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**SBN Announcements****2009 Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award in Behavioral Endocrinology**

We are pleased to announce Lynwood Clemens, Professor of Zoology at Michigan State University, as the recipient of the 2009 Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award in Behavioral Endocrinology. Lyn Clemens has been a leading figure in the field of behavioral endocrinology and a skilled mentor to a family of academic progeny. During the past four decades, Lyn has published empirical articles and reviews covering a wide-range of topics as he helped lead and shape the field of behavioral endocrinology. Lyn was thinking outside the box long before it became fashionable to do so. Lyn organized the first "sex conference" east of the Rockies that gave birth to today's Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. As a scientist, mentor, and advocate, Lynwood Clemens has had a profound impact on the field of hormones and behavior. It is indeed fitting that he will be honored as the 2009 recipient of the Daniel S. Lehrman Lifetime Achievement Award as the conference of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology is held at the site of the original "sex conference" in East Lansing, Michigan.

**2009 SBN Annual Meeting Approaching Soon!**

The SBN meeting will be held June 24 - 27, 2009 at Michigan State University. Meeting program information and registration information is available on line at [www.sbn.org](http://www.sbn.org).

**SBN Election Results**

We are pleased to announce that SBN's new president-elect is Jeffrey Blaustein of University of Massachusetts, Amherst and new secretary is Christine Wagner of the State University of New York at Albany. Congratulations to both!

**Call for Nominations: Frank A. Beach Young Investigator Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology**

Nominations are being accepted for the 19th Frank A. Beach Award in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology. The award will be made to a junior investigator with an advanced degree who shows exceptional promise for making significant contributions to the field of behavioral neuroendocrinology. Investigators conducting original research in any area of behavioral neuroendocrinology may be nominated, provided they do not hold an academic rank higher than Assistant Professor or equivalent. The nominee should be no more than 8 years post-PhD and should preferably be in a tenure-track position or equivalent. The nominator(s) should submit ONE letter of nomination. This letter can be jointly signed by any number of individuals of any rank, but only one letter will be considered by the committee. A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae should be included with the nomination. Re-nomination of individuals nominated previously but not chosen is encouraged. The awardee will present a short lecture (15 minutes), receive the award and an honorarium at the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social at the Society for Neuroscience (Chicago, IL October 17 - 21, 2009). A paper based on the text of the lecture will also be published in *Hormones and Behavior*.

This year's Beach awardee will be selected by the SBN Awards Committee, whose members include: Barney Schlinger (Chair), Elaine Hull, Peg McCarthy, Walter Wilczynski and Leonida Fusani. Please submit nomination materials online as PDF files if possible. The deadline for

nominations is August 1, 2009. Nominations for this year's award should be sent to:

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## General Announcements

### AIBS Legislative Action Center

I write to alert you to an important new science policy tool that SBN is able to bring to you through our relationship with the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS). AIBS has teamed together with several individual societies to launch a new online advocacy/lobbying tool that allows scientists to quickly and effectively communicate with members of Congress, the President, and the news media - from national to local news outlets.

If scientists are to play a role in shaping science policy, securing increased funding for scientific research, promoting science education, or just generally helping policymakers and the public understand scientific issues, it is important that we all become active citizens. One way to do this is to build a relationship with policymakers and to regularly communicate with them. The AIBS Legislative Action Center can help you build this relationship.

I encourage you to visit this site ([www.capwiz.com/aibs](http://www.capwiz.com/aibs)) today. Once at the site, you can quickly send a prepared letter to your Representative and Senators or a letter to President Obama thanking him for working to include billions of dollars for scientific research in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (i.e., the stimulus package).

Please take advantage of this exciting new tool and start communicating with your members of Congress today. It is important that we actively promote our science to our lawmakers.

### Neuroscience Wikipedia Initiative

SBN hopes to expand Wikipedia's neuroscience content by encouraging members to edit and contribute. Under the Major Branches of Neuroscience ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neuroscience#Major\\_branches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neuroscience#Major_branches)), the section on behavioral neuroscience needs articles on behavioral neuroendocrinology. Read about this at [http://www.sfn.org/index.aspx?pagename=wikipedia\\_main](http://www.sfn.org/index.aspx?pagename=wikipedia_main). Please consider contributing to ensure the accuracy of public information about our field of research.

### Meeting Announcement

Early Life Programming and Neurodevelopmental Disorders  
July 28-30 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

For details see the meeting website:

<http://research.vet.upenn.edu/earlylifeprogrammingconference/home/tabid/3485/Default.aspx>

### Biosocial Research Contributions to Understanding Family Processes and Problems

Penn State's 17th Annual Symposium on Family Issues, will be held October 8-9, 2009 on the University Park campus. Conceptual shifts and technological breakthroughs have placed new emphasis on the importance of combining nature and nurture to understand family processes and problems. The link between biology and behavior is no longer regarded as a simple, unidirectional, cause and effect process. Today's researchers emphasize bi-directional relations between physiological processes and behavior. The goal of this symposium is to stimulate conversation among scholars who construct and use biosocial models, as well as among those who want to know more about biosocial processes. Researchers interested in both biological and social/environmental influences on behavior, health, and development will be represented. The Symposium is supported by NICHD. For information and registration, visit <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/symposium/2009.htm>.

## Job Postings/Training Opportunities

### **Study Behavioral Neuroendocrinology at UCLA**

This upcoming year we expect to make several appointments at the pre- and postdoctoral levels to a training grant entitled "Neuroendocrinology, Sex differences and Reproduction". This highly successful training grant is in its 29th year of continuous funding and supports The Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology, of the UCLA Brain Research Institute. For information on training opportunities and associated faculty please visit [www.lne.ucla.edu](http://www.lne.ucla.edu).

### **PhD opportunity in the Area of the Biology of Sex Determination in Chickens**

Animal Sciences Group of Wageningen UR, Edelhertweg 15, 8212 EA, Lelystad

We are looking for an enthusiastic candidate with a Master degree in Biology, Animal Sciences, or a related scientific discipline, to perform fundamental research in the physiological cell-biological and molecular biological mechanisms of sex ratio bias in chickens. We expect the candidate to be interested in the fundamental reproductive physiology, endocrinology, and ethology of sex determination in birds, while at the same time maintaining an interest in practical application of the acquired knowledge. Furthermore, the candidate should enjoy working both independently and as part of a team consisting of different research groups. In addition, the candidate should be willing and able to perform physiological experiments in chickens and have good organizational and communication skills (spoken and written English).

The project is a co-operation between the Animal Breeding and Genomics Centre in Lelystad and the Behavioural Biology group of the University of Groningen. Fertility is a part of the breeding and genomics expertise. In the Behavioural Biology Group part of the research focuses on the effect of maternal hormones on sex allocation, including sex determination, and sex differentiation. The candidate will be employed at the Department of Animal Sciences in Wageningen and will be located in Lelystad. The candidate will participate in the training program of the Graduate School 'Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences' (WIAS). The objective of WIAS is to train PhD students to become professionally skilled scientists (see [www.wias.nl](http://www.wias.nl)).

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### **Postdoctoral Training in the Integrative Neurobiology of Social Processes at Michigan State University**

Applications for postdoctoral training are being accepted through an NIMH training grant on the Integrative Neurobiology of Social Processes at Michigan State University. Michigan State University has a long history of excellence in the study of neurobiology, neuroendocrinology, and social behavior. Applicants, who must have a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree, will have the opportunity to work in the laboratory of one or more of our highly interactive and collaborative training faculty [Marc Breedlove, Lynwood Clemens, Heather Eisthen, Kay Holekamp, Cynthia Jordan, Kelly Klump, Weiming Li, Joseph Lonstein, Antonio Nunez, Joseph Nunez, Cheryl Sisk, Juli Wade, Laura Smale] associated with the Departments of Neuroscience, Psychology, Zoology, and Fisheries & Wildlife. We encourage individuals from under-represented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to apply. The program is described at <http://socialneuroscience.msu.edu> For further information, please contact any of the training faculty directly, or write to Marc Breedlove, Neuroscience Program, 108 Giltner Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48823.

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