DEPARTMENT NEWS

IN THE NEWS
Dr. Kristin von Ranson was featured on CTV and Global news last week, bringing awareness to Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

http://alberta.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=543411


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 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/
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
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

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://sincn.cmb.ucdavis.edu/

Contact Email: sincn@ucdavis.edu

Institute Director: Ron Mangun, UC Davis
Institute Co-Director: Mike Gazaniga, 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
GIUSEPPE IARIA TO PRESENT AT 29th ANNUAL ROYCE CONFERENCE

The 29th Annual Royce Conference will be held on Monday, April 14, 2015. Giuseppe Iaria (see abstract below) will be the keynote speaker, and will present his lab’s work on, “Human topographical orientation: Individual variability and disability.” The conference will also feature an invited presentation by Sheree Kwong See and a symposium on Social and Cultural Psychology, hosted by Jeff Schimel.

The Royce Conference, hosted by the Psychology Department, provides a showcase for research in the Psychology Department, as well as Psychology research in the broader university and Edmonton community. We invite graduate and undergraduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members to present their work. All are welcome to attend, and we extend a special invitation to people beyond the Psychology Department who are involved in research involving any aspect of Psychology.

Submissions of oral or poster presentations should be submitted online on the Royce Conference web site: http://www.psych.ualberta.ca/royce. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm, Monday, March 9.

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Time: 9:00 am
Location: CCIS
More information can be found here: http://www.psych.ualberta.ca/royce

Human Topographical Orientation: Individual Variability and Disability.

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https://psychology.ucalgary.ca/profiles/giuseppe-iaria
http://gettinglost.ca

Human topographical orientation refers to the ability of individuals to orient in the surrounding in order to reach a given target location. This important function can be accomplished by adopting a variety of cognitive strategies, which may or may not rely on the use of salient landmarks available within the environment. One such cognitive strategy consists of orienting by means of cognitive maps, i.e. mental representations of the surrounding in which environmental landmarks and, importantly, their spatial relationships, are represented. Cognitive maps are critical for navigation since, when formed, they allow individuals to reach any target location from anywhere within the environment by following any route (including routes that have never been travelled). In this talk, I am focusing on examining some of the behavioural and neural mechanisms that we have found to explain some of the variability observed across individuals in their ability to orient by means of cognitive maps. In addition, I am providing clinical evidence confirming the detrimental effects of not being able to form cognitive maps, which supports the fundamental role of cognitive maps for human orientation.

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: esgondrich@shaw.ca”

CARING CAMPUS PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Caring Campus Project is looking for male students to share their experiences of campus and substance use at the University of Calgary in a focus group. The focus group will take place at 12 on February 12th and will be approximately 2 hours. All participants will be compensated 25$ for their time and lunch will be provided. The focus group will be audio recorded. Please email Laura at ccampus@ucalgary.ca to register!
**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: [https://www.abgamblinginstitute.ualberta.ca/GrantOpportunities/ScholarshipsApplications/ScholarshipGuidelinesAndApplication.aspx](https://www.abgamblinginstitute.ualberta.ca/GrantOpportunities/ScholarshipsApplications/ScholarshipGuidelinesAndApplication.aspx) for detailed application instructions.

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

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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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