

BRAIN WAVES

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

We would like to congratulate **ANGEL SCHUMACHER** on being the **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!**

Angel always shows great dedications and selflessness to the graduate students and the department as a whole. We appreciate all your hard work, Angel! Thank you!



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CHAIR,
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EMPLOYEE OF THE 4TH QUARTER

Congratulations to **HAMED HAGHNAZAR**, Employee of the Fourth Quarter!

Hamed is a senior lab tech in the lab of Dr. Richard Grondin. He has gone above the call of duty to attend to lab work outside of normal operating hours. He also is pleasant to work with and helpful.

Well done, Hamed!

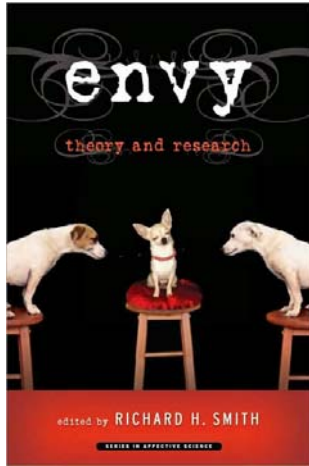


SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The **March Faculty Meeting** will be held **Friday, March 13 at 12pm** in the Markey Cancer Center Boardroom.
- March is **National Nutrition Month**. The UK Health and Wellness Program is sponsoring some fun challenges with prizes.

PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLICATIONS



Deane, AS. First contact: Understanding the relationship between hominoid incisor curvature, feeding behaviour and dietary complexity. *Journal of Human Evolution* (accepted).

Knapp PE, **Adjan V V**, Hauser KF. Cell-specific loss of kappa-opioid receptors in oligodendrocytes of the dysmyelinating jimpy mouse. *Neurosci Lett.* 2009 Feb 20;451(2):114-118. Epub 2008 Dec 24.

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Lundblad M, af Bjerkén S, Cenci MA, **Pomerleau F**, **Gerhardt GA** and Strömberg I. Chronic intermittent L-DOPA treatment induces changes in dopamine release. *J Neurochem* 108(4):998-1008, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS
to the following
staff members on
their years of
service at UK:

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Christine Corbly,
Dr. Jane Joseph's Lab

Verda Davis,
Dr. Greg Gerhardt's Lab

Dr. Kathy Franklin,
Dr. Marilyn Duncan's Lab

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Eric Forman,
Dr. Zhiming Zhang's Lab

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Luke Bradley presented an invited seminar "Neuroprotein specificity and design." on February 11, 2009 at the Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Greg Gerhardt presented the following talk "Phasic release of neurotransmitters: What does phasic do to your tonic?" 42nd Annual Winter Conference on Brain Research, Copper Mountain, Colorado, January 29, 2009.

Peter Huettl presented the following poster: Understanding Resting Neurotransmitter Levels in the CNS: Second-by-Second Measurements using Microelectrode Arrays. Peter Huettl*, Erin R. Hascup, Kevin N. Hascup, Martin Lundblad, Michelle Stephens, George Quintero, Francois Pomerleau, and Greg A. Gerhardt. 42nd Annual Winter Conference on Brain Research, Copper Mountain, Colorado, January 24-30, 2009

I don't understand why
Cupid was chosen to
represent Valentine's Day.
When I think about
romance, the last thing on
my mind is a short,
chubby toddler coming at
me with a weapon.
~Author Unknown~

DEPARTMENTAL BIRTHDAYS



February



Josh Fuqua ~ 2/4 Stewart Surgener ~ 2/5 Kim Wilkirson ~ 2/6 Dr. Brian Gold ~ 2/11
 Dr. Guoying Bing ~ 2/13 Dr. Kathy Franklin ~ 2/14 Joey Rose ~ 2/19 Dalene Rice ~ 2/25

VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL

The Valentine's Day Social was held on Thursday, February 12. Chocolate fondue with fruit, marshmallows and graham crackers to dip was the most popular dessert item. Some people would not leave its side!



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



**ANNOUNCING THE NEW
EMPLOYEE OF THE
QUARTER COMMITTEE:**



**THE EMPLOYEE OF THE
QUARTER
COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR
NOMINATIONS FOR**



EMPLOYEE OF THE FIRST QUARTER !!

ANGEL SCHUMACHER
DALENE RICE
DR. ZHIMING ZHANG
DR. ANDREW DEANE
LAURA PETERS
VERDA DAVIS
ANDREW SAUERBECK

Please submit your
 nominations to either
 Angel Schumacher (aschu3@email.uky.edu)
 or
 Dalene Rice (darice2@email.uky.edu)

The nomination form is located on the following page.

Employee of the Quarter Nomination Form

The Quarterly Employee Awards are will be announced in May (for nominations submitted January through March); August (April through June); October (July through September) and December (October through December). The Employee of the Year Award will be selected from the winners throughout the year and will be announced the following January.

Please submit nominations to Joey Rose or Melissa Jones ASAP.

When considering someone for the award, think of the individual who has made your job easier or assisted you in performing your job. To complete the nominations please complete the following questions. Use additional paper or the back of this if necessary.

Date: _____ Candidate: _____

Nominator: _____

Is this individual a regular full-time employee in the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology? _____ Yes _____ No

1. What attributes or actions make this individual worthy of your nomination? Give examples.

2. How is this individual an asset to the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology? Give examples.

3. How have you seen this individual contribute to the UK and/or greater community? Give examples.

4. With 1 = average and 5 = outstanding, please rank the nominee in the following areas:

Quality of work: 1 2 3 4 5

Attitude toward performing job duties: 1 2 3 4 5

Problem solving skills: 1 2 3 4 5

Willingness to help others: 1 2 3 4 5

Service to the department/university: 1 2 3 4 5

March is National Nutrition Month

“Eat Right” and have fun by playing the UK Health & Wellness versions of Bingo or Sudoku and win prizes!

For more information go to <http://www.uky.edu/HR/wellness/>

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right.**

American Dietetic Association



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Please send comments & submissions to Avalon Sandoval at asand1@email.uky.edu or call 859-257-5036.

The Next Deadline is March 13, 2009

AVAILABLE TRAINING

TRAINING FOR THE LABS

The University requires safety training classes to be completed before beginning certain types of work. The requirements apply to all individuals involved in the covered work, including faculty, staff, students, postdoctoral scholars and fellows, visiting researchers and volunteers. To find out what classes you need to take, consult the [Training Checklist](#).

NOTE: Anyone who works with chemicals in a laboratory **must** complete the following three classes: **Chemical Hygiene Plan/Laboratory Safety**, **Hazardous Waste**, and **Fire Extinguisher Use**.

Chemical Hygiene Plan/Lab Safety
This class is available [online](#).

Bloodborne Pathogens This class is available upon request and [online](#).

Hazardous Waste This class is available [online](#).

Initial Radiation Safety: Initial Radiation Safety (~ 15 minutes total) is offered every day at 1:30 pm at the Radiation Safety Office, 102 Animal Pathology Building (other times can be arranged). You must bring two completed forms with you: On-Site Radiation Safety Training Form and Radiation Worker Registration Form, both signed by your Authorized User or unit supervisor. If you have questions, contact Tracy Cayson at 323-6777.

Basic Radiation Safety You may register by contacting Erica Ray at (859) 323-6276.

Advanced Radiation Safety is only available [online](#).

Fire Extinguisher Use is available [online](#).

NOTE: [Online courses can only be taken using a UK computer.](#)

Corporate Compliance training is **MANDATORY** for employees working in the UK hospital or medical center. All HR Temporary Employment employees are required to view the Corporate Compliance video in orientation. For more information, please visit the UK [Corporate Compliance Program](#) website.

Preventing Sexual Harassment is also a **MANDATORY** training. This training can be done online at (<http://training.newmedialearning.com/psh/ukentucky/index.htm>). Remember to print your certificate when complete; sign it and turn it in to Dalene Rice (305 Whitney-Hendrickson) to be placed in your personnel file.

Ignoring these **MANDATORY** trainings can result in dismissal from employment at the University of Kentucky

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

<http://hr.uky.edu/TandD/welcome.php>

- 3-4~ Mediating Workplace Conflict
- 3-5~ Motivating for Top Performance
- 3-6 ~ Presenting Effectively Day 1
- 3-9 ~ 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader
- 3-10 ~ Excel 2007 Level 1
- 3-11 ~ Basics of Diversity
- 3-12~ Leading from a Distance
- 3-12 ~ Handling Anger in the Workplace
- 3-12 ~ Customizing Your Pc
- 3-13~ Basics of Leadership
- 3-13 ~ Business Etiquette
- 3-17~ Excel 2007 Level 2
- 3-18 ~ Word Level 1
- 3-20 ~ Presenting Effectively Day 2
- 3-25 ~ Crucial Confrontations
- 3-25 ~ Word Level 2
- 3-26 ~ Introduction to Photoshop CS3



*All the world is a
laboratory
to the inquiring mind.
~ Martin H. Fischer ~*