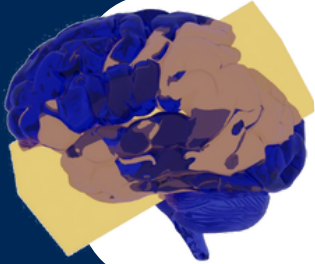


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MAIN TOPIC THIS WEEK...

We hope everyone had a great summer and that your Fall semester is off to a great start! Please sign up for WIP/JC/Mock Candidacy slots on the Events calendar!

THE LINKS

Neuroscience Program

Master Doc

Slack

Twitter

REGISTER!

NGP Fall Symposium

October 10

12:30 - 5 pm

IMM

Reception from 5:30-7:30 pm
at Solarium

Register here!

SAVE THE DATES!

September 8: Faculty Talk: Hemanth Mohan, PhD, 11am, MSB B605

September 15: Faculty Talk: Andrew Shepherd, PhD, 11am, MSB B605

September 22: Chalk Talk Q&A, 11am, MSB B605

September 29: Faculty Talk: Alexis Bavencoffe, PhD, 11am, MSB B605

October 6: Mock Candidacy: Paula Bender, 11am, MSB B605

Students
only!






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SNAPS

Did someone go above and beyond? Did you get an award? [Fill out this form](#), and we will highlight your snaps, big or small!

Snaps to...

-  **Alexis McAllister, MS** (Advisor: Louise McCullough, PhD) for defending her Masters Thesis! Congratulations, Alexis!
-  **Bridgitte Palacios** (Advisor: Jian Hu, PhD) for renewal of the GSBS Russell and Diana Hawkins Family Foundation Discovery Fellowship! Great job, Bridgitte!
-  **Takese McKenzie and Stephen Farmer** (Advisors: Jian Hu, PhD and Sheng Zhang, PhD) for receiving the 2025 GSBS Presidents' Research Award! Congrats!
-  **Meredith McCarty** (Advisor: Nitin Tandon, PhD) for being awarded the Dean's Research award! Yay, Meredith!
-  **Paula Bender** (Advisor: Kristin Eckel-Mahan, PhD) for receiving the American Legion Auxiliary Fellowship in Cancer Research! Way to go, Paula!
-  **Stephen Farmer** (Advisor: Sheng Zhang, PhD) for receiving the Larry Deaven PhD Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences! You're on fire!
-  **Julia Zickus** (Advisor: Pratip Bhattacharya, PhD) for passing her candidacy exam! Go, Julia!
-  **Mya Rodriguez** (Advisor: Andrea Stavoe, PhD) for being a SMDP Biotech scholar! Way to go, Mya!
-  **Dounya Jalloul** (Advisor: Michael Beierlein, PhD) for attending the Optical Imaging and Electrophysiological Recording in Neuroscience course in Paris! Yay, Dounya!
-  **Ghalya Alrousan, MS** (Advisor: Bhanu Ganesh, PhD) for defending her Masters Thesis! Great job, Ghalya!
-  **Madison Shyer** (Advisor: Paul Schulz, MD) for winning 1st place (and People's Choice!) post-candidacy elevator pitch at GSBS GSRD! Keep up the great work!
-  **Vicky Chuong** (Fabricio Do Monte, PhD) for winning Top 5 post-candidacy poster at GSBS GSRD! Way to go, Vicky!
- **Vicky Chuong and Stephen Farmer** (Advisors: see above) for attending the Gordon Research Conference on Modulation of Neural Circuits and Behavior in Switzerland!



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KARTIK'S KORNER

Dear all,

Welcome to the new academic year! I hope everyone had a good summer.

I am really excited to report that we have a large group of incoming graduate students who will be joining our program. Their rotations are expected to start later this month. We will be in touch with a schedule for rotation talks. Given the large number of students, we plan to hold the rotation talks over two sessions that will be held on a Monday and the very next Wednesday.

I also want to encourage all of you to start signing up for student WIPs. I would especially encourage the second year/pre-candidacy students to sign up and use the time for chalk talk practice. Also, the faculty will be holding a special session on 9/22 at which time, we will provide an overview of our expectations regarding the chalk talk format. In the event that any of you would like to hold practice sessions with a smaller audience, instead of the entire program or if you are unable to reserve a slot, please feel free to email me. I will be happy to participate in your practice sessions and provide guidance and comments.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our program symposium, which will be held on October 10 at the IMM. We will be in touch shortly with a registration link. In closing, we hope everyone had a fantastic semester!



- Kartik Venkatachalam, PhD

