences Building (155 College St.)

Host | Dr. James Kennedy, MD; Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto; Director, Neuroscience Research Department & Head of Psychiatric Neurogenetics Section, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (CAMH)

Co-Sponsor | Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (CAMH)



Speaker | **Dr. Ana Martinez**, Research Professor, Spanish Council for Research

Title | *From the lab to the bedside targeting GSK-3 and PDE7*

Date | **Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

Time | 2:30-3:15 pm

Location | 18th Floor Auditorium, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University

Host | Dr. John Roder, PhD, FRSC; Senior Investigator, Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute; Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto

Co-Sponsor | Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute

Please note this lecture will be given as part of the 2014 CPIN Research Day & International Symposium on Synaptic Plasticity & Brain Disorders.

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Upcoming Events (Continued)

CPIN – Neurotalk For more information, visit: <http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/Neurotalk.htm>

CPIN Cortex Club For more information, visit: <http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/cortexclub.htm>

U of T Neuroscience Seminars For more information, visit: <http://neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/seminar.htm>

Conferences and Meetings

http://neuroscience.utoronto.ca/events/Conf_M.htm

2014 Alzheimer's Symposium: Facing the Challenges of Severe Dementia

February 28, 2014; Chestnut Conference Centre. For event details and registration information, visit:

<https://ers.snapuptickets.com/ers/online-registration-conference.cfm?eventLinkName=AlzheimerSymposium2014>

The Rising Tide: A Research Conference on Alzheimer's disease

March 7, 2014; Sidney Smith Hall (Room 2118). Graduate level poster presenters required.

Further details can be found on the website at: <http://rising-tide.wix.com/saautconference>

Baycrest Rotman Research Institute Conference: Memory and the Brain in Health and Disease

March 10-11, 2014; Omni King Edward Hotel. Post-conference workshops on March 12, 2014 at Baycrest.

Full details can be found on the website at: <http://research.baycrest.org/conference>

SickKids Centre for Brain & Mental Health Day: The Newborn Brain – A Work in Progress - Interrupted

April 16, 2014; SickKids' Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning.

Further information and registration details can be found on the website at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/t4qpx0>

Updates from the Graduate Executive Committee

CPIN – Mixer On February 20, the CPIN grad execs hosted a mixer at the GSU pub filled with food, board games, beer, and fun times. Thanks to all the lovely folk who came out despite the less-than-friendly winter weather. The mixer was well-represented by students across the various CPIN departments, and most of us got a chance to actually talk to the people we constantly see (but never talk to) during distinguished lectures. If you're interested in meeting like-minded people who all share a passion for neuroscience, come out to our next event and feel free to email us with suggestions: *Sonia Sugumar, CPIN Special Events Coordinator*.

Congratulations CPIN Graduates

Last Name	First Name	Department	Program	Supervisor
Cheung	Jeffrey	IMS	MSc	Adam Dubrowski
Park	Laura Seohyun	IMS	MSc	Paul Arnold
Whissel	Paul	IMS	PhD	Beverley Orser

Reminders

Faculty Profile Update The CPIN Office is looking to update the CPIN faculty member profiles on the website: <http://www.neuroscience.utoronto.ca/faculty/list.htm> If you wish to update your profile, please check the information on your CPIN faculty page, and send any updates or changes to p.neuroscience@utoronto.ca.

Graduate Student Achievements The CPIN Office is looking to update graduate student records to include awards and publications. Please submit a list of awards you have received and any publications you have had while enrolled in CPIN to p.neuroscience@utoronto.ca.

Funding and Sponsorship CPIN is continuously looking for new sources of funding and sponsorship. Please contact us at p.neuroscience@utoronto.ca with ideas or suggestions.

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