Univ. Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras Campus
Department of Biology

Seminar Schedule
Second Semester 2014-15

Seminars are held Tuesdays, from 12:00M to 1:00PM, at JGD-123
(Amphitheatre Dr. José R. Ortiz-Fernández)

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<td><strong>Mice that Binge Drink: Pursuing Genetic Risk for Alcoholism.</strong></td>
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FEBRUARY
17 Dr. Catherine Hulshof
Department of Biology
University of Puerto Rico
Mayagüez Campus
Climatic Variability and Plant Functional Trait Variation in Tropical Dry Forest.

Dr. David Self
Wesley Gilliland Professorship in Biomedical Research, University of Texas Southwestern
Department of Psychiatry and Neurosciences
Modification of Reward, Relapse and Mood Pathways in Cocaine Addiction.

MARCH
3 Dr. Rajita Sinha
Foundations Fund Professor of Psychiatry
Director, Yale Interdisciplinary Stress Center, Psychology Section in Psychiatry
Deputy Director, Yale Center for Clinical Investigation (Yale CTSA) Yale University

10 Dr. Barbara Mason
Pearson Family Chair, Professor, Director
Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Res.
The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA
The Predictive Validity of a Human Laboratory Model for Clinical Trial Outcomes in Alcohol Use Disorder.

17 Dr. George F. Koob
Director, National Institute Alcohol and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
New Treatments for Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

This Special Seminar will be held Thursday at 1:00pm, Amphitheatre No. 4, Faculty of General Studies.
MARCH

17 Dr. Rafael Maldonado López
Professor, Department of Neuropharmacology
Universidad Pompeu Fabra
Barcelona, Spain
Involvement of CB1 Receptors in Motor Coordination and Cognitive Deficits.

24 Dr. David Jentsch
Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences, Associate Director for Research of the Brain Research Inst.
University of California-Los Angeles, CA
Reward, Interrupted: Inhibitory Control and its Relevance to Drug Addictions.

31 Dr. Isabel Rivera
Assistant Professor, Departments of Sociology and Anthropology
University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras Campus
Dinámicas Socioecosistémicas, Longue durée y el Antropoceno vistos desde la Arqueología Ambiental en Puerto Rico.

APRIL

7 Dr. Garret Stuber
Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Cell Biology and Physiology, Neuroscience Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Dissecting the Neural Circuits that Mediate Motivated Behavior.

14 Dr. Hernán Santos
Professor
Department of Geology
University of Puerto Rico
Mayagüez Campus
Depositional History and Sequence Stratigraphy of Paleogene and Neogene Deposits of Puerto Rico.
APRIL
21 Dr. Jamie Gillooly
   Department of Biology
   University of Florida
   Humanizing Science: Lessons Learned from Artists.

Eugenio Santiago
   Carla Restrepo (FH)
   César Pérez-Fernández

28 Dr. Serge Ahmed
   School of Neuroscience
   Institute of Neurodegenerative Diseases
   Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
   Université de Bordeaux, France
   Sugar Addiction: Pursuing the Drug-Sugar Analogy to the Limit.

Carmen S. Maldonado-Vlaar
   Annabell Segarra (FH)
   Maria Duque
   MD Zillur Rahman

MAY
5 Dr. Janet Neisewander
   Professor; Director Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in neuroscience, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
   The Ability of 5-HT_{1B} Receptor Agonists to Enhance Cocaine Reinforcement Takes a 180 Turn During Abstinence.

Carmen S. Maldonado-Vlaar
   Jennifer Barreto (FH)
   Wickensonn Norze
   Sulpicio Flores

Refreshments will be served at 11:30AM. All interested in attending are welcome. Students, faculty and anyone interested in meeting with the guest speakers, please contact the faculty in charge of the guest or Ms. Millie Viera vieramillie@yahoo.com.

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