

DEPARTMENTAL

Neuroimaging Colloquium

Speaker: Charlotte Boettiger, University of California, San Francisco
Topic: "Cognitive Neuroscience: A Top-Down Approach to Identifying the Neural Mechanisms of Addiction"
Date: Monday, January 29, 2007; 11:00am to Noon
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Social ORG

Speaker: Jeffrey R. Edwards, Kenan-Flagler Business School, UNC
Topic: "The Phenomenology of Fit: Linking the Person and the Environment to the Subjective Experience of Person-Environment Fit"
Date: Monday, January 29, 2007; 3:00pm to 4:30pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 310

Cognitive Tea

Speaker: So-Yeon Kim, Department of Psychology, UNC
Topic: "Concurrent Working Memory Load Can Reduce Distraction"
Date: Monday, January 29, 2007; 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Biological Psychology Program Seminar Series

Speaker: Jed Rose, Duke University
Topic: "New Directions in Smoking Cessation Research"
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007; 12:30pm to 1:45pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Quantitative Colloquium

Speaker: Sy-Min Chow, University of Notre Dame
Topic: "Representing Changes and Potential Nonstationarities in Dynamical Systems Using State-Space Modeling Techniques"
Date: Tuesday, January 30 2007; 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Developmental Lunch Colloquium

Speaker: Shauna Cooper, Center for Developmental Science, UNC
Topic: TBA
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2007; Noon to 1pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

ANNOUNCEMENTS: RESEARCH SERVICES

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Chancellor James Moeser requests your nominations of our most outstanding students for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Student Activities and Leadership. **Nominations are due**

Friday, February 9, 2007. A full letter of request detailing the intent of these awards, and the online nomination form, can be found at:

www.unc.edu/chancellorsawards/nom.html.

For further information, see the website or contact Tammy Lambert, 966-3128, lambert2@email.unc.edu.

FELLOWSHIP FOR STUDENTS: Robert E. Bryan Fellowships, UNC Entrepreneurial Public Service Fellowships. **Application deadlines: February 16, 2007** and is offered by the Carolina Center for Public Service. Eligibility: Any returning, full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at UNC-Chapel Hill is eligible to apply for a fellowship. Proposals from undergraduate and graduate students are considered separately, and if possible, at least two fellowships from each program will go to undergraduates. Descriptions: Each Fellow plans and works on their summer project with a community partner as well as a faculty mentor who is familiar with the Fellow's topic and/or geographic area. The idea/concept of the project can be identified by students, faculty, or the community. However it is identified, the student must be responsible for the major planning and implementation of the project. Fellows receive a stipend of up to \$3,000 to fund the project. Faculty Mentors receive stipends of \$500 for supporting the students' work. To learn more about each fellowship program, please visit the Fellowships page of our website at <http://www.unc.edu/cps/fellowships/index.html>. There will also be a Fellowship Information Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 5:30 pm in The Kresge Foundation Common Room (039) in James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence in Graham Memorial.

To apply: Detailed information and application materials may be found on-line at <http://www.unc.edu/cps/fellowships/index.html>.

If you have questions after reviewing the on-line materials, please contact Eileen Hannan, Program Officer, Carolina Center for Public Service, at 843-7568 or hannan@email.unc.edu.

CLASS OF 1938 SUMMER STUDY ABROAD FELLOWSHIP: The UNC-Chapel Hill Alumni Class of 1938 annually awards summer study abroad fellowships to U.S. students interested in pursuing independent career or personal projects outside the United States. This is a unique scholarship program because it provides financial assistance to students who could not perform independent projects abroad without the support of the Class of 1938 funding. Fellowships of \$3500 each are awarded. The number and amount of the fellowships are subject to approval by the 1938 Endowment Committee board members.

Eligibility

Currently enrolled UNC-Chapel Hill sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply. Seniors who will be taking a fifth year of coursework are also eligible to apply. All applicants must be U.S. citizens. All applicants must be enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the Fall or Spring 2007-2008 semesters. All applicants are requested to meet with the Endowment Committee at the annual meeting in the Spring of 2008 held at UNC-Chapel Hill to give a brief verbal report of the previous summer's activities.

Terms of Award

The fellowship amount is awarded prior to the end of the spring semester 2007. Applicants must be available in person at UNC-Chapel Hill for interviews on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 and Saturday, March 24, 2007. The recipients will be expected to use the award during the summer of 2007 for the purpose described in their project proposal.

Application Deadline

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Selection Process

The Office of International Student and Scholar Services coordinates a screening committee that selects the finalists

who interview with the Class of 1938 Selection Committee. The best candidates are those who indicate their interest in an independent study project that is tied to their personal and/or career aspirations and have financial need of scholarship funding to pursue this project. Motivation for study abroad as a learning experience and excitement about the project are also significant factors. Strong consideration will be given to candidates whose university records demonstrate their seriousness of academic purpose and to students who lack the sufficient funds to pursue the project. A project should be well thought out and researched as much as possible for feasibility and cost factors.

Application Process

A completed application form plus six copies and an official transcript from the registrar's office must be submitted to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2007. Application forms are available at: http://oiss.unc.edu/services_programs/1938/1938APP2007.pdf

NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF SPONSORED RESEARCH REGARDING NIH INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING GRANTS: With 40 recent changes to NIH budgeting of Institutional Training Grants, the University has reviewed its practice of reporting non-liquidated obligations. For consistency and to ensure that the University is complying with NIH policies, the following will be implemented effective with all grants beginning July 1, 2007.

Trainees may be appointed throughout the budget period. However, only stipend, tuition (including fees), and health insurance remaining for appointed trainees will be reported as non-liquidated obligations as of the end of the budget period. To clarify, no unused travel or trainee-related expenses with the exception of health insurance will be available for expenditure past the end of the budget period.

Accordingly, we strongly encourage all departments to make appointments as close to the beginning of the budget period as possible to ensure that trainees have access to all financial resources of the grant.

For any questions regarding financial reporting of NIH Institutional Training Grants, please contact Kelly Musty at 3-7270.

FELLOWSHIP FOR FACULTY: Application for the Kauffman Fellowship offered through the Institute for the Arts and Humanities is **due March 15**. The Fellowship provides a semester's release from teaching and a \$5000 research fund. Any tenured faculty member in the College is eligible to apply. Projects should focus on the creation of sustainable ventures of a social, artistic, or scientific nature. To review the application and to obtain full details on the program go to:

<http://iah.unc.edu/programs/kauffman/howdoibecomeafellow/>

For questions, call or email David Kiel, D. P. H., Interim Executive Director, IAH, kiel@email.unc.edu, 843-2653

GRANTS TO FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS: The Robertson Scholars Collaboration Fund has been instituted to fund projects that have potential to initiate or enhance collaborative projects between Duke and UNC. Faculty, staff and students on both campuses are eligible to apply. One-year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded, and a total of up to \$50,000 is available for this year's competition. All proposals should demonstrate how they will initiate new programs or significantly enhance an existing Duke/UNC collaboration. We are looking for ideas where collaboration between the schools might result in something greater than the sum of their individual parts. We are also looking for proposals that have the potential to impact a large number of students on both campuses. It is important that applicants make it clear who the partners are on each campus. This is best done by submitting truly joint applications that clearly show participation by both campuses. We prefer those proposals where the Robertson funds are important for the project and those projects that might not happen without Robertson funds. The **deadline for proposals is 5:00pm, Friday April 6, 2007**. Awards will be announced on or near May 1. Please submit all completed proposals to Robertson@unc.edu.

For more information on the Robertson Scholars Program, please visit:

www.robertsonscholars.org

A list of previous projects funded may be found at www.robertsonscholars.org/collaboration.

For questions on the proposals and the collaboration fund, please contact the program Director Eric Mlyn (919) 843-7506, mlyn@robertsonscholars.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NIH: Beginning on February 1, 2007, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will allow applicants and their institutions to identify more than one Principal Investigator (PI) on applications to many grant programs. NIH will extend the multiple PI option to most research grant applications when they transition to an electronic format. NIH expects the availability of the multiple PI option to encourage interdisciplinary and other team approaches to biomedical research.

READ MORE: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-017.html>

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development at UNC-Chapel Hill invites faculty and postdoctoral researchers and research administrators to attend the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Regional Seminar on the NIH funding process---from application preparation to post-award administration. The seminar will take place Tuesday through Thursday, April 24 - 26, 2007, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. This regional seminar provides a chance to meet with NIH directors, compliance officers, program specialists and policy makers to discuss issues concerning funding your research.

Discussions of issues affecting NIH funding and grant administration will give conference participants a comprehensive, up-to-date view of NIH-sponsored research. Other discussion topics will include the fundamentals of conducting business with NIH (grant application preparation, electronic submission, peer review, budget analysis, and award determination), and current topics (strategic and financial management plans, indirect costs, and effective administration between NIH and recipients). The format will include case studies, group discussions, formal presentations, and time for conference participants to meet informally with NIH representatives to discuss topics of special interest.

The seminar is hosted by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and RTI International.

Seating is limited, and the seminar is filling up quickly. If you are interested in attending, please register online as soon as possible at

http://www.ncbiotech.org/services_and_programs/intellectual_exchange/2007NIHRegionalSeminar.html

A list of potential topics for plenary and concurrent sessions is available at

<http://research.unc.edu/grantsource/documents/PossibleTopics-NIHSeminar.pdf>

For hard copy distribution, a PDF flyer is available at

<http://research.unc.edu/grantsource/documents/NIHSeminarFlyer.pdf>

For more information, contact the GrantSource Library – gs@unc.edu or (919) 962-3463.

UPCOMING SHORT COURSES

Center for Teaching and Learning: Exploration in Teaching Series

Topic: Creating Positive Interdependence in Group Work

Date: Monday, January 29, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm

Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Topic: Expanding the Classroom: Using Email to Make Connections
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Topic: Creating Online Communities
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Topic: Using Journaling to Facilitate Thinking and Writing
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Topic: Integrating Service and Learning into Your Course
Date: Friday, February 2, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Odum Institute

Topic: Introduction to Survey Quality
Date: Monday, January 29 and 31, 2007; 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Manning, Room 14

Topic: Identifying Funding Resources for Social Science Research
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Manning, Room 01

Topic: NVivo 7.0 (qualitative analysis)
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2007; 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Location: Manning, Room 01

UNIVERSITY EVENT

Center for Developmental Science: Carolina Consortium on Human Development

Speaker: Marcia Herman-Giddens, UNC
Topic: “Up, Down, and Sideways: Earlier Puberty, Does it Matter? Should We Care?”
Date: Monday, January 29, 2007; 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Location: Center for Developmental Science, Lower Level Classroom

Departmental Invitation

Speaker: Dr. Debra Rolison, Naval Research Laboratory
Topic: “Transforming the Culture of Academic Science: Removing Barriers – One Student at a Time”
Date: Monday, January 29, 2007; 4:00pm
Reception immediately to follow
Please RSVP by January 22, 2007 to Lisa Clement (lisa_clement@unc.edu or 919-962-3389)
Location: Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, 105 South Road

COMMUNITY EVENT

Harriet Elliot Lecture Series

Speaker: Michael Shermer, Skeptic Magazine
Topic: "Why People Believe Weird Things"
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2007; 7:00pm
Location: University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Elliot University Center Auditorium

Speaker: Scott Lilienfeld, Emory University
Topic: "Why Some Clinical Psychologists Believe Weird Things"
Date: Friday, February 2, 2007; 9:00am to 10:00am
Location: University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Elliot University Center Auditorium

Speaker: Thomas Gilovich, Cornell University
Topic: "The Role of Motivated Reasoning in Erroneous Beliefs"
Date: Friday, February 2, 2007; 10:00am to 11:20am
Location: University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Elliot University Center Auditorium

Speaker: Susan Clancy, Harvard University
Topic: "Spirited Away: Why Do So Many People Believe They Were Abducted By Aliens?"
Date: Friday, February 2, 2007; 11:20am to 12:20am
Location: University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Elliot University Center Auditorium