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## SBN Announcements

**SBN2010**

The 2010 Society of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Annual Meeting will be held at the Toronto Hilton in Toronto Canada, July 18 -21.

**Reminder: Registration and Housing deadline:** The deadline for early registration and to secure conference rates at the Toronto Hilton will be **Friday April 30, 2010 at NOON CST.**

Visit the **SBN 2010 Meeting Website** ([www.sbn.org/meetings/2010/](http://www.sbn.org/meetings/2010/)) for more information.

**Want to find out when you are presenting at SBN 2010?**

A schedule of all talks and posters has been uploaded to the 2010 SBN Annual Meeting site. Go to <http://www.sbn.org/meetings/2010> and click on the **Program of Talks and Posters** link to download a PDF of all talks and posters organized into sessions. The complete Program, including abstracts, will be available to SBN members in the coming weeks.

**Remember to Vote by May 15th! - SBN Treasurer**

It is time to elect a new treasurer. Ruth Wood has served the SBN with distinction and we are grateful to her for her service. I thank the treasurer nomination committee (Kim Wallen, Chair; Katherine Wynne-Edwards and Lance Kriegsfeld) for soliciting nominations and assembling the ballot.

The treasurer will serve for a three-year term and will join myself, Jeff Blaustein, Emilie Rissman and Chris Wagner as a member of the executive board of the society.

The election will be open from **March 15 - May 15, 2010** on the SBN website ([www.sbn.org](http://www.sbn.org)). You will need to use your member log in to access the ballot. Your last name is your user name and your member number is your password, unless you changed it. You will be able to request your password on the site if you have forgotten it. **Please VOTE TODAY!**

The candidates for Treasurer are **Bruce S. Cushing** and **Teresa S. Horton**

**Bruce S. Cushing, Ph.D.** Behavioral Ecology, Michigan State University, postdoctoral studies with Drs. Ernst Reese, University of Hawaii, and Polley McClure, Indiana University. He is an integrated Behavioral Neuroscientist who brings a comparative and evolutionary approach to studying the mechanisms underlying the expression of social behavior. He has held a number of positions including Chair of Biology and the Director of the Integrated Bioscience Program at The University of Akron. He has worked with a variety of species such as spiders, lobsters, scorpions, polar bears, weasels, mice, and voles, to name a few. For the past fifteen years his research has focused on the interaction of steroids, especially estrogen, and the neuropeptides oxytocin and vasopressin, in regulating the expression of prosocial behavior, using the socially monogamous prairie vole as the primary animal model. Major contributions include demonstrating an organizational effect of oxytocin on estrogen receptor alpha expression during neonatal development and a direct link between estrogen receptor expression and male prosocial behavior. He is currently working to develop the prairie vole as a translational model for studying social deficit disorders and PTSD. He has been active in SBN since the first annual meeting in Baltimore, judging poster sessions and participating in the mentor lunches. As Chairman of the Department of Biology at Akron he managed a budget of more than \$2 million and \$3 million for an NIH Program Project Grant. It is his desire to contribute to SBN by serving as Treasurer.

**Teresa H. Horton, Ph.D.** BS, Zoology, University of Washington 1979. PhD, Biology, University of Utah 1984, postdoctoral studies with Dr. Neena Schwartz, Northwestern University and Dr. Milton Stetson, University of Delaware. Prior to her current position at Northwestern University as Research Associate Professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Physiology and Director of the Interdisciplinary Committee on Evolutionary Processes, Dr. Horton was a member of the Department of Biological Sciences at Kent State University. She describes herself as an evolutionary physiologist who studies the mechanisms by which the neuroendocrine system integrates information from the body and the environment to regulate energy consumption, expenditure, and reproduction to optimize survival and reproduction, thus her research interests span the broad expanse that defines the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. Her current research examines the role of estrogen receptor alpha signaling pathways in the control of steroid negative feedback on GnRH secretion and temperature regulation (a.k.a. hot flashes). Since joining the SBN she has served as Chair of the Education Committee and Chair of the Website Committee. She has served other organizations in the capacity of treasurer and looks forward to the opportunity to serve the SBN in this capacity.

### **SBN Young Investigator Awards**

SBN is pleased to announce the winners of the Young Investigator Award for the meeting in Toronto, Canada. The winners will present their research at a special Symposium at the SBN 2010 meeting in Toronto. Congratulations!

**Kathleen Northcutt**, Michigan State University

**Jodi Pawluski**, Maastricht University

**Erica Glasper**, Princeton University

**Steven Stranton**, Duke University  
**Kathleen Lynch**, University of Texas, Austin  
**Pamela Maras**, Georgia State University

### **SBNTravel Awards**

The following trainees have received SBNTravel Awards for the SBN 2010 meeting in Toronto! Congratulations!

**Joanna Workman**, Ohio State University; **Kelli Duncan**, Lehigh University; **Paul Bonthuis**, University of Virginia; **Matthew Fuxjager**, University of Wisconsin Madison; **Aubrey Kelly**, Indiana University; **Lauren Munchrath**, University of Texas Austin; **Kristin Olesen**, University of Massachusetts Amherst; **Claire Scavuzzo**, University of Illinois Champagne Urbana; **Laura Been**, Georgia State University; **Georgia Hodes**, University of Pennsylvania; **Sat Gavassa**, Florida International University; **Debra Lynn**, University of St. Andrews; **Naianka Rigaud**, Mary Baldwin College; **Debra Bangasser**, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; **Sarah Alger**, University of Wisconsin Madison; **Hanna King**, University of Massachusetts Amherst; **Olivier Brock**, University of Liege; **Erin Gibson**, University of California Berkeley

### **Mentor/Mentee Lunches at SBN2010**

The SBN Education Committee is currently in the process of organizing the mentor/mentee lunches for the upcoming SBN meeting. If you are interested in serving as a MENTOR, please contact Heather Patisaul at [heather\\_patisaul@ncsu.edu](mailto:heather_patisaul@ncsu.edu) before April 30 to obtain a sign-up form.

This program has been extremely popular in the past and we are excited to offer it again this year. If you currently hold a full time faculty position, you can serve as a mentor. We encourage faculty of all ranks to participate.

The program will be offered on July 20 and July 21. Please let us know which day (or days) you would like to serve as a mentor for this program.

The format will consist of small groups prearranged by the Education Committee. You will have the opportunity to host a discussion with 4-6 students and postdoctoral fellows over a boxed lunch (provided).

We thank you for your time and participation. This program is highly regarded by the trainees and we look forward to organizing it again this year.

Students, we will be contacting you in EARLY MAY to give you the opportunity to sign up for this event. You must sign up in advance to participate. You will not be able to sign up at the meeting, so watch your email over the next couple of weeks for more information.

### **SBNMedia Contest**

Reminder: Upcoming deadline for the SBN media contest

Submissions should be sent as a DVD, postmarked by June 1, 2010 to:

Lori Flanagan-Cato  
Department of Psychology  
3815 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104

Submissions should be original in design and scope appeal to a lay audience and/or be appropriate for K-12 students without trivializing the topic. Length should be 3-5 minutes.

Possible topics: Gender differences; Diversity of hormone effects; Hormones across the lifespan; Hormone effects in various animal models; Clinical cases; Hormonal rhythms; social bonds. Topics that relate to a new discovery or technique would be very attractive.

Winners will be announced at the SBN 2010 meeting in Toronto.

Contact Lori Flanagan-Cato with any questions ([flanagan@psych.upenn.edu](mailto:flanagan@psych.upenn.edu)).

### **SBN Website**

If anyone has suggestions for content or features on the SBN website, please contact Randy Nelson at [randy.nelson@osumc.edu](mailto:randy.nelson@osumc.edu).

### **SBN on Facebook**

The SBN Facebook page now has 159 members. Please check it out and consider joining if you haven't already.

## **Job Postings/Training Opportunities**

### **Postdoctoral Position, University of Virginia**

Postdoctoral Position in Sexual Differentiation, Behavior and Epigenetics  
Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics, University of Virginia,  
Charlottesville Postdoctoral position now available to study genetic, epigenetic and hormonal aspects of sex differences. Candidates should have a Ph.D. and background in molecular techniques and small animal surgery, as well as an understanding of and interest in behavior. Please send your CV with names of three references and a statement of research interests to Dr. Emilie Rissman at [rissman@virginia.edu](mailto:rissman@virginia.edu).

### **Postdoctoral Position, Tulane University**

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Signaling mechanisms in Social behavior, Cell and Molecular Biology Department, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. Postdoctoral position available September 1, 2010 to investigate the nongenomic signaling mechanisms of estrogens and their relevance to social behaviors and neuromorphology, using mice. Candidates should have a Ph.D in neuroscience, pharmacology, psychology, endocrinology or related field and should like to work both independently and with undergraduates. Experience with behavioral techniques and stereotaxic surgery in mice is a plus but is not absolutely necessary. Additional information is found on our website: <http://tulane.edu/sse/cmb/people/nandini/index.cfm>. Send CV, along with the

names of three references to [Nandini@tulane.edu](mailto:Nandini@tulane.edu).

### **Postdoctoral Position, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee**

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Behavioral Neuroscience, Dept. of Psychology, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Postdoctoral fellowship available Sept. 1, 2010 to study how aging, ovarian hormones, and environmental enrichment affect memory and hippocampal function in rodents. This work is focused on identifying the molecular mechanisms in the hippocampus through which hormones and enrichment modulate memory in young and aging rodents. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Psychology or related discipline, and should be highly motivated and able to work both independently and as part of a team. Experience in molecular biology/biochemistry, stereotaxic surgery, and behavioral testing especially desirable. Additional information on the lab is available at <http://pantheon.yale.edu/~kf54/>. Please send CV with names of three references and a statement of research interests to Dr. Karyn M. Frick at [karyn.frick@yale.edu](mailto:karyn.frick@yale.edu).