

Developmental Psychobiology Research Group

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back from the holidays!

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday, returning rejuvenated and ready to begin 2009. We have a great group of speakers for this winter and spring. Attendance has been standing room only which I am pleased to see after the move to the new campus and location after more than 30 years. Mary Klinnert is working hard on the "Spring Fling." I am also working on arranging the fall kick off speaker and I would be happy to hear of anyone you would specifically like to have visit and interact with our group. These plans need to be made far in advance so let me know as soon as possible of any potential speakers.

Don't forget we have changed the deadlines for DPEF applications which are now posted to the website. There will no longer be the flexible deadline for these applications. Please contact me if you are planning on submitting an application and don't forget that the materials are submitted via email to each member of the Executive Committee and a hard copy is to be sent to the DPRG Office.

The Society for Research in Child Development is meeting in Denver, April 2-4, 2009. If you have never attended it is a great meeting and a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the leaders in development. The meeting is at the Colorado Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Denver/please check their website:

<http://www.srcd.org/>

We are still in the process of locating an administrative replacement for Amanda who left last fall. As soon as someone is hired I will announce this at a regular meeting. If you have financial issues related to small grants please be patient as we are working through this as best we can. Finally I want to thank both Africa Armendariz and Crystal for their hard work in planning and making sure that things run smoothly from the background at each of our meetings.

Mark L. Laudenslager, Ph.D.
Executive Director

DPRG SEMINAR SCHEDULE 2009 SPRING

*All seminars are held on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:45 am at The Children's Hospital,
Gary Pavilion North, Denver Room.*

JANUARY 13

Sharon Hunter, PhD, Assistant Professor, UCD
TBA

JANUARY 27

Madalynn Neu, PhD, Assistant Professor, UCD
Crying, Sleep Disturbance, and Infant Reflux: An Alternative to Medication

FEBRUARY 10

Kristen Holm, PhD, Assistant Professor, UCD
Family Relationship Quality and Adjustment in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

FEBRUARY 24

Robin Gabriels, PsyD, Assistant Professor, Children's Hospital
Measuring the Effects of Therapeutic Horseback Riding in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

MARCH 10

Guido Frank, MD, Assistant Professor, Children's Hospital
TBA

MARCH 24

Ben Hankin, PhD, Associate Professor, DU
TBA

APRIL 14

Jenn Leiferman, PhD, Assistant Professor, UCD
"My Baby, My Move: A Perinatal Physical Activity Intervention"

APRIL 28

Ann Reynolds, MD, Assistant Professor, Children's Hospital
TBA

May 12

Spring Fling, TBA

AFFILIATED SEMINARS

Affect Seminar

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 8:45-10:00, RM 241 in the Ben Nighthorse Campbell Building: Bob Emde

Developmental Disabilities Research Group

2nd Tuesday of the month 8:00-10:00: Susan Hepburn

Eating Disorders Seminar

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 9:00=9:50, RM Golden Room in the Gary Pavilion: Guido Frank

Perinatal Vulnerability to Psychosis Research Group

4th Tuesday of the month 8:15-10:00: Randy Ross

Perinatal Mental Health Research Collaborative

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 11:45-1:00, RM Shawnee Conference Room on the 4th Floor of the Gary Pavilion: Brian Stafford

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, contact the leader. If there is an area not covered that you think there would be interest in, contact the DPRG office.

NIH MEDICAL STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM AWARED TO RANDY ROSS

University of Colorado medical students now have a scholarly activity requirement, meaning that over the 4 years of medical school, a student must develop, complete, and present a scholarly project. In response to this opportunity, the DPRG post-doctoral faculty applied for and received NIH funding to support medical student research training. This new DPRG medical student program will coordinate with an already-present Department of Psychiatry program to provide faculty mentors for students to complete their scholarly project. The Department of Psychiatry program is presented on the web at www.uchsc.edu/psychiatry, click on medical students, then click on Psychiatry Scholars. The website will be updated to include the DPRG program over the next couple of weeks. Any DPRG faculty that would like to be considered as a faculty mentor for medical student scholarly activities, please contact Randy Ross (Randy.ross@uchsc.edu), Mark Laudenslager (Mark.laudenslager@uchsc.edu), or Sharon Hunter (Sharon.hunter@uchsc.edu).

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) will hold its biennial meeting in Denver, April 2-4, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Denver and Colorado Convention Center. Leading national and international experts will be attending the meeting to hear and present the latest research in child development. For more information please visit the web site, www.srkd.org.

The 4th International Conference on Brain Monitoring and Neuroprotection in the Newborn, scheduled for February 20-22, 2009 in Orlando, Florida focuses on new strategies and technology in the assessment of early brain function. It is intended to bring the most current research and application in clinical practice to a forum where the results can be translated for use by clinicians. For more information, please visit the web site, www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/brain09

The 22nd Annual Gravens Conference on the Physical and Developmental Environment of the High Risk Infant, scheduled for January 21-24, 2009 in Clearwater Beach, FL focuses on developmental care and the impact of the physical environment on premature and high risk babies. This year's focus is on the psychological and physiological interactions in the NICU. The March of Dimes Family Support Summit which will address current application of family support services in NICUs will be held in conjunction with the Gravens meeting. For more information, please visit the web site, www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/hri09.

The Fragile Infant Feeding Institute focuses on the development of feeding in preterm and high risk infants. Using the NIDCAP model, this four and a half day intensive teaches evidence based interventions use individualized assessment and supportive strategies applied to clinical practice for in-hospital and community professionals. FIFI will be held in the Spring of 2009. Although specific dates have not been set, to get your name on a distribution list for first come-first served selection, please contact Joy Browne at browne.joy@tchden.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postdoc Training Program

Members of DPRG - if you are giving a talk and want to inform the audience that we have training programs available, there is a PowerPoint slide offered that you can include at the end of your presentation. If you have any further questions you can email [Linda Greco-Sanders](mailto:Linda.Greco-Sanders).

DPRG NEWSLETTER UPDATE FORM

In order to keep information in our newsletter and our records current, it is important to hear of the activities of our DPRG community members. To make that task easier, please use this form (attach additional sheets if necessary). We will include this information in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Name:

Phone #(s):

Title/Affiliation:

Address:

E-mail:

1. Since the last issue of the newsletter was published, have you:

a. Presented posters/papers at any meetings, conferences, etc.? (Please give date, location, name of conference, presentation title.)

b. Published any papers? (**NOTE:** Please list full citation. "In press" citations will not be printed in the Newsletter. Please include **ONLY** published material.)

c. Attended any conferences of interest to DPRG members? (Please give date, location, and name of meeting.)

d. Received any awards, honors, recognition for your work? (Please give title of award, awarding agency and date that the award was given.)

2. Have you received funding for any research? (Please list sources, amount, dates and title of project.)

3. Do you know of any upcoming meetings that would be of interest to DPRG members and should be listed in the Newsletter? (Please provide name, date, locations, and who to contact.)

Return form to: dprg@uchsc.edu

THANKS!

