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## SBN Announcements

### Come to SBN 2012 in Madison, WI, in June!

The annual SBN meeting will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, June 15 -18 at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Monona Terrace: [www.mononaterrace.com](http://www.mononaterrace.com).

#### Meeting Highlights

**Keynote Speakers:** Larry Young (Emory University), Rae Silver (Columbia University), Heather Cameron (NIMH)

**Pre-Meeting Workshop:** Strategies for Studying Social Behavior and the Social Brain

#### **Symposia:**

Neuroendocrine-Immune Interactions  
Neuroplasticity, Neurosteroidogenesis, & Neurotrauma  
Hormones and Evolutionary Trade-Offs in Social Context for Females and Males  
Kisspeptins and the Control of Reproduction  
Neural Plasticity and Endocrine Responses to Social Odor Cues in Parents  
Young Investigators Symposium

Meeting & program information are now available at: <http://sbn.org/meetings/2012/>.

### Present your Research at SBN 2012!

The 2012 Society of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Annual Meeting will be held at the Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin, June 15 -18. Below are some important dates to keep in mind.

**Abstract submission deadlines: For SBN Trainee Members: Undergrads, Graduate Students and Post Docs:** If you would like to enter the poster award competition, or apply for a Travel or Young Investigator Award (see below), the deadline for submitting your **application materials and your abstract will be Friday March 9, 2012 at NOON CST.**

If you are an invited speaker at the meeting, or you would like to present a poster without applying for an award, the deadline for non-award abstract submissions will be **Friday March 16, 2012 at NOON CST.**

**Registration and Housing deadline:** The deadline for early registration is **May 11, 2012** and the deadline to secure conference rates at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace is **May 14, 2012.**

Meeting and housing information can be found at <http://sbn.org/meetings/2012/default.aspx> and the registration page at: <http://sbn.org/meetings/2012/register.aspx>.

## **Call for Nominations: Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology**

Nominations are being accepted for the (2012) 7th Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. [Click link for instructions.](#)

The Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology for 2011 was presented to Donald W. Pfaff at the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology meeting in Querétaro, Mexico, July 2011. Lehrman was one of the most influential scientists in our field. He was an astute observer of the social interactions between animals in natural environments, and he was largely responsible for making the connection between these behavioral changes and the hypothalamic-pituitary system. Thus, he can be seen as one of the founders of Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. Through his original and creative behavioral experiments, coupled with his ability to incorporate contemporary methodological developments in neuroendocrinology, he made an enormous impact in elucidating the reciprocal relationship between hormones and behavior. Through his scholarship, mentoring and teaching, and most notably his leadership role in the founding of the Institute for Animal Behavior at Rutgers University, he influenced a whole generation of scientists studying animal behavior. Many current members of SBN can trace their academic lineage to Lehrman. Preference will be given to nominees who share many of the best characteristics of Daniel Lehrman.

## **Travel and Young Investigator Awards Available for the 2012 SBN Meeting**

**Travel Award** applications will require a CV and brief description of the significance of the work to behavioral neuroendocrinology and the applicant's contribution to it. Faculty mentors should be asked to prepare a letter of recommendation.

**Young Investigator** applications require a statement of research direction, abstract for their talk (should they be selected) and CV. Three letters of recommendation should be requested, one of which is from the applicant's current faculty mentor.

Applications will be due **Friday, March 9th by NOON CST**. All materials will be uploaded to the SBN website.

## **SBN Membership Renewal**

Annual dues are now being collected for the 2012 SBN Fiscal year. If you haven't renewed your membership for the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, please do so now. Hard copy invoices will be mailed shortly or you can help us by [going green and pay online](#). SBN accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

## **SBN Survey Request**

In order for the Society to apply for some federal grants, such as from the National Science Foundation, we must provide demographic data on our members. In order to establish a confidential and anonymous database on our membership, we would greatly appreciate your taking a couple of minutes to fill out this "Survey Monkey" survey if you haven't already done so. We assure you that this information is completely confidential. To access the survey, simply click this link [SBN Demographics 2011-12](#). We sincerely appreciate your help in this.

## **General Announcements**

## **American Institute of Biological Sciences Award and Recognition Programs**

*Each year, AIBS honors professionals who make significant contributions to advancing biological research and education.*

**Distinguished Scientist Award:** *(third-party nominations accepted)*

The AIBS Distinguished Scientist Award is presented annually to individuals who have made significant scientific contributions to the biological sciences.

**Education Award:** *(third-party nominations accepted)*

The AIBS Education Award is presented annually to individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to education in the biological sciences.

**Outstanding Service Award:** *(third-party nominations accepted)*

The AIBS Outstanding Service Award is presented annually in recognition of individuals' and organizations' noteworthy service to the biological sciences.

**The nominations deadline for the 2012 Awards is May 1, 2012. See <http://www.aibs.org/about-aibs/awards.html> for more information.**

## **2012 FASEB Summer Research Conference**

Integration of Genomic & Non-Genomic Steroid Receptor Actions (July 29-August 3, 2012)

**Joyce M. Slingerland**, University of Miami, Chair

**Martin J. Kelly**, Oregon Health and Science University, Co-Chair

**Stephen R. Hammes**, University of Rochester, Co-Chair

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Bert O'Malley, Baylor College of Medicine

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Disease. **For additional information contact:** FASEB Summer Research Conferences, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 [ilyons@faseb.org](mailto:ilyons@faseb.org); [www.faseb.org/src](http://www.faseb.org/src).

## **Job Postings/Training Opportunities**

**FULL DESCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE SBN WEBSITE: <http://www.sbn.org/opportunities/bno.aspx>**

### **Faculty Positions:**

#### **Assistant Professor of Biology, North Carolina State University**

The Department of Biology at North Carolina State University invites applications for a 9-month tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level. Applicants should have an outstanding record of research achievement in integrative studies of animal behavior that includes use of molecular, genetic, cellular, neuroanatomical and physiological approaches. The successful applicant is expected to establish an energetic extramurally funded research program and to teach and advise students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Further information is available on the North Carolina State University Biology website: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/biology> and the W.M. Keck Center for Behavioral Biology website: [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/beh\\_bio/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/beh_bio/). The successful candidate will establish a productive, extramurally funded (NIH, NSF or similar) research program in the molecular, cellular or neuroendocrine control of animal behavior. Strong commitment to teaching and mentoring at the graduate and undergraduate level is expected. The candidate will teach a graduate-level course in physiology.

#### **Assistant Professor of Psychology, Oakland University**

The Department of Psychology at Oakland University (<http://www.oakland.edu/psychology>) invites applications for a tenure-track appointment in **BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY** at the Assistant Professor level beginning Fall, 2012 from candidates whose research interest is focused on the

biological basis of human psychological and behavioral processes. Preference will be given to candidates whose research involves methodologies for investigation of human biology. Candidates in any relevant discipline of psychology or closely related field are encouraged to apply. A market competitive salary plus excellent fringe benefits are provided. Qualified applicants are expected to have a Ph.D. in psychology or closely related field as well as interest in teaching courses in basic and biological psychological processes at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

### **Assistant Professor in Neurobiology, University of Oklahoma**

We seek an outstanding researcher in neurobiology for appointment at the level of tenure-track Assistant Professor beginning in Fall 2012. The successful candidate will join an interactive group of researchers with strengths in neurobiology and behavior. This individual will also play an integral role in an active interdepartmental Cellular & Behavioral Neurobiology Graduate Program ([www.ou.edu/cbn](http://www.ou.edu/cbn)).

### **Assistant Professor of Psychology, Vassar College**

Vassar College, Department of Psychology invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor beginning in the Fall semester of 2012 (Doctorate required). Vassar College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community. Applications from members of historically underrepresented groups are especially encouraged. The ideal candidate will have strong academic and research interests covering at least 2 of the following areas: Comparative Psychology, Learning, and Behavioral Neuroscience. This position entails teaching introduction to psychology and/or statistics, courses in his or her field of specialty, including research methods either in physiological psychology or a closely related area using small vertebrates, as well as intermediate and advanced-level courses on special topics in the field.

### **Two Faculty Positions in Neuroscience, Michigan State University**

The interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program at Michigan State University (<http://neuroscience.msu.edu/>) in collaboration with the departments of [Biochemistry and Molecular Biology](#), [Microbiology and Molecular Genetics](#), [Physiology](#), [Pharmacology and Toxicology](#) and [Zoology](#) is seeking applications for two tenure-track Assistant Professor faculty positions. All areas of neuroscience will be considered but we are particularly interested in candidates who use cellular and molecular approaches to studies of neural plasticity and development, learning and memory, motivation and reward, or metabolic regulation or who add to our existing strengths in autonomic neuroscience, neurodegeneration, and behavioral neuroendocrinology. The applicant should hold a Ph.D./M.D. degree or equivalent in a neuroscience-related field, and have productive research experience.

### **Postdoctoral Positions:**

#### **Postdoctoral Position, University of Maryland School of Medicine**

An NIH funded postdoctoral position is available in the laboratory of Dr. Jessica A. Mong in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine to study the neural and neuroendocrine control of methamphetamine facilitated female sexual motivation. Our laboratory utilizes molecular, anatomical and behavioral approaches to elucidate the hormone-drug interaction modulating sexual motivation. Applicants must have a PhD. The position is available immediately and applications will be considered until the position is filled. Salary is commensurate with experience, according to NIH guidelines. This position also provides excellent health benefits. To apply, please send a cover letter, CV and three letters of recommendation to [JMong@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:JMong@som.umaryland.edu).

#### **Postdoctoral Position, Wellesley College**

An NIH funded postdoctoral position is available in the lab of Dr. Marc Tetel in the Neuroscience Program at Wellesley College. Our lab is interested in how steroid receptors and nuclear receptor coactivators act in brain to regulate gene expression and reproductive behavior in rodents. Ongoing projects include studies of the mechanisms of ligand-dependent and-independent activation of progestin receptors in brain and behavior, and proteomics-based screens to identify novel coactivators in rodent brain. Applicants must have a PhD and an interest and aptitude in biochemical and molecular approaches and behavioral analysis. The position is available immediately and applications will be considered until the position is filled. To apply, please cut and paste the following link into your browser:

[https://career.wellesley.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails\\_css.jsp](https://career.wellesley.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp).

## **Post Doc and Graduate Student Opportunity, University of Mississippi**

Adventure in Panama, Suriname, and Guyana: The Neurobiology and Endocrinology of Manakins. Positions are open for a postdoc and a PhD student in the laboratory of Dr. Lainy Day in the Biology Department at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. Successful applicants will be involved in studies analyzing the relationship between neuroanatomy/neuroendocrinology and courtship display complexity in birds of the manakin family (Pipridae). Fieldwork will take place in Panama and along the Amazon Basin in Suriname and Guyana. Interested postdoc applicants can send a CV directly to Dr. Day ([lainyday@olemiss.edu](mailto:lainyday@olemiss.edu)).

## **Postdoctoral Position, University of Massachusetts**

An NIH-funded postdoctoral position is available at the University of Massachusetts to study the neural and neuroendocrine control of natural behavior. Several project themes are currently available, including a focus on the neuromodulatory regulation of neuronal excitability in the auditory forebrain. Using the songbird model system, our research combines highly sensitive, in vivo measures of neurochemistry with electrophysiological, biochemical, histological, and molecular approaches. Applicants must have a PhD and training in neuroscience and/or neuroendocrinology. For more information on the laboratory visit our website: <http://www.umass.edu/healeylab>.



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