DEPARTMENT NEWS

IN THE NEWS

Dr. Giuseppe Iaria was featured in the Calgary Herald for his work on a rare disorientation disorder. See the article here: http://calgaryherald.com/life/swerve/land-of-the-lost-u-of-c-neuroscientist-helping-people-with-rare-disorientation-disorder

COGNITIVE SCIENCE SEMINAR WINTER 2015

The Cognitive Science Seminars (CSS) provide a friendly forum in which students and faculty can present and receive feedback on their research. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This will be a "brown bag" seminar series so feel free to bring (and eat!) your lunch. If you would like to be on the mailing list please email: alison.heard@ucalgary.ca

When & Where: Every Monday from 12-1pm in AD 248

February 2nd:
Dr. Susan Geffen
Title: Infants' Ability to Distinguish Between Statements and Questions

February 9th:
Devon Currie
Title: Have We Met: Changing task requirements boosts feelings of familiarity

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES – WINTER 2015

3.30PM – AD247 DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

FEBRUARY 25, 2015
KRISTIN VON RANSON
Department of Psychology, University of Calgary (Calgary, AB, Canada).
Title: Why the research-practice gap matters in psychotherapy for eating disorders
Website: https://psychology.ucalgary.ca/profiles/kristin-von-ranson

MARCH 25, 2015
LISA OSBECK
Department of Psychology, University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA, USA).
Title: Psychological Studies of Science: Who, How, What, and Why
Website: http://www.westga.edu/~psydept/osbeck.html

APRIL 15, 2015
MARGOT TYLOR
Departments of Paediatrics and Psychology, University of Toronto (Toronto, ON, Canada).
Title: Neural Basis of Cognitive Development
Website: http://www.sickkids.ca/Research/margot-taylor-lab/
EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Adolescent Cannabis Use and Psychosis: Where Does the Evidence Stand?

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2015

Guest Speakers:

Sir Robin Murray
King’s College, London UK

Dr. Steven Laviolette
Western University, Ontario

Dr. Yasmin Hurd
Mount Sinai Hospital, New York

Calling All Students!
We need 5—10 minutes of your time!

Do you want to influence University policy and strategic planning?
The Office of Diversity, Equity and Protected Disclosure will be conducting short interviews with students. Student interviewers will be ready to hear your thoughts on diversity and equity on campus.

January 26—29, 2015 in MacEwan Hall
February 2—4, 2015 in Science Theatre’s foyer
(8:30 am—4:30 pm)

First 300 interviewees will receive $1 coupon for use in several food outlets in Macewan Hall!

Come and let us know what you think! If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Valerie Pruegger, Director at vpruegger@ucalgary.ca
YOU’RE INVITED…

to the next public meeting of the
Calgary History of Medicine Society (CHOMS) in conjunction with the History of Neuroscience Interest Group (HONIG) and the Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Edward Shorter
Hannah Professor, History of Medicine, University of Toronto

Presenting

“Down in the dumps? It’s history rather than biology that has messed up”

Only in the 19th century do depression and mania start to be seen as affecting mood rather than mind. Melancholia is replaced by depression, then by “major depression”. Simultaneously the treatments of these disorders collapsed from a wide variety of agents to a single drug class, the Prozac-style “antidepressants.” This has resulted in an impoverishment of both diagnostics and therapeutics in psychiatry.

Monday, February 9, 2015 at 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Department of Community Health Sciences
Rose and Nightingale Rooms TRW – 3rd Floor

Parking is available in the parking lot underneath the TRW Building near the front entrance.

RSVP: Please make reservations ASAP to Beth Cusitar
(Email: bcusitar@ucalgary.ca) Phone 210-9640.

The Calgary History of Medicine Society (CHOMS) is meant to be an intergenerational and interdisciplinary forum for everyone interested in the History of Medicine and Health Care. It is run by its members and all sessions are open to the public. If you are interested in joining this Society and participating in its future activities, please contact one of the following: Dr. Herb Emery (hemery@ucalgary.ca); Dr. Jim Wright (jim.wright@cls.ab.ca); Dr. Frank Stahnisch (fwstahni@ucalgary.ca). For any further activities, please see the homepage of the History of Medicine and Health Care Program (www.homhcp.ucalgary.ca) – CHOMS Tab.
SUMMER INSTITUTE IN
COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE
June 22 – July 3, 2015

The Summer Institute is a two-week course that examines how information about brain structure and function supports human cognition. It features lectures from a distinguished faculty, hands-on laboratory sessions, debates on current hot topics, and many social and networking opportunities.

Week 1: Computational and Methodological Cognitive Neuroscience
(Course Director: Brian Wandell, Stanford University)

Week 2: Cognitive Neuroscience of Development
(Course Director: Susan Bookheimer, UCLA)

Applications are open to currently enrolled graduate and professional students, postdoctoral scientists, medical residents, faculty members, research scientists, or the equivalent. The Summer Institute values diversity and welcomes applications from all qualified scholars.

For application & further information, go to http://sinc.cmb.ucdavis.edu/

Contact Email: sinc@ucdavis.edu

Institute Director: Ron Mangun, UC Davis
Institute Co-Director: Mike Gazzaniga, UCSB

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
February 16, 2015 at 5:00 PM PST

(Letters of Recommendation ONLY may be received until February 28, 2015)

Supported by NIMH
EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMPANION/TUTOR NEEDED

“Seventeen-year-old man with ASD is in need of a companion/tutor. He enjoys going for walks, going to the gym, and going on community outings. He needs an upbeat and imaginative person to keep him alert and involved. Applicants must have a vehicle and a recent police record check must be provided. Salary: $18 per hour. Hours: some Saturdays during the school year and full-time in July and August. If interested in applying, please respond to the following email address: espondrich@shaw.ca”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE SPEECH DEVELOPMENT LAB

The Speech Development Lab needs a handful of coders to help with Susan Geffen’s postdoctoral research involving a Corpus analysis of infant directed speech. Using the computer program PRAAT, you will be asked to listen to passages containing mothers speaking to their infants, and place acoustic markers at certain intervals.

Qualifications:
Excellent ability to be detail oriented
Experience with Praat would be beneficial, but not necessary as there will be an adequate training period
Background in linguistics/phonetics preferred, but not required

Expectations
Commitment of a minimum of 2 hours a week

Benefits:
You will gain research experience in the domain of psycholinguistics
You will gain valuable volunteer research hours that may help you accepted into graduate school
You will be helping to progress research in the field of language development

Please email Susan Geffen (segeffen@gmail.com)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Protected Disclosure is looking for undergraduate students to help with a research study exploring students’ perceptions of diversity and equity on campus. Volunteers will staff a table in MacEwan Student Centre and in Science Theatres where they will ask students passing through to participate in a brief interview. The dates and times volunteers are needed are as follows: Jan 26 8:30-10:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm; Jan 27 12:30-2:30 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm; Jan 28 8:30-10:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm; Jan 29 8:30-10:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm; Feb 2 8:30-10:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm; Feb 3 9:30-10:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm; Feb 4 8:30-10:30 am, 12:30-2:30 pm, 2:30-4:30 pm. You can volunteer for one or more slots per above. This is strictly volunteer, there are no research credit points attached to this opportunity but it will give you valuable experience in conducting community based research. If interested, please email Dr. Valerie Pruegger at vpruegge@ucalgary.ca.
PSYCHOLOGY OF LEADERSHIP POSITION

The Department of Psychology, University of Alberta, invites applications for a tenure-track position in a rank of either Assistant or Associate Professor in the Psychology of Leadership.

The Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science are jointly launching a Leadership Certificate Program at the undergraduate level. The ideal candidate will contribute to the development of this program, will teach one or more courses related to the objectives of the program, and will have expertise and a strong record of research and publications in areas related to the psychology of leadership, including (but not limited to) judgment and decision making, social influence and persuasion, morality, motivation, intergroup relations, interpersonal relations and group dynamics, communication, and the development of leadership skills, as well as related cultural influences and brain-behavior analyses. The successful candidate must hold a Ph.D., must have demonstrated excellence in research, and must be strongly committed to excellence in graduate and undergraduate teaching. Evidence of teaching effectiveness is an asset.

The Department of Psychology currently has strengths in behavioural and cognitive neuroscience, cognition, comparative cognition and behaviour, developmental science, and social and cultural psychology. The Department offers a highly collegial and supportive work climate for new and established academics, with outstanding support for research and teaching. The University of Alberta is one of the largest and most research-intensive universities in Canada. With more than 39,000 students from 146 countries, the University regularly ranks among the top five universities in the country.

To apply online, go to http://careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A108025358/

Please submit a cover letter and a curriculum vitae (including contact information for three references), a teaching dossier, and a statement about research interests (attach under the statement of teaching/research interests option). Applicants are expected to contact their referees and arrange for letters of reference to be sent to the attention of Dr. Jeff Bisanz, Chair, Department of Psychology. These letters and up to three publications can be submitted via email to the Executive Assistant, Lily Li, at lily.li@ualberta.ca.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications in accordance with the Faculty Agreement: http://www.hrs.ualberta.ca/en/MyEmployment/~/media/hrs/MyEmployment/Agreements/Academic/Faculty.pdf

UNDERGRADUATE CORNER

WORKSHOP: Is Grad School Right for you?
MONDAY FEBRUARY 2
Arts Lounge
12 - 1:30 PM

ARTS GALA
FEATURING:
Keynote Speaker
Speech from the Dean
Performances by Arts Students
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4
MacEwan Hall A/B
5:30 PM

WORKSHOP: How to get Started on Independent Undergrad Research
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5
Arts Lounge
3 - 4 PM

FASA
Faculty of Arts Student Association

arts
WEEK
RESEARCH NOTES AND ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to Kristin Von Ranson and postdoc Angela Alberga who were part of a team that recently received a CIHR Planning Grant: “Weight bias: what do we know and where shall we go from here?” PI: Shelly Russell-Mayhew. Co-PIs: Arya Sharma, Angela Alberga, Lindsay McLaren, Kristin von Ranson.


NOTICE OF GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE ALBERTA GAMBLING RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The multidisciplinary field of gambling research is growing in importance and demand. The Alberta Gambling Research Institute’s Partner Universities, U of Alberta, U of Calgary, and U of Lethbridge have achieved international recognition for their research expertise in gambling. In order to support and enhance the research base in Alberta and to recruit outstanding research students, a three-component graduate research scholarship program is available, tenable at any of the Institute Partner Universities and in any discipline for research directly related to AGRI’s mandate. Candidates must have been accepted into, or be currently engaged in, a full-time, thesis-based, graduate or doctoral program at one of the Partner Universities. Candidates may be from any related discipline.

Scholarship Levels and Award Amounts

Graduate (MA/MSc) – maximum $20,000 for one year, renewable for an additional year, plus a one-time $3,000 research allowance

Doctoral (PhD) – maximum of $30,000/year for up to four years, renewable annually (dependent on research accomplishment), plus a one-time $5,000 research allowance; assistance will be made available by senior Institute researchers to develop grant proposals for both Institute funding as well as other agency funding

"Top-up" – Both graduate and doctoral students are eligible to receive ‘top-up’ amounts of $10,000 or $15,000, respectively, if they have been granted another major, same amount or greater, award (e.g. SSHRC, CIHR, AIHS, etc.) for the same academic terms

Application Instructions

Visit: http://www.abgamblinginstitute.ualberta.ca/GrantOpportunities/ScholarshipsApplications/ScholarshipGuidelinesAndApplication.aspx for detailed application instructions.

Applications due: 4:00 pm on April 10, 2015

Do you have something you would like to include in the Monday Memo newsletter? Please send it to k.macklon@ucalgary.ca before Friday at noon.

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