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#### Hormones and Behavior

The April 2013 issue of *Hormones and Behavior* is now available

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<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/0018506X>

#### SBN Announcements

Dr. Alison Fleming to receive 2013 Lehrman Award



We are pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2013 Lehrman Award is Professor Alison Fleming, Canadian Research Chair in Behavioral Neurobiology at the University of Toronto Mississauga. Dr. Fleming was a graduate student at the Institute of Animal Behavior where she worked with the first Lehrman Award recipient, Dr. Jay Rosenblatt. She conducted her post-doctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley with Dr. Irving Zucker. Her scholarship and productivity throughout her amazing

career have been first-rate. Dr. Fleming has focused on the control of maternal behavior, at first in rats and hamsters. More than 30 years ago (before the word "translational" was created), Dr. Fleming added a new dimension to her research, studying parenting in humans. Her studies have had a huge impact on the development and focus of this field as studies of control of this essential behavior has shifted from hormones, to sensory systems, to experience.

The criteria for the Lehrman award are two-fold. Mentoring is as important as research achievements. Dr. Fleming has a spectacular record in this

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domain as well. Sixteen nominators from all stages in their careers wrote to support this nomination, and while many of these people had trained directly with her, an enormous number were not trainees, but felt that they were "adopted" offspring. The amount of time, energy and care that Dr. Fleming has put into her colleagues at all stages was obvious from these notes.

## Dr. Bridget Nugent receives the inaugural W.C. Young Recent Graduate Award



We are pleased to announce the first recipient of the SBN's WC Young Recent Graduate Award for the most outstanding graduate dissertation: Dr. Bridget Nugent. Dr. Nugent is currently a post-doctoral fellow at Yale University. She did her graduate work in Dr. Peg McCarthy's laboratory at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and received her PhD in Neuroscience last year. The title of her award-winning thesis work is "Brain feminization requires active repression

of masculinization via DNA methylation. "Using molecular and behavioral techniques, her thesis research challenges the notion that brain feminization is a passive process by showing that disruption of DNA methylation in the developing female brain produces a masculine behavioral phenotype. Congratulations go to Dr. Nugent for her important work and for being the first recipient of this award which is in memory of the late Dr. WC Young. As a historic note one of Dr. Young's students, Dr. Harvey Feder was Dr. McCarthy's dissertation advisor, and thus Dr. Nugent is a direct descendant of William Young!

## Congratulations to the Young Investigator Award Recipients

The Awards and Professional Development Committees are pleased to congratulate three outstanding young scientists:

- Christopher Thompson, PhD is a post-doctoral fellow at the Scripps Research Institute. He will speak about his current work using an in vivo preparation to study neuronal development in tadpoles.
- Jessica Raper, PhD from Emory University will present her recently completed thesis work on the effects of amygdalaectomy on behavior in group rhesus monkeys.
- Brent Horton, PhD will present his post-doctoral research on alternative reproductive strategies in two genetic morphs in white-throated sparrows.

## Congratulations to the recipients of the SBN Travel Awards

Yoav Litvin, graduate student, Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology, The Rockefeller University

Nina LT So, undergraduate student, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA

Nora H Prior, graduate student, Zoology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Mary K Holder, postdoctoral fellow, Center for Neuroendocrine Studies, Neuroscience and Behavior Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Jessica L Bolton, graduate student, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA

Jennifer Lymer, graduate student, Psychology, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Andrea L Liebl, graduate student, Department of Integrative Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, USA

Joelle B Thorpe, graduate student, Psychology Neuroscience & Behaviour, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Sarah E Racine, graduate student, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA

Christina L Nemeth, graduate student, Department of Psychiatry, Department of Physiology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA

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## Don't forget to register to attend SBN 2013 in Atlanta

The 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology to be held from June 23 - 26, 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The meeting will take place at the Loews Atlanta Hotel located in the heart of vibrant Midtown Atlanta.

While the abstract deadline has passed, early registration remains open until May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Registration information can be found at: <http://sbn.org/meetings/2013/> and preliminary program information can be found at

<http://www.sbn.org/meetings/2013/SBN%202013%20Program.pdf>.

## Professional development activities available at SBN 2013

The professional development committee would like to make members aware of the programming planned for the upcoming annual meeting. First, there will be an orientation breakfast to welcome first time attendees on Sunday morning. Similar to last year, first-time attendee ribbons will be available when picking up registration materials. Speed Mentoring, back by popular demand, will occur on Monday during lunchtime. Monday evening the committee has also planned the annual trainee workshop, and the focus this year will be on career options in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. On Tuesday morning, we will also convene a Junior Faculty support group in the hotel lobby to facilitate networking and provide support for junior faculty attendees attempting to navigate the tenure process. New this year, a "Teaching Behavioral Neuroendocrinology" workshop will occur during lunchtime on Tuesday, aimed at sharing pedagogical techniques used when teaching Behavioral Neuroendocrinology at different institutions. As always, the meet the professor lunches will happen on the last two lunch periods of the meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please keep an eye out for more details about these events as well as their times and locations in the annual meeting program.

## General Announcements

### International Neuroendocrine Federation (INF) Seeking Nominations

The INF will elect Officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer) for 2015-2018. According to the constitution of the INF, the Officers are elected by the Council. Each Trustee may propose, after consultation with and on behalf of his/her constituency, not more than one nominee for each post. If you have nominations for these positions, please provide a name and a short supporting statement to SBN president and INF Trustee Jeff Blaustein ([blaustein@cns.umass.edu](mailto:blaustein@cns.umass.edu)) for consideration by the SBN Executive Council. Please send any recommendations by May 1st, 2013.

## Job Postings/Training Opportunities

FULL DESCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
THE SBN WEBSITE

<http://www.sbn.org/opportunities/bno.aspx>

Faculty Positions:

1) Assistant Professor, Animal Physiologist, Tenure-track. The Department of Zoology, Oklahoma State University

Postdoctoral Positions:

1) Postdoctoral position in behavioral neurobiology in the laboratory of Dr.

Lauren Ritters, Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin, Madison

2) Postdoctoral position in electrophysiology of social bonding in the laboratories of Dr. Robert Liu and Dr. Larry Young, Department of Biology and Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Emory University

3) Postdoctoral position in behavioural neuroscience at CNRS/Université F. Rabelais to investigate the neuronal bases of emotional behaviors in domestic chicks (*Gallus gallus domesticus*)

4) Postdoctoral position in reproductive neuroendocrinology in Kaufman Lab, University of California, San Diego